



# QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

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Governor Scott Walker  
Office of the Governor  
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Dear Governor Walker,

On behalf of the Quality Deer Management Association (QDMA) I am writing to support your three proposals listed below relating to chronic wasting disease (CWD) management. The QDMA is a national nonprofit wildlife conservation organization dedicated to ensuring the future of white-tailed deer, wildlife habitat and our hunting heritage. The QDMA has over 60,000 members nationwide, and our membership includes hunters, landowners and natural resource professionals.

*Proposal 1 - harvested unprocessed wild deer cannot be moved from a CWD county to another county except to an adjacent CWD county unless they are being taken to a meat processor or taxidermist.*

Currently, 26 states prohibit hunters from bringing harvested deer with intact high-risk parts (brain, eyes, spleen, spinal cord and lymph glands) into their state from states that have confirmed CWD. Fifteen states restrict high risk parts from entering their state from any other state – regardless if that other state has confirmed CWD or not. The proposed restriction will help slow the spread of CWD and thus we support it.

*Proposal 2 - all cervid farms must have enhanced fencing including a second eight-foot high fence, a solid wall or an electric fence.*

CWD can be spread via saliva and interactions between wild deer and captive deer should be eliminated. The enhanced fencing proposal would not allow any co-mingling between wild and captive deer and thus we support it.

*Proposal 3 - deer farms in CWD affected counties would not be able to move deer from their facilities.*

Unfortunately, there is not a practical and reliable live animal test so CWD-positive deer could unknowingly be moved among facilities. Moving live deer is the most likely way to spread this disease so we support this proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these proposals and for your commitment to Wisconsin's natural resources.

Respectfully,

Kip Adams  
Director of Conservation