

ATTENTION DEER HUNTERS



NEW NATURAL DEER URINE REGULATIONS

Effective Sept. 1, 2019

NEW REGULATIONS

New regulations have been implemented in an effort to reduce the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). It is unlawful to use or possess scents or lures that contain natural deer urine or other bodily fluids while taking, attempting to take, attracting or scouting wildlife, except natural deer urine products produced by manufacturers or entities that are actively enrolled and participating in the Archery Trade Association Deer Protection Program, and which have been tested using real-time quaking induced conversion (RT-QuIC) and certified that no detectable levels of CWD are present and is clearly labeled as such.



APPROVED

- Natural deer urine labeled as "CWD Not Detected" and ATA certified.
- Synthetic deer urine that is labeled as synthetic.



PROHIBITED

- Natural deer urine that has not been tested and labeled as "CWD Not Detected."



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ABOUT CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been detected in free-ranging and captive herds in 26 states, but not in Louisiana. CWD has been detected in deer urine and remains on the landscape for an indefinite period once introduced. Due to the continued threat of CWD entering Louisiana, precautionary steps are being taken to minimize introduction of the disease. New testing procedures have been made available to producers of deer urine that can detect the presence of CWD in urine-based products, thereby significantly decreasing the risk of using the tested product within the state.

CWD is a transmissible spongiform encephalopathy disease characterized by spongy degeneration of brain tissue resulting in emaciation, abnormal behavior, loss of bodily functions and death in members of the deer family. CWD is transmitted via oral ingestion of infectious prions which are shed through saliva, urine, feces and decaying carcasses. The prions are ingested by deer as they are exposed to infectious soil, plants or other materials. Hunters in Louisiana can help prevent the spread of CWD by complying with the new natural deer urine regulation.

Please visit the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries website for more information

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