WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you or members of your club are willing to save the heads of mature harvested animals for CWD sampling, please contact your parish Private Lands Biologist.

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CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

100% FATAL TO DEER

The disease is spread by contact with infected salvia, blood, urine, feces, food, water, and soil. It can be transmitted from live animals or carcasses, and creates holes in the brain tissue of infected animals.

SYMPTOMS

Symptoms show 16 months or more after infection.

DURING DISEASE PROGRESSION:
- Weight loss, excessive salivation, teeth grinding, head tremors, difficulty swallowing, excessive urination and thirst, incoordination, splay leg stance, lowered head and ears, fixed stare, fainting, and lack of awareness.

FINAL STAGES:
- Emaciation, aspiration pneumonia, and death.
- Other common diseases, such as Bluetongue, have very similar symptoms.

HIGH RISK TISSUES

- Brain
- Eyes
- Lymph Nodes
- Spinal Cord
- Spleen

CONSUMING MEAT

CWD has not been shown to be contagious to humans. However, the CDC, USDA, and WHO discourage human consumption of CWD infected animals.

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CWD is more likely to be detected in:
1. Mature bucks 2.5 years of age or older.
2. Animals that are displaying symptoms such as emaciation and incoordination.

If you would like to have a deer tested for CWD, or see an animal exhibiting symptoms, please contact your local LDWF Regional Office.

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