

Re-Establishment of Deer Registration Stations in Wisconsin

WHEREAS, for decades there was a requirement that deer be brought to deer registration stations for registration; and

WHEREAS, the in-person registration of deer provided accurate deer harvest information which is critically important to determine the size of the deer herd in the respective deer management units; and

WHEREAS, the deer harvest information that was obtained at deer registration stations provided important population data for the County Deer Advisory Committees in making a recommendation for harvest permits for the subsequent years; and

WHEREAS, in-person registrations stations enabled DNR biologists to reliably determine the age and sex of the deer harvested in the county which was also valuable information for managing the local deer herd; and

WHEREAS, deer registrations stations provided significant economic benefit to the businesses that hosted the stations; and

WHEREAS, the termination of in-person deer registration stations only resulted in minor cost savings to the Department and such cost is greatly outweighed by the enhancement of data to manage Wisconsin's deer herd, the economic benefit of registration stations for local businesses and the increased credibility that in-person registration brought to deer management in the state; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation calls on the Department of Natural Resources to re-establish local deer registration stations throughout the state.

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