



CHIPPEWA VALLEY CWD ADVISORY TEAM

Questionnaire Results from Preliminary
CVCAT Recommendations

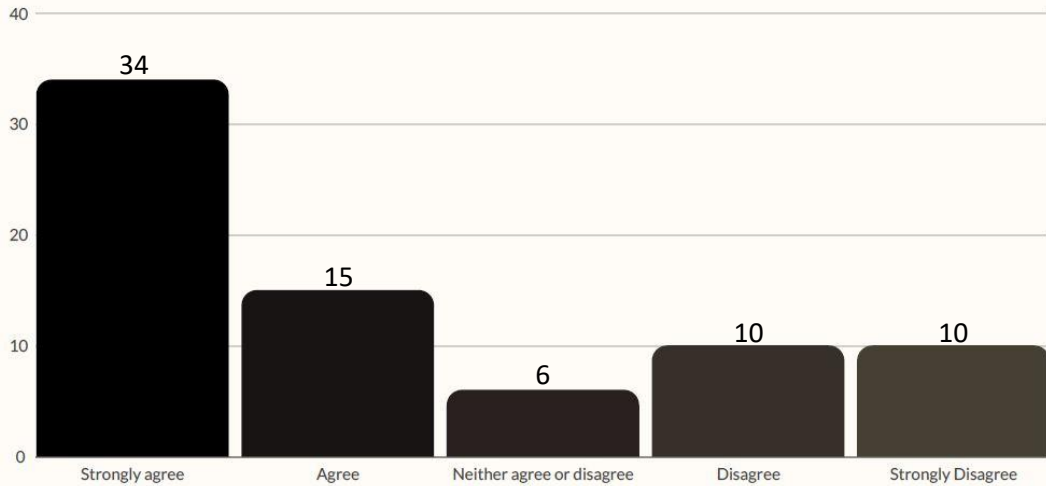
SURVEY QUESTIONS

1. Rate your level of agreement with the recommendation to require in-person registration of deer in these townships during the first 3 days of the 9-day gun deer season on a scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree.
2. Rate your level of agreement with the recommendation to require mandatory CWD testing during the first 3 days of the 9-day gun deer season on a scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree.
3. Rate your level of agreement with the recommendation to issue CWD surveillance permits in these focus areas on a scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree.
4. Rate your level of agreement with the recommendation for CWD surveillance permits to be eligible from September 1 – April 30 on a scale from strongly disagree to strongly agree.
5. Rate your level of agreement with the recommendation that the DNR pursue disease management actions during the winter following the 2020 deer season from strongly disagree to strongly agree.
6. If you have comments on any of the recommendations, please share them here.
7. What statements best describe where you live and/or hunt? Check all that apply.

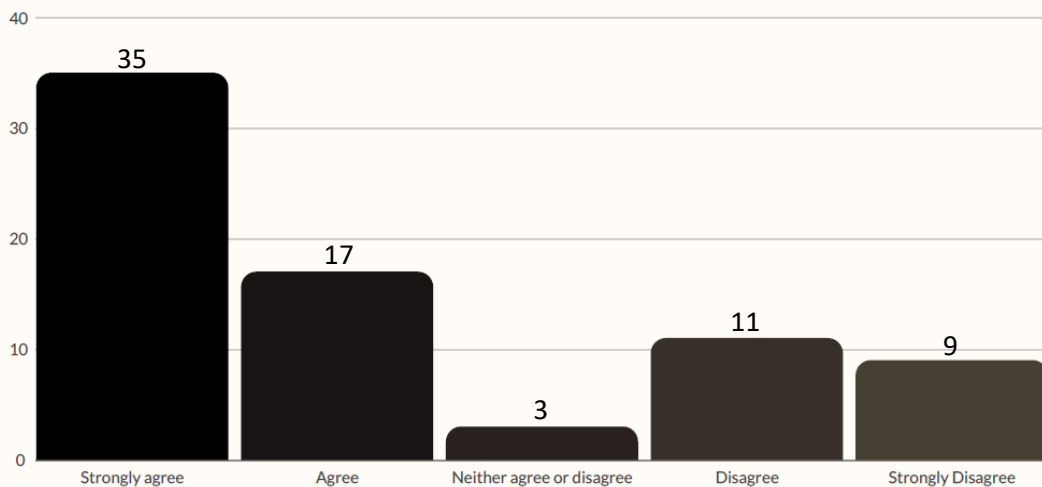
Survey Available June 1-14, 2020

Respondent Total: 76 individuals

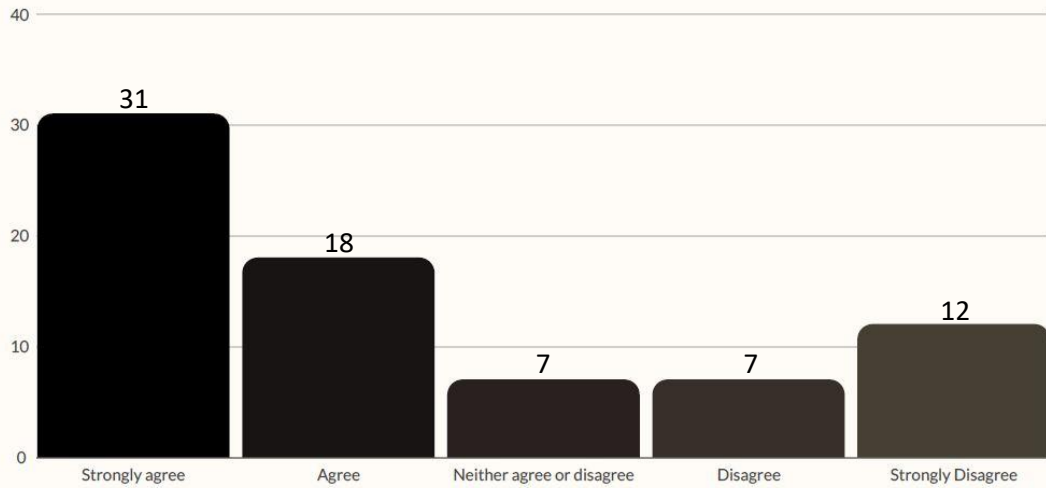
1. RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO REQUIRE IN-PERSON REGISTRATION OF DEER IN THESE TOWNSHIPS DURING THE FIRST 3 DAYS OF THE 9-DAY GUN DEER SEASON ON A SCALE FROM STRONGLY DISAGREE TO STRONGLY AGREE.



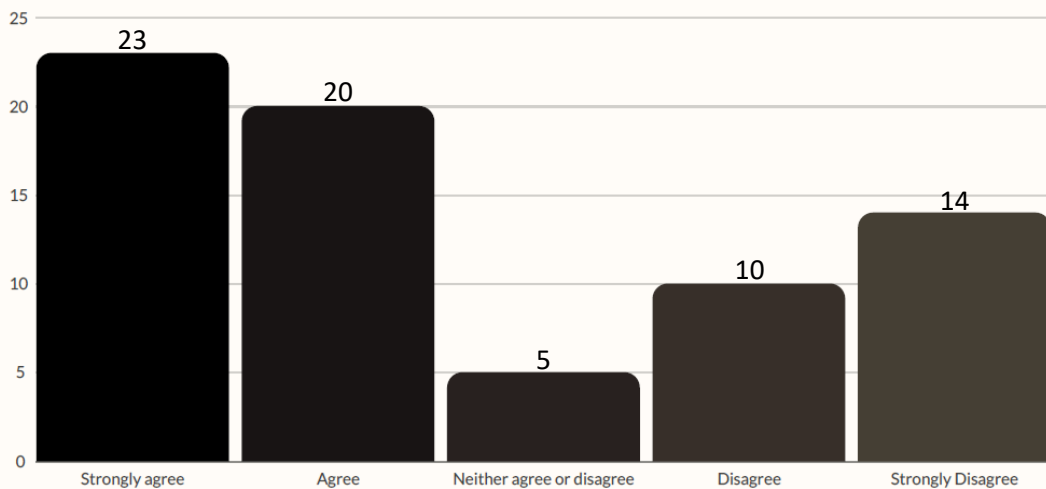
2. RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO REQUIRE MANDATORY CWD TESTING DURING THE FIRST 3 DAYS OF THE 9-DAY GUN DEER SEASON ON A SCALE FROM STRONGLY DISAGREE TO STRONGLY AGREE.



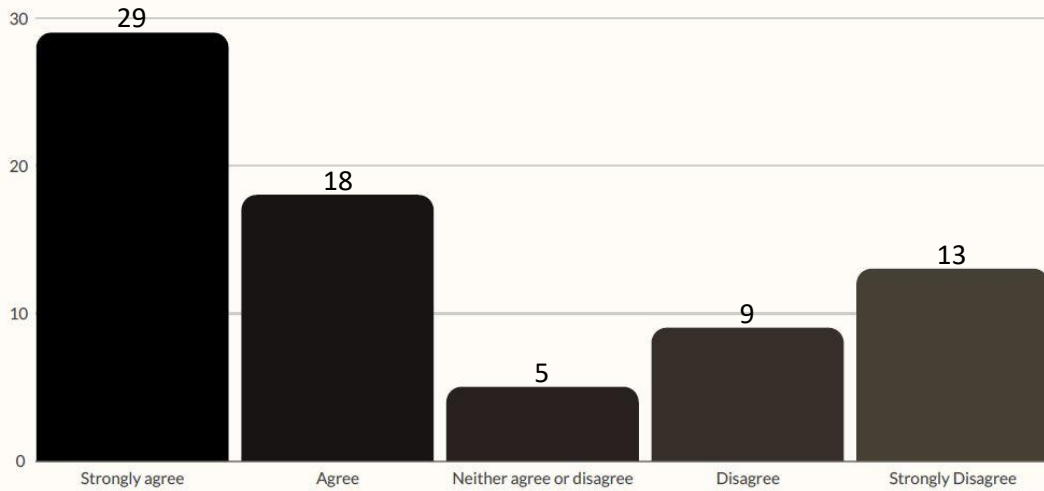
3. RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION TO ISSUE CWD SURVEILLANCE PERMITS IN THESE FOCUS AREAS ON A SCALE FROM STRONGLY DISAGREE TO STRONGLY AGREE.



4. RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION FOR CWD SURVEILLANCE PERMITS TO BE ELIGIBLE FROM SEPTEMBER 1 - APRIL 30 ON A SCALE FROM STRONGLY DISAGREE TO STRONGLY AGREE



5. RATE YOUR LEVEL OF AGREEMENT WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DNR PURSUE DISEASE MANAGEMENT ACTIONS DURING THE WINTER FOLLOWING THE 2020 DEER SEASON FROM STRONGLY DISAGREE TO STRONGLY AGREE.



Question 6: If you have comments on any of the recommendations, please share them here.

1. #5 needs more details, how would this be done?
2. Why do we all keep wasting our time with this?? I have went to every meeting, recomendations were made for in person registration and testing for last year. But the DNR did not do it although they stated from the start that they had the funding and manpower to do so.....This is a waste of our time!!
3. It is already rare to see deer during the rifle deer season. I'm concerned about the effect of herd reduction on the sport of hunting in this area. Its all little blocks of private land that make it unlikely to see deer as it is.
4. April 30th is too late in the pregnancy to be shooting animals. I recommend February 28th as the latest.
5. Cwd is a joke
6. Food plots should be band in all of these areas to eliminate the gathering of deer on these plots. There is no difference in baiting an food plots they are one in the same. If we do anything to control CWD then we need to follow all of the recommendations an not cherry-picking the issues that would decrease the money intake for the DNR.
7. I think the best option would be to have mandatory testing during the gun deer season within the surveillance zone. I think that things would get messy if many surveillance permits where issued- I think it would create tension between land owners.

<p>8. Regarding issuing Surveillance Permits - I feel there will be enough surveillance information available if mandatory testing is required in these areas. Regarding Disease Management post season - I don't want to see ANY healthy, potentially immune, deer killed just to see if they have the disease, so that they don't get the disease, or so they don't transmit the disease. Killing the herd isn't disease management, it's just killing the herd. Obviously if they are mostly all dead they won't get or transmit the disease. Please let this disease "run it's course". We need deer that don't have CWD and may be immune to it to live and potentially pass on the immunity to their progeny. Test deer only after they are legally harvested within normal seasons, especially since no proof of transmission or risk to humans has occurred. Surely with all the deer killed and consumed, if transmission to humans was going to be an issue it would have done so by now. There's so much more to this issue - so many other ways to approach it. As we've seen with Covid-19, humans can be tested to see if they have, or have had and recovered from the disease with few or no symptoms. Rather than just killing a bunch of deer to see if they have it, work on tests to find out if the "healthy appearing" deer that were killed (during valid season limits) was immune or had CWD and recovered with few/no symptoms.</p>
<p>9. The only way to slow the spread is to reduce deer numbers any way possible.</p>
<p>10. You must be aware of the percentage of deer that have this disease to determine a further course of action.</p>
<p>11. Leave Mother Nature take the course more people die from cancer and other diseases it's. All about politics</p>
<p>12. I don't think in person registration and testing needs to be mandatory. If you can't convince folks to voluntarily do both, then you have no chance of getting the masses to do more meaningful change. Set a goal of getting x amount of deer testing and encourage the public to hit those numbers so you do not have to use the special tags.</p>
<p>13. I prefer voluntary to mandatory!</p>
<p>14. I believe incorporating 3 day mandatory testing during the gun deer season will and voluntary testing during the archery season will give the samples needed to accurately indicate CWD prevalence in the outlined areas.</p>
<p>15. Since there were already significant prevalence in some very isolated areas why not immediately begin with mass culling in those areas to prevent the spread? I have heard a saying many times over that we get only one good shot at taking care of this issue and it seems to me that more "testing" is not an action that might remedy this. Why not put the mass culling to the test in this area first and then re-test prevalence in that area next year?</p>
<p>16. This action is already late, but needs to happen if we are going to slow the spread of CWD.</p>
<p>17. We need to depopulate the area</p>
<p>18. These are all excellent best management practices. Unfortunately the NRB does not necessarily follow science based practices.</p>
<p>19. I would further support mandatory testing for larger area, and for entire/all deer hunting seasons.</p>
<p>20. Make whatever you decide make it easy to implement. Make testing forms easy with less details. Can always get details if test comes back positive. Seems like the only issue at the number of meetings I attended are to get more testing. CWD is here and spreading, need to implement some actions.</p>
<p>21. The April date is too late for harvesting deer ethically, but I understand that the date is controlled by the landowner and that being said, they will set their own "end date".</p>
<p>22. Stay Aggressive. Stay focused on the long term.</p>

23. We need to keep testing in the cwd hot zone in EC county. More tests in Pepin and Dunn county too 😞!!!

24. We were ready to do the mandatory testing and in person registration last year. Please, make this happen this year so we can get the test numbers needed.

25. First, I want to say thanks to the CVCWDAC for all your hard work. As I understand things, your outbreak is in the management phase of treatment of a new foci. I've clipped out that portion of DNR's guidance on that. I encourage you find ways to provide incentives to landowners/hunters to weed out CWD+ deer

CWD Management

Controlling the prevalence and distribution of CWD requires both the reduction of CWD-positive deer and reducing the number of susceptible deer through overall herd reduction.

If additional positives are detected during the preliminary disease surveillance efforts, a more intensive disease management course of action will be considered for a minimum of five (5) years, from the date of when the subsequent positives were detected. CWD samples may continue to be collected using the techniques described above, but may also consider other options as presented by the CDAC. Efforts to remove and sample sick deer will remain a priority year-round in accordance to staff guidance for responding to sick deer. Management actions could be applied through the appropriate chain of command within the Bureau of Wildlife Management and will depend on the results of surveillance to determine CWD prevalence and distribution. The management actions below will be discussed with the CDAC to reduce the spread and number of CWD infected deer in the area. Year round:

- The DNR may issue CWD surveillance permits to landowners within preferably the 2 to 3-mile radius, but at least within the 10-mile radius surveillance area. Surveillance permits are valid year-round except between May 1 – August 31.

During Fall Hunting Season:

- Additional days of hunting opportunity.
- Additional harvest tags.
- Required CWD testing and deer registration within the surveillance area.
- The DNR may issue CWD surveillance permits to landowners or for public land within preferably the 2 to 3-mile radius, but at least within the 10-mile radius surveillance area. Surveillance permits are valid Sept 1 – April 30th

During Winter/Spring Following Fall Hunting Season:

- Localized culling on public and/or private land through landowner involvement or contracting.
- Trapping with subsequent euthanasia.
- The DNR may issue CWD surveillance permits to landowners or for public land within preferably the 2 to 3-mile radius, but at least within the 10-mile radius surveillance area. Surveillance permits are valid Sept 1 – April 30th.

These CWD management actions will be reviewed and reassessed annually. If no additional CWD positive results are identified then disease management actions may be suspended, however hunter service testing will still be available. If additional CWD positives are identified, then disease management actions may continue in cooperation with CDAC(s) and local area citizens

26. Probably need to reduce the herd overall in these areas significantly. Too many car/motorcycle deer collisions and its a huge safety issue. As a motorcycle rider I feel it's not if but when it is going to happen. Too many deer. Either that or start fencing all roads.

27. A little hesitant on extending the date all the way through April 30th. I would be more comfortable with end of February or even 2nd week in March. But, I don't know what reasoning was presented for the April 30th date so, I am ignorant on the "why". If you stick with April 30th, make sure you present clearly to the public why it is necessary to go that far into the spring.

28. All efforts to contain the spread of CWD in this area should be made.

7. *WHAT STATEMENTS BEST DESCRIBE WHERE YOU LIVE AND/OR HUNT? CHECK ALL THAT APPLY.

