

NDG&F August 4th Newsletter

Hunters Reminded of Big Game Transport Rules

Big game hunters are reminded of requirements for transporting deer, elk and moose carcasses and carcass parts into and within North Dakota as a precaution against the possible spread of chronic wasting disease.

Hunters harvesting a big game animal this fall in North Dakota deer unit 3F2 cannot transport a carcass containing the head and spinal column outside of the unit unless it's taken directly to a meat processor. The head can be removed from the carcass and transported outside of the unit if it is to be submitted to a State Game and Fish Department district office, CWD surveillance drop-off location or a licensed taxidermist.

If the deer is processed in the field to boned meat, and the hunter wants to leave the head in the field, the head must be legally tagged and the hunter must be able to return to or give the exact location of the head if requested for verification.

In addition, hunting big game over bait is prohibited in deer units 3C west of the Missouri River, 3E1, 3E2, 3F1 and 3F2.

Hunters are prohibited from transporting into North Dakota the whole carcass, or certain carcass parts, of deer, elk, moose or other members of the cervid family from areas within states and provinces with documented occurrences of CWD in wild populations, or from farmed cervid operations within states and provinces that have had farmed cervids diagnosed with CWD. Only the following portions of the carcass can be transported:

- Meat that is cut and wrapped either commercially or privately.

- Quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached.

- Meat that has been boned out.

- Hides with no heads attached.

- Clean (no meat or tissue attached) skull plates with antlers attached.

- Antlers with no meat or tissue attached.

- Upper canine teeth, also known as buglers, whistlers or ivories.

- Finished taxidermy heads.

Hunters should refer to the [2014-15 CWD proclamation](#) on the Game and Fish Department's website, gf.nd.gov, for game management units, equivalent wildlife management units, or counties in other states that have had free-ranging deer, moose or elk diagnosed with CWD. Importation of harvested elk, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or other cervids from listed areas are restricted.

Youth Waterfowl Clinic in Bismarck

The State Game and Fish Department's Encouraging Tomorrow's Hunters program is a primary sponsor for a youth waterfowl hunting clinic Aug. 15-16 in Bismarck. Ducks Unlimited is hosting the event.

The clinic is for youth ages 16 and under and their parents, and is held at the DU Great Plains Regional Office. Sessions include duck identification, decoy spreads, hunting gear, duck calling and retriever training. The first 20 kids age 9 and older to register can participate in a training event at Capital City Sporting Clays.

Activities run from 9-11:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 15. The shooting event is Saturday, Aug. 16 from 8:15-10 a.m. and 10:15 to noon.

Preregistration is required by calling Jennifer Kross at 701-202-8896, or emailing jkross@ducks.org.

The Game and Fish Department's Encouraging Tomorrow's Hunters program provides grant dollars to help local communities and organizations fund events that promote youth hunting and shooting sports.

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