

# Meeting 2 of the Committee on the Review and Transmission and Geographic Spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in U.S. Cervid Populations

Keck Center 500 5<sup>th</sup> ST NW Washington, DC 20001 Room 105

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9:30-4:00 OPEN SESSION: 9:30 – 4:00pm

#### 9:30 Welcome

Lonnie King, Committee Chair Introductions, Statement of Objectives

## 9:45 Panel Discussion: How is CWD manifesting itself and affecting cervid farming?

- Shawn Schafer, Executive Director, North American Deer Farmer's Association
- · Sam Burgeson, Wildlife Research Center
- · Glen Zebarth, DVM and Elk Farmer

Each panelist will have 7-10 minutes to provide comments regarding issues they believe the committee should deliberate. They were provided the following prompting questions to help guide their comments (note: these are just prompting questions—panelists do not have to answer all):

- 1. By what mechanisms do you believe CWD is introduced into captive populations and why do you believe this?
- What management practices, voluntary or required, do you think are effective against the spread of CWD among management populations and why? Which do you think are ineffective and why?
- 3. What is the effect of CWD and CWD maintenance practices on herds?
- 4. What do you see is the future role of live and postmortem testing for CWD?
- 5. What keeps you up and night about CWD that you would like the committee to discuss?

#### 11:00 Break

# 11:15 Movement of CWD in Captive Herds: What does Surveillance Data Tell Us?

Scott Wells, University of Minnesota

# 12:15 Working Lunch

Continued discussion

## 1:00 Conversation with Tracy A. Nichols

Tracy A Nichols, Veterinary Services Cervid Health Program, United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Fort Collins, Colorado

- Please provide a brief description of the captive cervid program and how it is decided which management
  practices to implement.
- What kinds of surveillance is conducted to determine the effectiveness of maintenance activities?
- How and when is it decided that maintenance activities need to be modified?
- · What is known but not published on the epidemiology of CWD in captive herds?
- What kinds of historical surveillance data are available and how does one get access to them?

# 2:00 General Discussion: Broader discussion on future directions for control of CWD in captive herds

2:30	Discussion: Examples of how cervids are valued by Native Americans Tolani Francisco, DVM, USDA Forest Service
3:30	Concluding remarks—chair
3:45	Open session adjourns/break for committee members