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TO: Keith Creagh, Director

INFORMATION: Natural Resources Commission

SUBJECT: Discounted Private Land Antlerless Deer License that Expires the First Sunday in November in the Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone

Authority:

The fee for an antlerless deer license is established in Part 435, Hunting and Fishing Licensing, 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.43527a, as \$20 for a resident and \$20 for the first antlerless deer license purchased by a nonresident. The fee for an additional nonresident antlerless deer license is \$170. The application fee for antlerless deer hunting licenses may not exceed \$5. The fees for hunting and fishing licenses may be discounted by the Department in accordance with Section 43521 of Part 435. The Department is authorized to discount licenses to achieve a harvest or management objective for that species.

Discussion and Background:

In 2015, the Department began issuing discounted antlerless licenses by 40 percent (from \$20 to \$12) in chronic wasting disease (CWD) affected areas to increase samples of free-ranging deer and to increase antlerless harvest. To keep a consistent approach with the management actions the Department has taken with CWD, the Department recommends discounting the fee for a new private-land antlerless license that expires the first Sunday in November, valid for private-land in the CWD Management Zone by 40 percent and therefore, establishing the fee of \$12 for a resident and nonresident. The nonresident fee for this special antlerless license is \$102 for nonresidents who have already purchased one antlerless deer license (regular price \$170). Currently, the CWD Management Zone, as defined in the Wildlife Conservation Order, includes the counties of Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, and Shiawassee.

Public and private-land antlerless licenses, available for individual DMUs and valid through the entire length of deer hunting seasons, will still be available for hunters to purchase at full price. Nonresidents may purchase an initial regular antlerless license for \$20, and any additional antlerless licenses for \$170.

Hereby rescinded is the portion of the May 12, 2016, letter entitled, "Antlerless Deer License Discounts in Chronic Wasting Disease Management Zone and Core Area," which established discounted antlerless deer license fees for deer management units (DMUs) 333 (Core CWD Area) and 419 (CWD Management Zone).

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Recommendation:

We recommend the fee for antlerless deer licenses be discounted as described in the Discussion and Background above.



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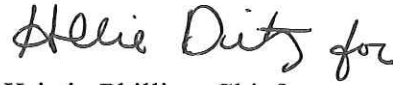
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I approve the staff recommendation with an effective date of August 14, 2018.



Keith Creagh, Director

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Date