



CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Update to
Natural Resources
Commission
March 14, 2019



RECENT POSITIVE

- Jackson County
 - Notification Process
 - Targeted Surveillance



APR EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN

Objective:

- To evaluate if APRs within 5 county CWD Core impacts deer abundance and sex/age composition

Project Deliverables:

- Can provide estimates on abundance, sex/age ratio changes, deer harvest, hunter numbers, and hunter perceptions relating to APRs
- Cannot provide estimates on prevalence and spread of CWD



EXPERIMENT UPDATE

- Hiring process has begun for technicians
 - Job posted and applications being received
 - Interviews will take place week of March 18
- Bid for cameras being prepared
- Soon will begin contacting landowners to gain permission to place cameras



CWD CORE APR SURVEY

- Delivery beginning this week
- Total of 4,000 surveys being delivered
 - Double a typical survey
 - Allows for smaller margins of error between treatment and control areas
 - Allows for greater opportunity to observe differences between areas



COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

- Nature Summit
- Stakeholder meetings
- Response to recent media stories



MSU RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

- \$4.7 million competitive grant program
- Funding for immediate needs

THANK YOU