

SE Deer Goal Setting – 2014 Background on Process and Recommendation Development

Deer Permit Area 341

Brief summary of background information

This permit area is a mix of agricultural land and forest. The best deer habitat is found along the Cannon River to the north and the bluff country closer to the Mississippi River. The deer population has been relatively stable and there are few complaints of deer damage to agricultural crops. The City of Red Wing is within this permit area and has had a special deer hunt within the city limits to address urban deer conflicts for over 10 years. The southwestern portion of this permit area was included in the CWD management zone from 2011 through 2013.

Public perceptions regarding population and desires regarding management

- 45% of surveyed hunters felt the population was about right, 42% felt that the population was too low.
- 45% of surveyed hunters desired an increase in the current population while 40% desired no change.
- Within the landowner survey, the greatest proportion of respondents in all strata, except large landowners in the south, reported that the deer population on their property and surrounding area was about right. The greatest proportion on large landowners in the south felt that deer populations were too high.
- Within the landowner survey, the greatest proportion of respondents (44%) indicated that the level of deer population should not be changed.
- While over 40% of landowners who did not hunt deer believed deer populations should be decreased by at least 10%, only 27% of hunting landowners believed deer populations should be decreased.

Public comment

Individuals who participated in public comment (questionnaires) indicated that the deer population was too low (70%) and most (74%) wanted a population increase in DPA 341.

Implication for population management

If the advisory team's recommended goal is approved, deer densities in this permit area will be managed to increase by approximately 10%.

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