

## 2020 DNR Standardize Review of Capital Projects Proposal Fact Sheet



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### It is needed because

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease that affects cervids (e.g., deer, elk). CWD is believed to be caused by prions, which are an abnormal protein that tend to concentrate in the nervous system of cervids. Hunters are prohibited from importing whole carcasses into Minnesota from cervids harvested anywhere outside of the state. Out-of-state hunters are allowed to bring in cut and wrapped meat, quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached. This same prohibition does not apply to cervids originating from a captive facility. Yet transporting captive cervid carcasses is a known risk to the spread of CWD. This policy proposal treats all cervid carcasses equally in terms of risk of CWD transmission.

### Major program elements

This policy enhances our ability to manage the risk of spreading CWD across Minnesota by treating similar disease risks (i.e., wild cervids and farmed cervids) equally.

### Fiscal impacts

This proposal does not have a fiscal impact.

### Statute Proposal

#### Prohibition on Cervidae Carcass Import

**Sec 1.** Amends M.S. 97A.505, subd 8 prohibit the importation of any cervid carcass no matter the origin or take method.