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SUBJECT: County Deer Advisory Council meetings provide public with opportunity to get involved in deer management

MADISON – Beginning Aug. 21, County Deer Advisory Councils will review deer population data and other key information in order to develop preliminary three-year population objectives within their counties.

Council meetings will also discuss potential changes to Deer Management Unit (DMU) boundaries. Each CDAC meeting is open to the public – meetings are currently being scheduled and will be available at dnr.wi.gov, keyword "[CDAC](#)."

"Setting population objectives and reviewing DMU boundaries are discussions that occur only every three years," said Kevin Wallenfang, DNR CDAC coordinator. "These meetings and the resulting recommendations set the stage for the number of antlerless permits and the season structures that are used in each county for the next three year period. As a result, it is important that the hunters from each county will attend and provide their input as they will be impacted for the next several years based on the results of these meetings. "

August CDAC meetings will develop preliminary recommendations, and a public feedback period in mid-September will include an online survey. Councils will reconvene in October to determine final deer season recommendations in each county. Final population objectives and DMU boundaries will be determined at the December 2017 Natural Resources Board meeting based on the information received through this public involvement process.

Councils will accept public comments prior to forming both preliminary and final recommendations. The public is encouraged to attend and provide feedback at any CDAC meeting or send comments to CDAC members - a contact list for each council and other helpful information is available at dnr.wi.gov, keyword "CDAC." For additional information, contact DNRCDACWebMail@Wisconsin.gov.