



NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Chronic Wasting Disease Management Assistance Program Overview

A Chronic Wasting Disease Management Assistance Program (CWDMAP) is authorized by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC). Landowner and hunter participation is voluntary. The primary objective is to provide hunters with additional opportunity to harvest deer and submit deer heads to aid with CWD surveillance efforts within North Carolina's CWD Primary Surveillance Areas (PSAs) or within 5 miles of a CWD positive. Please thoroughly read the following information before completing your application.

- Tag allocation and season dates:** The allocation of CWDMAP tags is as follows: 3 tags automatically regardless of acreage, plus 2 additional tags for every increment of 50 acres enrolled. Tags can be used on antlered or antlerless deer. CWDMAP tags are valid from the first day of archery season through the end of gun season. Deer taken with a CWDMAP tag must be harvested using the weapon type allowed during the regular open season for taking deer.
- Enrollment requirements:** Individuals or entities who own, lease, or control exclusive hunting rights on property within a North Carolina PSA or within 5 miles of any CWD positive may apply. An updated PSA map is available at www.ncwildlife.org/cwd. Adjacent properties or properties in close proximity may apply as a single entity. Applicants can only submit a single application for all properties they desire to enroll. There is no minimum acreage requirement.
- Harvest validation, reporting and registration requirements:** Licensed hunters hunting on any authorized CWDMAP property shall report all deer harvests using registration methods provided by the WRC.
 - Harvests can be validated with CWDMAP tags in lieu of Big Game Harvest Report Cards. Harvests validated with CWDMAP tags do not count as part of the possession and season limit for the hunter.
 - All harvests must be registered through the Big Game Harvest Reporting System.
 - Adhesive CWDMAP tags shall be attached through the ear or to an antler at the site of harvest to validate a harvest.
 - CWDMAP tags can only be used on properties specified on the CWDMAP authorization letter.
 - Hunters have the option to validate their harvest with their Big Game Harvest Report Card in lieu of CWDMAP tags.
- Mandatory CWD testing:** Hunters are required to submit the head from each deer harvested for CWD testing. A map of CWD testing drop-off stations, check stations, and taxidermists and processors participating in the WRC's Cervid Health Cooperator Program is available at www.ncwildlife.org/cwd.
- Carcass transport and disposal:** The transport of deer carcasses or carcass parts out of a PSA is prohibited except for the following, unless otherwise permitted by the WRC:
 - Meat that has been boned out such that no pieces or fragments of bone remain
 - Caped hides with no part of the skull or spinal column attached
 - Antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates, or skulls free from meat or brain tissue
 - Cleaned lower jawbones with teeth or cleaned teeth
 - Finished taxidermy products and tanned hidesSee www.ncwildlife.org/cwd for information on carcass transport rules, disposal, and best practices.

The failure of an applicant to meet or comply with the above guidelines will result in revocation of the CWDMAP tags or denial of issuance for a CWDMAP authorization in future years.

Applications are available online through www.GoOutdoorsNorthCarolina.com. For complete online application process instructions, click [here](#). For further assistance, email publicinquiry-fishwildlife@ncwildlife.org, or call at 919-707-0058 during normal business hours. Applications must be received by August 1.