



February 1, 2022

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*Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee*

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*House Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee*

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair  
Representative Paul Anderson, Republican Lead  
*House Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee*

*Transmitted via email*

Dear Senators and Representatives:

Enclosed you will find the report Concurrent Authority Regulating Farmed White-tailed Deer.

This report fulfills the requirements of 2021 Minnesota Session Laws, 1<sup>st</sup> Special Session, Chapter 6, Article 2, Section 17, Subdivision 14(b), which states:

Subd. 14. Concurrent authority; regulating farmed white-tailed deer.

(b) By February 1, 2022, the commissioner of natural resources, in conjunction with the Board of Animal Health, must submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources and agriculture on the implementation of the concurrent authority under this section. The report must include:

(1) a summary of how the agencies worked together under this section, including identification of any challenges;

- (2) an assessment of ongoing challenges to managing chronic wasting disease in this state; and
- (3) recommendations for statutory and programmatic changes to help the state better manage the disease.

This report was prepared in a coordinated effort between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Board of Animal Health and contains a summary of our concurrent authority activities to date. We look forward to discussing the report and recommendations with you and your committees this session.

Please let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

**Sarah  
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