

In support of bill HB 1151

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As an avid outdoorsman I feel that the Game and fish is over stepping there boundaries when it comes down to the baiting law. Don't get me wrong, the game and fish does many great things for the outdoors/ wildlife in this state. The baiting law/ CWD talk is getting out of hand. When researching the CWD history and listening to other states talk about it, I just cant get my head wrapped around the issue at hand. When these deer can go about themselves how ever and wherever they want its just doesn't make sense to shut off the baiting because it can possibly spread the disease.

Baiting is beneficial for many reasons other than "killing big bucks" every year. I've been hunting since I could and that's been about 17 years now. Since then I've been proud to kill the few deer I have with bow/gun. As far as bowhunting over bait I've killed 3 bucks and 2 does. That's been for 17 years. People often think of baiting as "cheating". I say no. Is it an advantage? Yes. I don't make the deer come there. Its just another tool in the bag to better your chances of harvesting something nice. Make a clean ethical shot and recovering your kill. That's just the bonus. Sitting there watching the animals interact is what I love about it. Your almost a fly on the wall in a sense. Even after I harvest a deer I continue baiting as long as the winter will let me access my spots. I'm not just feeding deer. I'm feeding the wildlife. They benefit from it to help them get through the winter months.

I am for this bill because the CWD just doesn't have me convinced as the science behind it just doesn't hold its ground. If CWD was like EHD, my stance would be a lot different about the disease. IF it comes to that then we can address it as needed.

Sincerely,

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