

I am in favor of SB 2137, the use of supplemental feed for hunting. I do not see any reasoning as to why we have a war on our deer heard in North Dakota over one positive test for CWD out of 50,000 tested deer over a 23-year period. The numbers do not add up. Any time that testing in any given matter is increased, ultimately the number of positive test results should increase also; however, with only one confirmed test result through a necropsy, that is a .00002 percentage chance of a deer having CWD. The deer that are testing positive are healthy deer that are usually harvested by hunters. The numbers and science do not confirm the fear that you are trying to install in the citizens of our state.

We need to stop accepting funds on CWD from the federal government because there is too much money being chased by our game and fish department. I think we also need to take away the director of North Dakota Game and Fish being appointed by our Governor. They should be put on a ballot and voted in by the people like any other public official.

I think our game and fish should spend more time on where we have real problems like EHD outbreaks that seem to be happening every year versus years ago when it was occurring every five to seven years. These outbreaks should not be happening every year and are more of a concern as a hunter because they kill more deer in one year than chronic wasting disease will ever kill in our lifetimes.

The game and fish trying to blame bating for deer herding in an area is absurd due to the fact that all ungulates are herd animals and tend to do herd more in northern climates as a tactic for survival in our harsh winters.

We need a change within our game and fish department. Conservation was put in place for the best interests of the fish and animals that we pursue, not a business that our game and fish are trying to make it into.

Game and Fish and hunters need to stop the war on our game animals.

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