

Information for Hunters

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

The B.C. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Program is led by the B.C. Wildlife Health Program and supported by a wide group of agencies and BC residents who are concerned about this important disease. Program initiatives continue in response to heightened awareness from new positive cases in deer, elk and moose in Alberta. The Program focuses on preventing the introduction of CWD to BC through early detection, education and outreach to the public and hunting community to ensure that CWD does not become a problem for deer species in British Columbia.

2014 Results are in: NO POSITIVES!

Results: 2002 – 2014 (Harvest Year)

HARVEST YEAR	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	Total
PEACE	47	45	65	44	56	138	221	31	34	0	48	39	15	783
KOOTENAY	113	109	0	155	144	182	51	132	197	172	178	182	151	1766
OTHER	52	34	0	17	33	3	8	1	11	8	20	9	9	205
TOTAL	212	188	65	216	233	323	280	164	242	180	246	230	175	2755

No Positives!!!

Since 2002 the BC CWD Program has tested 2756 deer, elk and moose heads. These heads include both hunter harvests and road killed animals. CWD has not been identified in any BC samples to date, but continued surveillance is required to confirm that BC is CWD free.

Be Aware of the Risks

If you hunt in areas where CWD infects wild deer, **DO NOT BRING HIGH RISK MATERIAL BACK TO BC.** Infected material can contaminate soil and infect BC wildlife.

For more information on CWD please contact the BC CWD Program: (250) 953-5140

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