

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

Information for Hunters

The B.C. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Program is led by the Wildlife Health Program and supported by a wide group of agencies and BC residents who are concerned about this important disease. Surveillance continues in response to new positive cases in deer, elk and moose in Alberta. The Program focuses on prevention, surveillance and outreach to ensure that CWD does not become a problem for deer species in B.C.

2016 Results are in: NO POSITIVES!

Since 2002 we have tested 3442 cervid (deer species) heads for CWD. These heads include hunter harvests, road killed and clinical suspect animals. CWD has not been identified in any BC sample to date, but continued surveillance is required to have confidence in our CWD free status.

Be Aware of the Risks

If you hunt in areas where CWD affects wild deer, do not bring high risk tissues back to B.C. Infected animals or tissues can contaminate soil and infect BC wildlife. For more information on CWD please contact the B.C. Wildlife Health Program at (250) 751-3219 or visit our website www.gov.bc.ca/chronicwastingdisease

Number of samples (heads) submitted by harvest year and Region																
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	TOTAL
PEACE	47	45	65	44	56	138	221	31	34	0	48	39	15	1	21	805
KOOTENAY	113	109	0	155	144	182	51	132	197	172	178	182	151	232	236	2234
OTHER	52	34	0	17	33	3	8	1	11	8	20	9	9	105	93	403
TOTAL	212	188	65	216	233	323	280	164	242	180	246	230	175	338	350	3442