

**RULES
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WILDLIFE RESOURCES**

**CHAPTER 1660-01-34
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)**

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1660-01-34-.01 CWD MANAGEMENT ZONES.

- (1) There is created CWD Management Zone 1 consisting of the following counties: Benton, Carroll, Chester, Crockett, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Gibson, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Lake, Lauderdale, Madison, McNairy, Obion, Shelby, Tipton, Wayne and Weakley.
- (2) If a cervid (any member of the family Cervidae) tests positive for CWD in a Tennessee county that is contiguous with a CWD Management Zone, then the county shall become part of the adjacent CWD Management Zone.
- (3) If a cervid tests positive for CWD in a Tennessee county that is outside of and not contiguous with a CWD Management Zone, additional CWD Management Zone(s) may be created.
- (4) The Agency shall maintain and publish on its website map(s) of CWD Management Zone(s).

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1660-01-34-.02 EXPORTATION OF WILDLIFE CARCASSES, PARTS, AND PRODUCTS FROM A CWD MANAGEMENT ZONE.

- (1) No person may export a cervid carcass or carcass part harvested from within a CWD Management Zone unless:
 - (a) The carcass parts are meat that has bones removed;
 - (b) The carcass parts are antlers, antlers attached to cleaned skull plates, or cleaned skulls (where no meat or tissues are attached to the skull);
 - (c) The carcass parts are cleaned teeth;
 - (d) The carcass parts are finished taxidermy and antler products; or
 - (e) The carcass parts are hides and tanned products.
- (2) Notwithstanding paragraph (1), the following parties are authorized to transport cervid carcasses and carcass parts outside of a CWD Management Zone either to a laboratory or university certified to manage CWD material, or to a landfill for the necessary disposal of the

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carcasses and carcass parts, as long as current best management practices respecting such disposal are followed:

- (a) A Tennessee-permitted waste management company;
- (b) Staff from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; or
- (c) Any party with whom the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency expressly contracts for the transportation or disposal of cervid carcasses or carcass parts.

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1660-01-34-.03 FEEDING OF WILDLIFE WITHIN A CWD MANAGEMENT ZONE.

- (1) Within a CWD Management Zone, the placement of feed, grain, salt products, minerals, and other consumable natural and manufactured products is prohibited.
- (2) The prohibition in subsection (1) does not apply to the following:
 - (a) Feed placed within one hundred (100) feet of any residence or occupied building;
 - (b) Feed placed in such a manner to reasonably exclude access by deer;
 - (c) Feed placed as part of a wild hog management effort authorized by the agency; or
 - (d) Feed and minerals from normal agricultural practices, normal forest management practices, or crop and wildlife food production practices.

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