



ATTENTION DEER and ELK HUNTERS

The CWD Surveillance Monitoring
Program continues

WE NEED YOUR HELP



The Fish and Wildlife Division has conducted a Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) survey of mature wild elk and deer across the province for the past 5 hunting seasons.

We have not found any CWD in all wild deer/elk heads that have been examined.

This year, we are requesting heads from two areas only.

Central Alberta: WMUs 248 (areas NORTH of Hwy. 16), 250, 507, 508 and 349 (areas EAST of Hwy. 32).

Eastern Alberta: WMUs 234, 236, 256, and 500 along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border.



A usable sample consists of: **the intact head or head without the antler skull plate*** and includes the following information:

- ◆ species (elk, mule deer, or white-tailed deer only)
- ◆ location of kill (WMU)
- ◆ sex of kill
- ◆ approximate age of kill (yearling or adult)
- ◆ date of kill
- ◆ **hunter's WIN number**

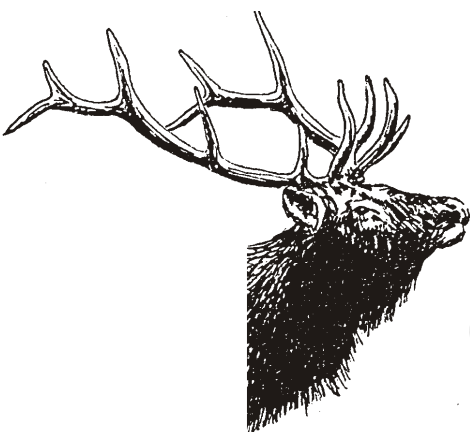
*mature males with the antlers and skull plate removed are still usable for this study. Animals shot in the head are not! Note that fawns will not be examined.

Heads should be kept frozen and dropped off at any Fish and Wildlife office. Please inform staff that the head is for the disease survey and be sure to include the above information. For hunters to deposit their deer/elk heads, we also have 24-hour freezers located within and near the two target areas (eastern Alberta and central Alberta).

For further information, please contact Dr. M. Pybus (780-427-3462), for toll free, dial 310-0000 first.

Check our web site <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/fw/diseases>

p.s. a hearty thanks to all hunters who submitted samples in previous years.



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