

March 21st, 2022 (CAB) Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

(CWD) Chronic Wasting Disease
No Cure
100% fatal in Whitetail deer
Whitetail deer can spread CWD for years before dying.
(CWD) is not a new disease. CWD is a new disease to Whitetail deer in Alabama.

The discussion centered on Alabama’s Strategic Management Plan for the slowing the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease in Alabama.

Chronic Wasting Disease was detected for the first time in Alabama in January 2022. The two CWD positive cases were from Whitetail deer in northwest Alabama.

Chronic Wasting Disease Strategic Surveillance and Response Plan established the two zones to monitor the spread of CWD in Alabama.

(CMZ) CWD Management Zone	(HRZ) High Risk Zone
Small area around the two CWD confirmed cases located in northwest Alabama (currently).	A larger buffer zone located outside of the (CMZ) CWD Management Zone.

Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division (WFF) will post specific dates on times for samples to be tested in the (HRZ) High Risk Zone located in northern Alabama on the www.outdooralabama.com website.

Two Proposals for Changes

1st Proposal
For the 2022-2023 deer season, the entire (CMZ) CWD Management Zone will be moved to Zone A, which includes most of the northern half of Alabama, and will have the same seasons and bag limits of Zone A.

2nd Proposal

Within the (CMZ) CWD Management Zone, suspend baiting and supplemental feeding (excluding bird feeders within 100 ft of a dwelling or building or active feral swine traps).

May 26, 2022 (CAB) Conservation Advisory Board Meeting

Governor Kay Ivey was the 1st governor in 28 years to attend a Conservation Advisory Board meeting.

During her term as governor over 63,000 acres of land have been transferred to public ownership.

Forever Wild Land Trust purchased the Belcher Tract (1,650 acres) and was added to Oak Mountain State Park.

Alabama Legislature passed hunting season dates for enclosures for October 15-Januaray 6th (optional).

The Conservation Advisory Board voted to allow turkey decoys during the special youth and disabled turkey hunting dates in 2023.