

MIKE STRAIN, DVM Commissioner

DEER HEAD PERMIT FOR CWD QUARANTINED FACILITIES WITHIN LOUISIANA FOR TAXIDERMY PURPOSES

The export of any deer carcass or part of a deer carcass originating within a Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) designated Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Quarantined Facility is prohibited, except for: meat that is cut and wrapped; meat that has been boned out; quarters or other portions of meat with no part of the spinal column or head attached; clean skull plates with antlers; cleaned skulls without tissue attached; capes; tanned hides; finished taxidermy mounts; and intact deer teeth. An exemption for intact deer heads from within the CWD Quarantined Facility transported to Louisiana taxidermists for taxidermy purposes outside of the Quarantined Facility is allowed by permit. While permits are not required immediately upon harvest, they must be completed before moving the head out of the CWD Quarantined Facility. Hunters will have 72 hours to deliver the deer head to a taxidermy business once the permit is issued. Transport of deer heads from within a CWD Quarantined Facility to areas outside of the CWD Quarantined Facility are otherwise prohibited by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. All deer parts transported out of the Quarantined Facility that are in violation of the provisions of this regulation shall be seized and disposed of in accordance with the Department of Agriculture and Forestry's rules and regulations.

TO OBTAIN A PERMIT:

Hunters may obtain a permit to transport an intact deer head from within the CWD Quarantined Facility a Louisiana taxidermist by contacting the LDAF Emergency Hotline at 1-855-452-5323.

TAXIDERMISTS:

The deer head you are receiving is from a LDAF CWD Quarantined Facility. Please record the permit number onto your customer records to connect the deer in your possession to the required deer permit. Due the transmissibility of CWD through environmental contamination from deer carcass parts, please double bag any unused deer carcass parts from this deer. Properly bagged unused part must be disposed of in an approved landfill. Under no circumstances may parts from this deer be disposed of in any other manner unless approved by the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry. Your assistance in proper disposal will reduce the threat of further disease spread.