

## Marked Wildlife

Some species of wildlife are banded, collared or marked by other means in an ongoing effort to gain additional population biology information. You can assist and cooperate in these programs by reporting encounters with any marked animal to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 16).

Some of these marked wildlife, as well as certain nuisance animals (e.g., some black bears), may have received drugs for research purposes or to facilitate their capture and handling. Any such animal will be marked with a tag advising that the meat of the animal should not be consumed before contacting the Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.



The **REPORT A POACHER** program provides Albertans with the opportunity to report suspected violations using a toll-free number: **1-800-642-3800** or **#3800** on the **TELUS Mobility network** (courtesy TELUS Mobility).

The line is in operation 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Fishing or hunting out of season, night hunting, exceeding bag limits, illegal sale of fish and wildlife and deposit of harmful substances in lakes and rivers are violations that seriously affect fish and wildlife in Alberta. If you see or know of a violation, you should record all information, including

- date
- time
- location
- vehicle licence number
- vehicle description
- description of person(s) involved
- details of violation, and any other details, no matter how insignificant they may seem. You should then contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office or call **1-800-642-3800** as soon as possible.

If the information provided concerns a resource violation and results in the laying of a charge, the reporter may be eligible for a reward. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 16).

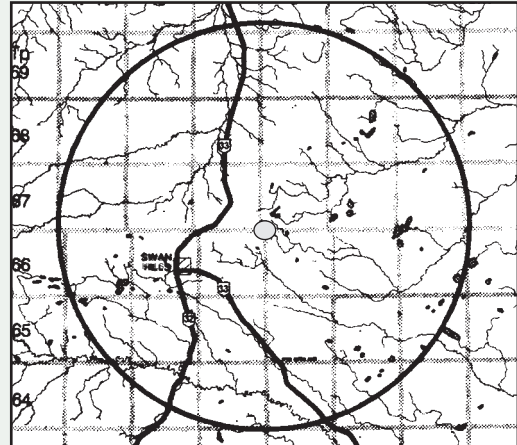
## Report Waterfowl Leg Bands by Telephone or Internet

All waterfowl leg bands recovered in North America can now be reported by telephoning the toll-free number **1-800-327-BAND** (1-800-327-2263). Calls can be made from anywhere in Canada or the United States, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. However, operators are only available from 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. eastern time, Monday to Friday. After-hours and weekend callers will hear a recorded message requesting they leave their name and daytime telephone number so that the Bird Banding Lab can call them back. Band recovery can also be reported by internet at the website [www.reportband.gov](http://www.reportband.gov). Recovered bands can still be reported by mail or to the nearest office of the Fish and Wildlife Division (page 16) if you do not wish to report the band by telephone or internet.

## Wild Game Public Health Advisory

The wild game public health advisory for the Swan Hills area – originally issued on December 13, 1996, by the Provincial Health Officer – has been revised as a result of more extensive wild game testing. While recent test results confirm that eating wild game from the Swan Hills area poses no immediate threat to human health, it is recommended that individuals limit the amount of wild game eaten.

For more information contact Alberta Health and Wellness at 780-427-7164.



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## CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE AND DEER MANAGEMENT

Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a chronic degenerative and ultimately fatal prion disease of cervids (primarily deer and elk). It is not known to infect humans. The disease has been found in a few mule deer and white-tailed deer along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border in relatively small portions of WMUs 119, 150, 151, 152, 163, 200, 202, 232, 234, 236, 256, and 728 (see page 29 of this guide for a map of CWD cases in wild deer in Alberta).

Hunters and outfitters play a key role in assisting CWD management by helping to reduce deer numbers and by providing heads from harvested deer for the ongoing CWD surveillance program. Alberta began looking for CWD in wild deer in the hunting seasons in 1998. Since then we have tested over 30,000 heads of hunter-killed wild deer and elk and have found CWD in only 47 of them. Additional cases of CWD (n=47) were found as a result of government control programs implemented in 2005 to 2008.

**Landowner quota licences** will continue to be available. Resident landowners and/or their immediate family are required to apply for their quota licence through the local Fish and Wildlife office. Once approved they can purchase their licence online or at any licence issuer beginning the following day. Landowner licences will be valid for titled or leased land in WMU 119, 150, 151, 152, 162, 163, 200, 202, 232, 234, 236, 256 and 500.

- Season dates for WMU 150, 151, 162 and 163 are archery only season September 1-October 14, primitive weapon season October 15-October 31, general season November 2-5, November 9-12, November 16-19, November 23-26, November 30-December 3, December 7-10, December 14-17 and from December 19, 2011 to January 14, 2012 (Monday to Saturday only).
- Season dates for WMU 200, 234, 236, 256 and 500 are archery only season September 1-October 14, primitive weapon season October 15-October 31 and general season from November 1, 2011 to January 14, 2012.
- Season dates for WMU 119 are archery only season September 1-November 1, general season November 2-5, November 9-12, November 16-19, November 23-26 and November 28, 2011 to January 14, 2012 (Monday to Saturday only).
- Season dates for WMU 202 and 232 are archery only season September 1-October 31 and general season November 1, 2011 to January 14, 2012.

Once the tags are filled and all three heads submitted, another licence may be purchased (for the same area as the first licence with 3 more tags). The Quota Deer Licence does not count in the maximum licences or combination of licences a hunter may hold.

**Note : It is a mandatory requirement to submit the head of all deer harvested in the following WMUs: 102, 116, 118, 119, 124, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 162, 163, 164, 200, 202, 203, 232, 234, 236, 238, 254, 256, 258, 500, 728, and 730. Antlers and skull plate can be removed from bucks before the head is submitted. For European mounts, keep the top portion of the skull and submit the lower portion including the lower jaw, the tissues at the back of the throat, and the part of the skull that contains the connection between the spinal cord and the brain.**

All heads for testing, including the partial skull samples (as above), must have a green CWD label which gives each head a unique identification number. **Be sure to include either GPS or land location as well as WMU and your WIN number for each head.** When available, test results for each head will be accessible online via your WIN number at [albertarelm.com](http://albertarelm.com).

**For more information about CWD, contact your local Fish and Wildlife office or visit [srd.alberta.ca](http://srd.alberta.ca).**

Deer hunting opportunities have been expanded within the eastern border regions in order to maintain hunting pressure on deer populations and to standardize seasons and opportunities. Check carefully for the changes being implemented in 2011.