

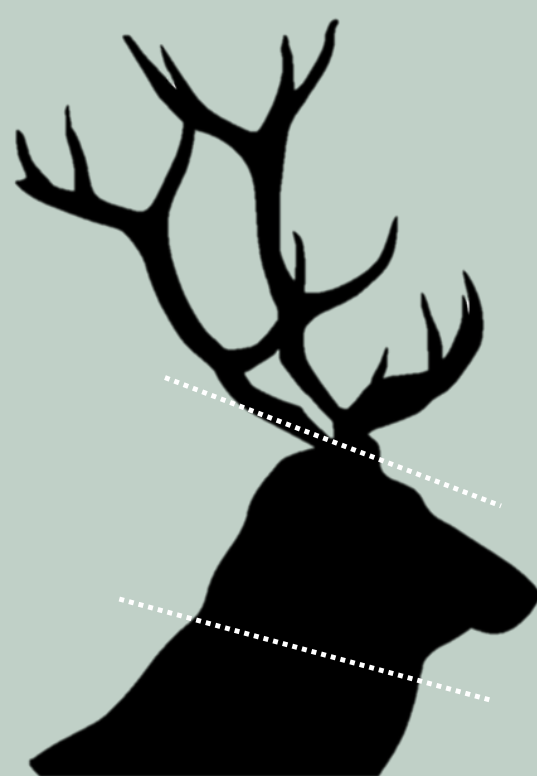
CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE IN SYILX TERRITORY



Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has been confirmed in two deer southeast of Cranbrook in the Kootenay region of British Columbia on February 1st, 2024. CWD is a fatal neurological disease affecting cervids like deer, elk, moose, and caribou, with long incubation periods. Infected animals can appear healthy. CWD concerns the Syilx Nation and wildlife managers due to its threat to cervid populations and food sovereignty. Testing for harvested animals in affected and non-affected areas is highly recommended. Instructions and drop-off locations for testing animals can be found below.

REMOVE HEAD AND TAG

All harvesters are encouraged to provide samples after harvesting a elk, moose, deer, or caribou in Syilx Territory.



REMOVE ANTLERS AND BAG

Remove any antlers and remove the head from the body with at least 3 inches of neck attached to the skull.



DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Deposit all harvested deer heads within one week of harvest to one of the designated drop-off locations. Ear tags, zip ties and garbage bags will be supplied at the freezer locations.



SYILX-LED DROP OFF LOCATIONS

WESTBANK ONA OFFICE

101-3535 Old Okanagan Hwy
Open Mon to Fri 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Contact: Mackenzie Clarke
Phone: 250-681-0131

PENTICTON ONA OFFICE

697 Wade Ave W
Please Call Prior to Drop-Off
Contact: Delaney Hall
Phone: 250-280-2788

CASTLEGAR ONA OFFICE

875 Columbia Avenue
Drop-Off Coming Soon!

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