

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Brian Sturgeon, Chief of Police
DATE: January 5, 2020



SUBJECT: Agenda Item 8e – Deer Management Report

**City of West Saint Paul
Police Department**

The 2020 Sunfish Lake Deer Management Program utilized 7 hunters from Metro Bowhunters Resource Base (MBRB) along with 4 Sunfish Lake resident's participation.

MBRB hunted on the previously approved dates of:

October 8th, 10th, 11th, 22nd, 23, and 24th
November 12th, 13th, and 14th
December 4th, 5th, and 6th

During these dates, five antlerless deer were harvested. As part of MBRB's protocols, the five deer were tested for Chronic Wasting Disease and all of them were negative.

As of the writing of this memo, the four Sunfish Lake residents harvested four deer, two bucks and two antlerless. The resident hunters are allowed to continue to hunt until the season ends on December 31, 2020. At tonight's meeting, I will have updated information on the number of deer taken by these hunters.

There have been no reports of negative interactions between residents and the hunters this year. Additionally, the lack of deer harvested could be attributed to lower deer numbers and/or the warm and changing weather during the hunting dates, which tend to slow down deer activity in general.

Staff is here to answer any questions you may have.