

1. Current population trend or estimate - and proximity to management objectives:

*Population estimate - 400,000 - stable population  
Population approximates management objectives*

2. 1992 Hunting season statistics:

Type/length of season:	# of hunters afield:	# of hunter days:	% success:	Harvest	
				Antler:	Antlerless:
<i>Modern Firearm/9-37</i>	<i>173,413</i>	<i>1,013,176</i>	<i>27.5%</i>	<i>39,384</i>	<i>8317</i>
<i>Archery/15-65</i>	<i>22,653</i>	<i>198,934</i>	<i>21.4%</i>	<i>1,878</i>	<i>2978</i>
<i>Muzzleloader/7-31</i>	<i>8,081</i>	<i>45,544</i>	<i>33.9%</i>	<i>971</i>	<i>1769</i>

3. Method used to estimate harvest:

*3 wave questionnaire to 10% of hunters*

4. Do you limit hunters to one season (rifle, archery or muzzleloader)?

*Yes.*

5. Do your deer seasons extend into the breeding season? If so, how far?

*Our late buck season is 3 days Nov 19-22  
Peak of breeding is 3rd week of November to mid-December*

6. How many deer can a hunter legally take per year?

# Antlered:		# Antlerless:	Total:
<i>1</i>	<i>or</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>

*We had a special white-tail two deer by limit last year but not this year.*

7. Do you use antler-point restriction regulations? If so, what is the purpose of this regulation and is the objective being met? How do you assess hunter compliance - illegal kill?

*Yes, we use antler point restrictions. The purpose is to enhance yearling buck escapement. In areas with antler point restrictions, our buck escapement is much higher because yearlings are protected. There is some illegal kill but post season buck ratios are up and that's the measure of success.*

8. Do you have regulations to limit or distribute hunters? What type of regulations and are they working?

*We have 3 way weapon selection. Archery and muzzleloader seasons are more liberal and these seasons draw hunters away from traditional firearm seasons.*

9. Do you use access (road) management to regulate hunter distribution? What is the hunting public's reaction? Who is responsible for enforcement of closures etc.?

*We have road management programs to regulate hunter distribution. Surveys indicate 60-70% support for current or expanded road management. Our enforcement division is responsible for enforcement.*

10. Do you use a system such as "preference points" to distribute the opportunity to draw big game permits? If yes, what has been your experience with such a system?

*No*

11. In what ways do you believe hunting impacts your deer populations (ie. compensatory/additive mortality, total population size, genetics, behaviour, etc.)? What data do you have to support this?

*I believe hunting mortality can be either compensatory or additive, depending on the situation. Antlerless hunting can limit population size but our doe harvest is minimal in most areas and does not affect population size.*

12. What do you feel are the major factor(s) limiting the deer populations, and what evidence is this based on?

*The major factors limiting deer populations depend on area;  
Westside - urban sprawl, human population increases.  
Eastside - winter range losses from recreational development and conflicts with agriculture.*

13. Do you make any attempts to model deer populations? If so, please describe the model. Identify any problems.

*No*

14. What is your state or province's approach to manipulating habitat to benefit deer?

*We work with the landowner to protect critical habitats and conduct some habitat improvement depending on the situation.*

15. Primary deer research efforts underway at this time (please list):

*None*