

A large conference room filled with people seated at round tables, viewed from the back.

JOIN THE MARCH 15-16, 2019

CONVERSATION ON CWD

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ONTARIO FEDERATION OF ANGLERS AND HUNTERS CONFERENCE ON CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE

The conference will bring together CWD experts from across North America, and provide networking opportunities with conservation organizations, scientists, Indigenous communities, wildlife managers, government officials, and outdoors enthusiasts who share the same passion for wildlife conservation. This conference will demonstrate the need for timely policy changes for CWD, and identify groups that can work together on CWD action.

Topics and Guest Speakers

Friday AM (Session 1)

Introduction to CWD

Learn about CWD biology, history and the potential impacts to wildlife and human health. Familiarity with CWD can be low in jurisdictions where it has not been detected. This session will provide the basics on CWD 101.

Friday PM (Session 2)

Keeping CWD Out

Learn about what can be done to prevent the spread of CWD into Ontario and other jurisdictions.

Saturday AM (Session 3)

Wildlife management with CWD

Learn about the biological, social and economic impacts of CWD in areas where CWD is a day-to-day reality, and eradication is impossible.

Saturday PM (Session 4)

Where do we go from here?

In this session we will discuss next steps and ways to work collectively to combat the threat of CWD on our wildlife, economy and our hunting heritage.

Guest speakers include:

Dr. Vic Adamowicz

Professor, Natural Resource and Environmental Economics, University of Alberta

Dr. Evelyn Merrill

Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Alberta

Nick Pinizzotto

President and CEO, National Deer Alliance

Dr. Margo Pybus

Wildlife Disease Specialist, Fish and Wildlife Division, Alberta Environment and Parks

Dr. Iga Stasiak

Provincial Wildlife Health Specialist, Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment

Dr. David Westaway

Professor & Director, Centre for Prions and Protein Folding Diseases, University of Alberta

Why is CWD such a threat?

- CWD affects deer, moose, elk and caribou.
- CWD is highly infectious and 100% fatal for all species in the deer family.
- Can cause declines among white-tailed deer herds and reduce growth in elk populations.
- CWD has been found in three Canadian provinces, 26 American states, Norway, Finland, and South Korea.
- Health agencies recommend against eating meat from CWD-positive animals.
- There is NO cure or vaccine for CWD.

- The misfolded proteins that cause CWD, known as prions, are resistant to chemicals, radiation, freezing and even incineration at more than 600°C.
- Prions can survive in the environment for years and can be taken up by plants which are eaten by animals.
- The agricultural industry could see negative impacts. For example, Norway recently banned hay and straw imports from states and provinces with CWD.



You are invited to attend

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) has partnered with Fitzsimons Financial Group Inc. to focus our traditional two-day conference on CWD action. You are invited to attend and participate in CWD discussions around awareness and advocacy.

Please join us March 15-16, 2019 to take action on CWD.

Visit www.ofah.org/conference to register. Reduced pricing for students is available. Contact Giselle Hatton for details 705-748-6324 ext. 232 or giselle@ofah.org.

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