

Florida Places Ban on the Import on Deer

On September 6, 2013, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWCC) issued an Executive Order to prohibit the importation of live deer, elk, and other animals of the Cervidae family in an effort to prevent the introduction of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). With the issuance of this Executive Order, no permit requests are being accepted. CWD is a fatal neurologic disease that has not been reported in Florida but has been found in both captive and wild deer in a number of states. FDACS and FWCC will continue to work together to prevent the introduction and spread of CWD in Florida deer.