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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Council Members

FROM: Chad Wilson, Private Lands/Public Wildlife Coordinator

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**SUBJECT: Cooperative Wildlife Management Unit (CWMU) rule amendments
R657-37**

The following is a summary of the recommended rule amendments to the CWMU rule R657-37:

- Eliminate acreage variances and allow for under acreage applications if the CWMU is within 90% of the acreage requirements and agrees to allocate an additional permit for each species to be awarded in the public draw
- Create strategies and tools to help with CWMUs that are over objective on management units including:
 - Allowing all current CWMU permit holders to purchase a second antlerless permit
 - Conducting depredation hunts on a CWMU
 - Requiring CWMU's to form an antlerless harvest plan and report on plan completion progress to the CWMU Advisory Committee
 - Adding emergency antlerless hunts
 - Issuing additional non-marketable antlerless permits/vouchers to a CWMU
- Allow for the addition of non-contiguous land to a CWMU under certain circumstances including:
 - Parcel at least 640 acres
 - Land is within 4 miles of current core CWMU boundary
 - Non-contiguous lands cannot be used to meet minimum acreage requirement
 - Non-contiguous lands cannot contain public land
- Provide guidelines for the administration of trade lands
- Clarify the purpose of the CWMU Advisory Committee
- Define and clarify other existing parts of the rule

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