

2022-01 IMPLEMENTATION OF A PRELIMINARY BIG GAME HARVEST DASHBOARD

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Whereas, NY big game harvest reporting from hunters has been under 50% over the past 20years, and

Whereas, new technologies allow for fast compilation of reported harvest results, and

Whereas, transparency, not just convenience, may also drive the hunter desire to comply with reporting requirements, and

Whereas, hunters show concern regarding the harvest, especially when problems like EHD crop up, and

Whereas, other states, such as Maine, offers on their Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife a Preliminary Big Game Harvest Dashboard for hunters to view the progress of the seasonal harvest for whitetail deer, moose and black bear, and

Whereas, DEC big game biologists can track daily reported harvest figures throughout the entire season as the harvest reports are submitted by hunters, and

Whereas, this progress in preliminary numbers could easily be presented to hunters throughout the seasons,

Therefore Be It Resolved; the NYSCC will pursue the idea with the NYSDEC that NYSDEC construct a preliminary big game harvest dashboard to keep hunters up to date with reported success during big game seasons, as to increase transparency, trust, reporting compliance desire and keeping big game hunters informed to the progress deer management efforts are having throughout the hunting seasons.

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