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Chronic Wasting Disease results in hunting ban of white-tailed deer

For Immediate Release

(Kahnawake – 1, Kenténha/October 2018) The Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke is advising community members that the confirmation of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) has resulted in a complete ban on hunting white-tailed deer (cervids) in a portion of the Laurentian region near the Tioweró:ton Territory, in effect until November 18th.

The Ministry of Forests, Fauna and Parks of Quebec (MFFPQ) confirmed a case of CWD on a farm located north of the Quebec and Ontario border near Highway 50. Precautionary measures are being carried out, including the ban, to protect all wildlife. The affected region spans as far east as the Mont-Tremblant area, near Tioweró:ton.

"We are very concerned about this unfortunate development of CWD, as many of our community members hunt for sustenance," said Ratséhaienhs Clinton Phillips. "Tiowero:ton is not directly attached to the affected area, but we all know that animals travel. We are currently studying the matter and will provide further info on this shortly."

Hunters are advised to take precautionary measures and to inform themselves on how to identify animals that may be infected with CWD. More information on the measures implemented by the MFFP can be found at <u>www.kahnawake.com/cwd</u>.

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