

I am an alternate (right now) on the EAB alternatives committee put on by the Natural Resources Board. I attended a meeting last weekend and have found out what is in the crosshairs for replacing EAB. And EAB in a different form is being pushed very heavily. Other such plans, a Antlerless Only season (No Buck Harvest) and some other things. This by no means is a done deal and the committee should be given some slack right now because they have a tough job and nothing is completed yet.

We were all asked to get hunter and Landowner (something that our group has brought about) involvement in this and discuss it with the people we represent. With that in mind we will be having a meeting at the Maribel Sportsmans Club 06/30/09 at 7pm to go over what the DNR is proposing. I can also let you know what has changed with the goals. The DNR has made a Public Relations move to silence everyone, but the numbers that they have changed still will not do anything for us. The plan would still be to cut the herd in Units 64 and 80B by over 50%.

We are also going to talk to a Conservation Congress representative on why we are so upset with deer hunting conditions. He can also bring us up to date on a meeting that they are having on the 26th to discuss goals and EAB. We need to make a stand with them as well to back a major reform to the way the herd is managed. With the CC help finally we can get at the DNR and NRB from both sides.

Please attend this meeting if you can and bring someone along so that the message will come across loud and clear.