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## TAHC Rule Proposal Open for Public Comment

### Chapter 40, Chronic Wasting Disease

AUSTIN, TX – The Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC) held a regularly scheduled Commission meeting July 16, 2024, at its headquarters in Austin.

The following amendments were proposed during the meeting and are open for comment from August 23 – September 22, 2024.

#### **Chapter 40, Chronic Wasting Disease**

The proposed changes eliminate all surveillance zones and all other references to surveillance zones throughout the section. Additionally, the proposal eliminates all requirements related to surveillance zones, including carcass movement requirements.

The amendments propose a new containment zone in Coleman County in response to the detection of CWD in a free-range white-tailed deer, and a new containment zone in Collingsworth County in response to high-risk elk from an adjacent farm.

Comments on the rule proposals may be submitted to Amanda Bernhard, Texas Animal Health Commission, by mail at 2105 Kramer Lane, Austin, Texas 78758, by fax at (512)-719-0719 or by email to [comments@tahc.texas.gov](mailto:comments@tahc.texas.gov).

Complete details of the rule proposals are also available on the TAHC website at <https://www.tahc.texas.gov/regs/proposals.html#proposals>.

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