

## **Dubois December Meeting about 2016 seasons**

1. Some interest in extending 128 deer season

This is certainly possible in the future. Recall that until 2012 the general deer season in 128 typically ran through Oct. 22. That year, based on public input, the season was shortened to close on Oct. 15. While opinions on the season length vary, the Department continues to receive many comments favoring the Oct. 15 closure.

2. Want to know where we're at with 3 point season?

Over the past several years the Department made several changes to deer seasons in hunt area 128. These changes were designed to improve buck quality in the area and appear to be somewhat effective. The Department believes it is important to allow time to see the impact of these changes instead of making continual changes to the season structure. Additionally, the Department is opposed to the level of complication associated with having a general season, a 3-point or better season, a 3-point or less season, and a late season. Micromanaging a deer population of close to 6,000 animals with ~25 special licenses is not likely to be very effective.

- a. Suggest a 3 point or less in late October or early November
- b. Could cut the Type 1 licenses to 25 and issue 50 3pt or less bucks

3. Request to remove the area 67 type 9 licenses.

This continues to be a very popular license for archery hunters in the Dubois area. We also hear from several individuals each year who are in favor of retaining the Type 9 licenses.