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Game Harvest Reporting

Public Hearings will be held on these proposed changes on April 18. See www.iowadnr.com/wildlife/files/ICN2006.html for a list of places to attend. The final rule will go to the Natural Resource Commission on May 11th at Waubonsie State Park in Fremont County.

Hunters that tag a deer or wild turkey (spring and fall seasons) must report each animal harvest to the DNR. **The hunter whose name is on the tag placed on the animal must report.** If no animal is harvested, no report is necessary. Failure to report or report correctly may result in a misdemeanor citation.

Hunters may report in one of three ways:

- 1) *Call the new DNR Harvest Reporting System (HRS).* This will be a toll free call available from 6 a.m. to midnight during the deer and turkey hunting seasons. Hunters will report by voice response to questions that are asked by the system or by touching the telephone keypad. As a last resort a live operator will be available for assistance.
- 2) *Hunters may report through the Internet at iowadnr.com.* The online Harvest Reporting System will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week during deer and turkey hunting seasons.
- 3) *Hunters may go to any ELSI license agent during their regular hours of business,*

A deer must be reported by midnight of the day after it is killed, or before taking it to a locker, or before processing it for consumption, or before leaving the state, whichever occurs first.

A wild turkey must be reported by midnight of the day it was killed, or before taking it to a locker, or before processing it for consumption, or before leaving the state, whichever occurs first.

To start a report, hunters will be asked to enter a registration number that is printed on the deer or turkey tag. They will then be asked a short series of questions – what type of animal was shot, when (day) it was shot and where (county) it was shot. To complete the report a coded Confirmation Number will be given to the hunter. This confirmation number must be written on the deer or turkey tag before the report is considered complete.