

# **QUOTATIONS FROM OFFICIAL PENNSYLVANIA DOCUMENTS REGARDING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GREEN CERTIFICATION AND DEER REDUCTION**

- "This report documents an evaluation of DCNR's Bureau of Forestry (by) SCS, an international certifier of sustainable forest management operations accredited by the Forest Stewardship Council (FSC). The team leader was Bryon P. Shissler, consulting certified wildlife biologist, who had primary responsibility for forest ecosystem issues. The team met with Dr. James R. Grace, Bureau Director, and Daniel A. Devlin, Chief, Forest Resources Planning Section, on the afternoon of June 3, 1997."  

**Green Certification Award to PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry by  
Scientific Certification Systems, Inc., Oakland, CA**
  
- "The Pennsylvania State Forests, managed by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Bureau of Forestry (BOF) has undergone a third-party review of the sustainability of the forest ecosystems on these lands, a process known as Green Certification. Scientific Certification Systems (SCS) was the auditor. This process found that the primary factor threatening the sustainability of these forests is overbrowsing of vegetation by white-tailed deer."  

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- "If deer populations are not reduced, the ability of both public and private landowners in Pennsylvania to meet or maintain FSC standards will be jeopardized."  

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- SCS acknowledges that solutions to the Pennsylvania deer density problem cannot be designed and implemented solely by BOF because currently the Pennsylvania Game Commission regulates deer seasons, bag limits, antlerless licenses and all other regulatory functions used to reduce deer density by hunting."  

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- "This plan is in direct response to the SCS Green Certification audit, and intended to fulfill the requirements by SCS to retain the "certified" status of the Pennsylvania State Forests. This will be the guiding document by which DCNR will implement policy and management changes to address the deer overbrowsing issue across the State Forest system."  

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- "A move away from the current county-based system of managing deer in Pennsylvania is among the first recommendations made yesterday to the Game Commission by the Deer Management Working Group. The working group, led by Scot Williamson of the Wildlife Management Institute, also recommended that the commission consider longer doe seasons that would run at the same time as buck seasons...and more deer depredation permits on 'hot spots' (DMAP)."  

**Findings and Recommendations of the  
Pennsylvania Deer Management Working Group.  
Harrisburg Patriot-News**

- "The Pennsylvania Game Commission has begun to implement a variety of measures designed to bring the deer herd into balance with their natural habitats. In 1998, a Deer Management Section was created (with) supervisor, Dr. Gary Alt..."The first major change to Pennsylvania deer management after the creation of the Deer Management Section was the switch from a two-week buck-only rifle season and a three-day antlerless rifle season to a concurrent two-week buck and antlerless rifle season. Other changes include a gradual increase in antlerless permits in most areas of the state, switching from counties to ecologically based Wildlife Management Units, a one-week early muzzleloader antlerless deer season, a 3-day early antlerless rifle season for Junior and Senior hunters, and more restrictive buck antler requirement. All of these initiatives have been successful at providing tools for increasing the antlerless deer harvest."

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- "With the reorganization in 1999 of the Wildlife Management Bureau, with Dr. Gary Alt named chief of the newly formed Deer Management section, and the support of agency policymakers, the P.G.C. is poised to pursue a more aggressive deer management program that, in theory, can effectively reduce deer densities in many parts of Pennsylvania."

**Managing White-tailed Deer in Forest Habitat  
From an Ecosystem Perspective",  
Audubon Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania  
Habitat Alliance**

- " The greatest challenges appear to be making the most efficient use of a shrinking hunting population...The greatest potential lies in the growing group of hunters who appear willing to harvest multiple antlerless deer..."

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