

# DEER SUBMISSIONS

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IN ORDER OF ARRIVAL

November 28 – December 11, 2012

## Corey Burger

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**From:** C. McClarnon [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2012 12:42 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

The purpose of the so-called "public feedback" process in the "deer management strategy" is incomprehensible. The original plan to kill deer is being recommended to be implemented with more or less of its original mission intact, and it does not appear that other alternative way of thinking, especially as provided by the public during the so-called public feedback process, was considered. The sole focus of that exercise appears to have been to secure a formal way to implement this violence in our rural and agriculture areas. Too much institutionally-endorsed routine violence is being heaped on all kinds of animals, as a result of these kinds of public policies, and people wonder about the existence of violence towards people on a global scale! IT ALL STARTS WITH THIS!!!!!! To encourage people to hunt and kill and abuse animals only serves to invite ever increasing violence into a global humanity out of control with violence. Public policy needs to be directed towards ending violence, not promoting it. Only when non-human beings are included in the sphere of respect and compassion, will we see a hope for world peace and a sane way of living, with a chance for the earth to heal from global environmental calamities. I am not only disappointed with this process, but more than that, I do feel a hearty disgust. This process was a waste of my time and intellectual energy (it took several hours over several days to prepare my feedback). What is the point of asking people to provide feedback? For purposes of "imagery", or "appearances"?

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Sincerely,

Christine McClarnon  
Citizen of Saanich

*"Enslaving and eating animals is relentlessly polluting our mental and bodily environments, hardening our hearts and blocking feelings and awareness, instigating fear, violence, and repression in our relationships, laying waste our precious planet, gruesomely torturing and killing billions of terrorized beings, deadening us spiritually, and profoundly disempowering us by impeding our innate intelligence and our ability to make essential connections."*

---Will Tuttle, author of "World Peace Diet" [www.worldpeacediet.org](http://www.worldpeacediet.org)

**EXCERPT from Jonathan Balcombe's (renowned animal behaviour expert) book "Second Nature" (pg. 171-174. Available via: <http://www.jonathanbalcombe.com/>):**

Finding a better relationship with animals depends, in part, on our seeing them as autonomous individuals with feelings and lives worth living. In the current way of things, animals are too often categorized only into groups of *things*, such as species or populations, or renewable resources. Species and populations are useful concepts in many fields such as biology, ecology, and genetics. But these terms fail to fully define animals because they are not sensitive to the experiences of sentient individuals. When we refer to mountain lion "harvest limits," "whaling quotas," or "fish stocks," individuals cease to exist. Regarded in those terms, we may as well be talking about tons of sand.

Viewing animals as species or individuals can lead to disparate conclusions. Depending on which perspective you take, the domestic chicken, *Gallus gallus*, is the most, or the least, successful species of bird on our planet. From a purely species-centric perspective, chickens are supremely successful because they are now so abundant. Some ten billion live and breathe each year in the United States alone. Those selfish chicken genes have had a splendidly good go of it, building new chickens at a rate that would have been the envy of even the passenger pigeon before it was made extinct.

But such a view disregards the sentient individual and sees only the nonsentient species.

Viewed from an individual's perspective, the chicken is the least successful bird on earth, because most of them are made to suffer on factory farms and in slaughterhouses.

When a species becomes endangered (usually due to human causes), we readily sacrifice the well-being of other animals who may be interfering with the endangered species. Heaven forbid that coyotes should dilute the genetic purity of red wolves by interbreeding with them, red wolves being a species that humans practically drove to extinction in eastern North America. According to species conservation doctrine, genetically pure wolves must be maintained. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service is sterilizing coyotes that live near the wolf populations to try to prevent hybridization. Notably, it is still legal for cattle ranchers to kill red wolves if they threaten the source of someone's hamburger. In Europe, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds has been killing ruddy ducks - a North American species introduced by humans to enhance captive wildfowl collection - for the offense of interbreeding with its close relative, the endangered white-headed duck, thereby tainting the genetic purity of the latter. The white-headed duck's rarity is due to hunting and habitat loss. It is a common theme of ours: we persecute the members of one species - in this case the white-headed duck - to the point of rarity, then we turn our sights on another, the ruddy duck, for its marginal impact on the first species. We may sympathize with the efforts to secure the protection of endangered species, but doing so at the expense of other animals is misguided, and hypocritical when we continue to threaten the endangered species through our own activities.

One way to illustrate our moral hypocrisy toward members of other species is to substitute the human for the animal in our discourse. Here's an example from a recent article concerning a decision to resume the shooting of elephants in South Africa following a thirteen-year moratorium. I use **boldface** to indicate where I have replaced the word "elephant/s":

South Africa will allow **people** to be killed in an attempt to control a burgeoning population, the government said, setting a trend that could embolden other southern African nations confronting the same dilemma. As outraged **human** rights activists threaten to promote tourist boycotts, Environment Minister Marthinus van Schalkwyk said Monday the government was left with no choice but to introduce culling "as a last option and under very strict conditions." There would be no "wholesale slaughter," he promised. "Our simple reality is that **human** population density has risen so much in some southern African countries that there is concern about impacts on the landscape, the viability of other species and the livelihoods and safety of **wildlife [people]** living within the **humans'** ranges," he said.... "They are doing the responsible thing," said Rob Little, acting chief executive of WWF South Africa.... "We all love **people**, no one wants to kill them, but we don't have the luxury for one species to dominate," he said.

The irony of that doctored paragraph is that *human* population density has indeed risen, it does have negative impacts on the landscape, and the livelihoods and safety of wildlife are profoundly affected by our geographic dominance. But the original article is about the elephant problem, not the human one. There are many times fewer elephants in Africa today than there were in historical times, and human encroachment and persecution are the chief causes of their declines. Of course I am not advocating culls of the human population, but I am pointing out the hypocrisy of making elephants pay for our own lack of restraint.

Wildlife management has a long history of meddling at the behest of special interests or simply through prejudice. In East Africa, wild dogs were shot on sight because their methods of killing were considered "unethical." Game wardens in Kruger National Park killed all predators as a matter of policy that persisted into the latter twentieth century. Early settlers and hunters in Africa considered lions as vermin and shot them on sight. Because of shooting and poisoning, hyenas have been eradicated from much of their former range. The same goes for mountain lions, wolves, and bears in North America. The only way we can rationalize their elimination is through the delusion of our supremacy.

One of the advantages of an individual-based perspective of animals as opposed to a species-based view is that every good deed is palpable. The anthropologist Loren Eiseley once encountered a young man on a beach strewn with millions of stranded starfish dying in the sun. As the young man tossed another starfish into the surf, Eiseley politely informed him that there are miles and miles of beach and that his actions could not possibly make a difference. At this, the young man bent down, picked up yet another starfish, and as it met the water, said: "It made a difference for that one." The Talmud expresses this principle thus: "Whoever destroys a single life is as guilty as though he had destroyed the entire world; and whoever rescues a single life earns as much merit as though he had rescued the entire world."

----- Original Message -----  
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**To:** [undisclosed-recipients:](#)

**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 4:32 PM

**Subject:** CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

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**From:** Elizabeth [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2012 3:30 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

Stop wasting time and get on with culling the deer!! Other cities in B.C. do this. To those who say the deer were here first, just reply that if we had a plague of rats, they would be dealt with.

We need local farm produce.

Get some hunters and give the dead deer to the local butcher shops.

Take some action!!

Elizabeth Caulton [REDACTED]

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**From:** Jeff Weightman  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2012 1:53 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** FW: Nov. 28th meeting of the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee - regarding item #5

**From:** Bill Hartenberger [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2012 11:46 AM  
**To:** Jeff Weightman  
**Cc:** Bill Hartenberger  
**Subject:** Nov. 28th meeting of the Planning, Transportation and Protective Services Committee - regarding item #5

Good morning Jeff,

I ended up being a speaker at the 28th meeting and as you probably noticed, I made somewhat of a dismal effort to get my point across.

Not an excuse, but a reason, I wasn't convinced that I would be speaking until I signed up a 1/2 hour before the meeting.  
My draft presentation was a mess, not at all succinct or concluded.

Just to say that my point (*although not obvious*) was that I supported the CAG recommendations, and propose that there is a current need for a deer manager in the region.

Using my experience as a long time hunter and outdoorsman, as well as my work with crop protection this year I could collect demographics on the deer in the region and recommend lethal/non-lethal means of dealing with part of the problem starting now.

I left a copy with the committee secretary of an assessment I made earlier in the year for the Silver Rill farm. It shows a sample of what I can do.

Aside:

As I mentioned to you earlier in the year I was also interested in finding some help with donating butchered venison from the crop protection to the Mustard Seed food bank.

The fact that the resulting venison from harvested deer goes to needy persons of First Nations and food banks in the region is a good thing. So far the venison I harvested this year has gone to the Trastlip and Shonghees First Nations.

Thank you for reading this.  
Bill Hartenberger

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2012 11:20 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** I just saw this on Victoria Times Colonist

Dear [deermanagement@crd.bc.ca](mailto:deermanagement@crd.bc.ca),

Your friend [REDACTED] thought you might be interested in this link:

<http://www.timescolonist.com/news/todays-paper/Choosing+deer+over+local+lettuce/7672984/story.html>

They also left you these comments:

In my travels around our area I meet many farmers. The ones I have spoken to, do not have a problem with the deer and believe in coexistence with them. They also make it their responsibility to protect their crops. Like with everything in life, remember that there are always two sides to every story!

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The Victoria Times Colonist (<http://www.timescolonist.com>)

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**From:** Dorothy Moleski [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 08, 2012 7:37 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

Thank you for the update but it appears we are no further ahead but instead seriously behind in the time that it took to go backwards- our farmers are going broke, our gardens are being brutalized daily and everyone is unhappy.

Soon the over population of deer will starve as those of us able to protect our gardens and food crops build higher and higher fences (and destroy neighbourhoods in the process). Yes, a few of us will be happy and eventually will demand government intervention and hold fundraisers to feed the deer or save the geese or feed the raccoons when in fact it will be people who need feeding.

Any gardener worth his or her salt knows which plants deer supposedly won't eat (at this point, but that changes) and yes, many of us removed our beloved roses etc. and instead plant a monoculture of poisonous or prickly plants to deter the deer not enhance our environment. Before the committee got together to supposedly provide guidance we had already tried physical, chemical or other deterrents.

Thanks for the effort but the committee has provided no enlightenment and no consensus.

Dorothy Moleski  
[REDACTED]  
Victoria

Sent from my iPad

On 2012-12-07, at 4:32 PM, Deer Management <[deermanagement@crd.bc.ca](mailto:deermanagement@crd.bc.ca)> wrote:

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**From:** marie-elizabeth taggart [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 11:02 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

I note that the deer problem is like a football game!!the ball is now in the regions and municipalities who were the ones who initially ask you to help them..!!!! this administrative diplomatic empty circle is hilarious to read and observe...I still suggest that each of the poor citizens we are pay 10.00 by head to pay for professional hunters who will put to sleep the deer put them in trucks and release them in the north of the island where there is forests...and we hope it will regulate the problem meantime some of the deers may be killed by the hunters to give protein to the homelessness who need to eat?? but perhaps that solution is too practical and simple for the elevated brains who deliver their recommendation for a three years old problem\\ the others deers relocated will calm the eco-martyrdomo-politico - pain in....that observe each move of the government or the regional management...I wonder if the deers will cause some human deaths with car accidents when they cross diagonally the roads then the regional district will have to pay a reclamation by the widow or family of the deceased by deer a very huge amount..then they will move???money pain usually made the human and move and act???thanks to keep me informed...and to support my sarcasme..a good intentionned citizen of victoria..

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**From:** Jennifer Sutton [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 10:10 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

This seems to be going around in circles and in the meantime rutting season is coming soon!

Jennifer Sutton

Ph/fax: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Terry Vatr [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 7:00 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

The effectiveness of the Deer Management Strategy committee is disappointing. Basically, we still have a deer problem--affecting our food sources!!!--and no solutions. (Suggesting higher fences is NOT a solution....and, frankly, I don't remember the other 'solutions.')

This is a political hot potato; too bad there isn't some solid leadership on controlling these pests. We live on a beautiful islandy that is being overrun by deer, raccoons, and rats. Could someone please do something about this problem?

Terry Vatr  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Deer Management <[deermanagement@crd.bc.ca](mailto:deermanagement@crd.bc.ca)>  
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**Sent:** Friday, December 7, 2012 4:32:20 PM  
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**From:** DAVID WATERHOUSE [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 5:29 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

I won't live long enough.

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**From:** Allen Jensen [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 5:26 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

You've got to be kidding!  
After all this time NOTHING has been resolved!  
Nice. Eat the damn things!  
People in Africa are starving!!!!

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**From:** Anna and Angus Petrie [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 5:20 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

This whole process is a farce - it is going around and around, accomplishing nothing while farmers are losing their livelihood and homeowners are losing the use of their gardens - devastated by deer and polluted with their droppings.

Anna Petrie

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**From:** Val Bruce [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2012 5:06 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Re: CRD Regional Deer Management Strategy Update December 7, 2012

**Too much time is passing by, too many meetings are being held with no final results or definitive action plan and too little is being done to protect our safety and property--VERY frustrating..farmers are desperate for help and our local produce and food sources are being threatened--am NOT impressed by all the endless bureaucracy and lack of responsibility being taken by all concerned especially the CRD...NOT okay in my mind. What a waste of time and money--again!!!!**

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**From:** Roberta & Dennis [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2012 3:51 PM  
**To:** Deer Management; 'Mayor Nils Jensen'  
**Cc:** 'Kevin Murdoch'  
**Subject:** Urban Deer

“Deer” Members of the CRD and Oak Bay Council:

Here is an interesting article from a well known, professional firm. The CRD and all municipalities should take note with some urgency. Political waffling is allowing our deer population to expand at an ever increasing rate. Property damage is increasing as are vehicular accidents and the generally unreported personal traumas. Perhaps it is time that residents considered suing governments at various levels for failure to provide the protection to life and property that tax payers should rightly expect and in fact, deserve.

(The article’s text is in black, comments have been inserted in blue, headed by “DM”.)

Dennis McCarthy  
Oak Bay  
[REDACTED]

# *Pest Alert -*

## Reducing Deer Damage in Landscapes

By Dr. Donald C. Booth *As many homeowners know well, deer can quickly decimate landscapes.*

In recent years, deer populations in North America have increased to numbers unsupportable by wildlife habitats alone. The white-tailed deer population has increased from about 500,000 in the early 1900s to 30 million today. In the absence of native predators like the gray wolf and cougar, hunting acts as the primary factor to limit deer populations. Suburban housing developments, built in formerly forested and fielded areas, provide ideal edge and winter feeding grounds for deer. (DM: Oak Bay is far from being a “suburban housing development – yet Uplands Golf Club members speak of seeing upwards of 20 deer being visible from one location. We have seen a herd of eight (8) in our block.)

**Damage to Forests:** The overpopulation of deer is changing forest plant communities. Intense browsing of young trees can cause complete elimination of the native species, resulting in long-term changes in forests. For example, red oak seedling densities have dropped precipitously as browsing pressure has increased, indicating that oak regeneration is strongly limited by deer. (DM: This may or may not be true for Gary Oaks, yet, but is anyone noticing? Naturalised crocus and native wild flowers such as “erithronium oregonum” – sometimes called fawn or Easter lilies in the hundreds are being devoured in our garden each year and may stop reproducing soon.)

**Deer and Lyme Disease:** High deer populations are a key to the spread of Lyme disease. Experts at the University of Rhode Island have estimated that each deer is responsible for introducing 450,000 larval ticks per year into its territory. (DM: Lyme disease is not easy to diagnose and may not be treated in time by the proper drugs. It can masquerade as several other ailments – any one of which can be life-altering.)



**Reducing Deer Damage:** One deer eats about six pounds of vegetation daily, so it does not take many to decimate a landscape. For people managing landscapes in areas with many deer, there are several possible approaches to reducing damage:

**Fencing-** Where it is practical, fencing is the most effective method of reducing deer damage. Fences need to be at least 8 feet tall, but deer are also amazingly adept at going under fences rather than jumping over them. (DM: When is the last time Oak Bay approved a fence 8' high – especially in a front yard? To keep deer out. 8' fences and gates would be needed – our property would need about 600 linear feet. That is definitely cost-prohibitive – and what would become of Oak Bay's streetscapes if this was to become a fenced/walled community?)

**Deer Resistant Plants-** Lists of deer resistant plants are widely available. For example, boxwoods and pears are often used in landscapes because deer will rarely eat them. (DM: "Deer resistant" is no more than that. Few if any plants definitely deer-immune – especially when they are hungry and/or young.)

**Repellents-** Research at the Bartlett Tree Research Laboratories in Charlotte, NC has determined that there are several highly effective repellents on the market today. We have found that one application of our winter repellent can protect a plant for the entire winter. The one drawback of repellents is the difficulty of protecting plants against starving deer during severe winters. Another challenge for repellents is protecting plants in the summer, when buds, flowers and fruit are being rapidly produced. (DM: Other serious limitations here are the rain and in summer, sprinklers – not to mention cost.)

## Corey Burger

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**From:** Colleen Grisham [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2012 7:43 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

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**Your Name:**  
Colleen Grisham

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
Deer management necessary

**Message:**  
Good morning,

I am writing this email to urge the CRD to enact an urban deer management plan immediately to cut down the population of deer.

I have two very personal reasons for this.

First, I ride my bike to work every day very early in the morning. I ride past the Ross Bay Cemetery and through James Bay. In the last month, a cougar has been spotted several times in these areas. I think he is here because the deer are plentiful and well-fed. But do I also think this cougar might enjoy a tasty bicyclist snack? Possibly. Though it is actually more likely he will eat a dog or small child.

This is a new worry - but many mornings I have also dodged deer in the road. And one time a deer in Ross Bay Cemetery would not let me pass. So it's not just the cougars that are a danger.

Second, there were two news stories that caught my eye today. The first was on the cover of the Times Colonist. Galey Farms is being put out of business because there is a lack of coordinated effort to control pests (deer and geese). If this farm is shut down, a valuable resource will be gone forever from this island. Never mind that it's difficult to find locally grown food already.

What a tragedy that this business is being allowed to die out.

The second story was on CBC Newsworld - food prices are expected to go up again next year. As a community, we could combat higher food prices by ensuring our farmers thrive. But this does not seem to be a priority for the CRD.

You need to take action. Waiting is only making the situation worse. We are losing valuable businesses and access to food. We are inviting predators into our neighbourhoods.

Manage the deer population. They don't all need to be killed. But the population does need an immediate reduction.

Colleen Grisham

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**From:** Edward Pickard [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 01, 2012 11:01 AM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

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**Your Name:**  
Edward Pickard

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
deer problem

**Message:**

I've had fruit and vegetable gardens since 1970 and moved from Fairfield to Cadboro Bay in 2001. Since 2001, when no deer-fencing was required, the extent of damage to my gardens has increased to the point where all my fruit trees, raspberry canes and vegetables have to be strongly fenced, if I hope to get any produce - of course, this interferes greatly with both tending the gardens and cutting the grass within and along the fencing. As well, the deer are becoming adept at breaking down the fencing.

By the way, I disagree with Murray Fyfe of the Vancouver Island Health Authority, when he contends that the deer pose no threat of transmitting Lyme disease. About 4 years ago, I contracted Lyme disease from a tick bite on Mt. Douglas at the north end of Shelbourne St. Fortunately, the tick left a tell-tale bulls-eye rash around the bite, and I was able to counteract the disease with antibiotics - disease-carrying ticks do not always leave such a bite rash.

I vote for a deer cull.

Ed Pickard

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## Corey Burger

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**From:** Melody [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 30, 2012 11:03 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** Deer in Oak Bay

You need to do something about the deer. I see them daily in Oak Bay and Fairfield including by the schools (Margaret Jenkins and Monterey). Frequently (about 2-3times a month) I have to brake hard or evade a deer in the road. I moved here 12 years ago and didn't see one until about 6 years ago. Soon they will be mating and will present a danger to the public, especially with children around. This is getting out of hand and there needs to be some action before someone is seriously injured or killed.

Sent from my iPad

**Corey Burger**

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**From:** Deborah Campbell [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 28, 2012 7:07 PM  
**To:** Deer Management  
**Subject:** (CRD Website Submission)

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**Your Name:**  
Deborah Campbell

**Your E-mail Address:**  
[REDACTED]

**Subject:**  
Deer Management

**Message:**  
I support the CRD in a deer cull to manage the deer population.

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