

Submission on Deer Management Policy Vision,  
Forest Service,  
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,  
Johnstown Castle Estate,  
Wexford.

28 November 2011

Re: Submission on Deer Management Policy Vision / expression of interest at participating in a Policy  
Development Partnership

To whom it may concern,

In response to your recent call for submissions regarding the Draft Deer Management Policy Vision. As Coillte was represented on the Inter-Agency Deer Policy Group responsible for drafting the aforementioned policy, we are satisfied that this document fundamentally reflects Coillte's own policies, procedures and strategies with regard to the management of wild deer.

Coillte currently owns and manages over 440,000 hectares of forestry making it the largest landowner in the country. Wild deer are present on over 60% of these lands. For many years, Coillte have been at the forefront of developing and implementing policies, procedures and initiatives for the management of deer on its estate. Coillte are fully supportive of a planned, coordinated and collaborative approach to deer management at National level, and consider themselves as a key element towards attaining this goal. As such a principle stakeholder Coillte, expect to be fully engaged as part of any future Policy Development Partnership.

We look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry Coad", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Barry Coad  
Deer and Game Manager