

THE IRISH DEER SOCIETY

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Forest Service,
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine,
Johnstown Castle,
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Re: Draft Policy Vision for Deer Management in Ireland.

Dear Sirs,

The Irish Deer Society welcome the draft policy vision for Deer management in Ireland and enclose (see attached) our submissions as requested.

The Irish Deer Society (IDS) is the foremost Deer organisation with the interest of Deer and their management in Ireland. The IDS was formed in 1968 and was active between 1968 and 1976 in the development of the Wildlife Act 1976. From 1976 and to date we have been active in the running of Deer Management and Hunting competency courses and have continued this work to date as an active member of the Deer Alliance HCAP.

The IDS is very interested in the development of a policy for deer management in Ireland and to this end we initiated and sponsored a very successful National Wild Deer Conference at the Hodson Bay Hotel, Athlone on Saturday 2nd April 2011, which brought together representation from all interest groups including the Forest Service.

We look forward to this submission to be taken into account and to be involved in further developments on this policy.

Yours faithfully,

Vincent Coffey

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