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I was playing devils advocate. However, that is exactly why hunting season, rifle doe anyway, is done shortly after the rut. While we sometimes do have some winter kill from starvation, it's really not all that prominent in PA. More of the winter kill is actually predation.

The does are pregnant and last year's young have typically moved on, hence from a population perspective, 3 deer with 1 shot without orphaning fawns. Deer is a little unique in that management is typically about intentionally reducing the population well below the biologic carrying capacity (at least below the short term carrying capacity of our modified forests). There are a lot of interested parties which advocate for lower deer pops. Farmers, timber, auto insurance, homeowners, etc.

I do consider fishing a bloodsport. In America, our view of conservation is generally not concerned about individual animals and their plight, but more about populations. I'm a product of this and do take the majority view here. But also recognize that not everyone takes that view, and it is not the majority view in many other places.