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Topic: : Fall, fishing or hunting?

Re: Fall, fishing or hunting?

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Quote:

wildtrout2 wrote:

Mountainbrookie, if you kill a doe from about late Oct on, odds are VERY GOOD that you actually killed 3 deer, and possibly 4 as a doe will sometimes have 3 fawns. This should be taken into consideration. I don't know where you get your information from.

That is certainly a possibility but it doesn't amount to an on average killing of three deer. It's actually an antlerless deer season and a large percentage of the harvest is made up of fawns of the year, button bucks and does, which will not have fawns inside of them. Add to that younger 1.5 year old does typically have only one fawn the following year.

The Pennsylvania rifle season for deer occurs when it does for varying reasons. None of which are to make sure does are pregnant before they are killed. As I stated before, it doesn't matter when you kill a doe in the fall, she's not going to have fawns the following spring. There is no maximum effect or design to get does pregnant before you shoot them. It makes no sense whatsoever.

Let's take into account that there are close to 1 million deer hunters in the woods with high powered rifles on opening day of gun season, from a safety stand point it's much safer to do when all the foliage is off of the trees and undergrowth. There's one reason.

For many years deer in this state were managed for hunter satisfaction, with little regard to habitat. Part of that hunter satisfaction aspect was having a large population of deer which also meant leaving them relatively undisturbed during the rut to ensure 'success' if you will. Having deer season after the rut is actually for the opposite reasons that Pcray is stating. There's another reason.

Traditionally October and November have been small game hunting seasons and back in the day it was quite a big deal. Having rifle deer hunters in the woods and fields at the same time isn't a good idea for many reasons. Add another reason.

Gun season in this state is when it is in this day and age based on tradition and safety. That's about it. There is no grand design behind it, at least not the one being proposed on this forum.

If you want to come on a message board and make claims in a "this is a fact" kind of way at least have some

knowledge of what you're talking about. BTW I get my information from very reliable sources.

Now before we start talking about livestock trailers full of coyotes and mountain lions with PGC ear tags I'm going to leave it at that.