Summary of Results from Workshop #3

Below are the results of individual and small-group activities in which participants discussed strategies for achieving their fundamental objectives and provided initial preferences. These statements and preferences are only meant to be preliminary as all of these strategies require further elaboration, analysis and discussion.

Preferences are based on rankings provided (anonymously) by 19 stakeholder representatives & small groups attending Workshop #3

"Strong support" = Received mostly 1st or 2nd place votes
"Moderate support" = Received mostly positive (1st thru 4th place) votes
"Some support" = Received at least 4 positive votes
"Minority opposing" = at least two stakeholders in opposition or “least favorite votes”

1. Strategies for Minimizing Hunter and Landowner Dissatisfaction (Toolbox Exercise Results)
   - **Unanimous strong support** for establishing DMUs
     - Likes: Appreciates habitat boundaries as opposed to political boundaries; Allows for micro-managing deer populations
   - **Majority strong support** for pursuing a DMAP, with minority opposing
     - Likes: Allows for micro-managing deer populations; Fosters better relations with landowners; Better response to unique circumstances
     - Dislikes: Could be abused; Requires staff and increased record-keeping
   - **Moderate support** for requiring Outfitter Licenses
     - Likes: Generates revenue; Improves accountability
   - **Moderate support** for enacting Antlerless Allocations with minority opposing
     - Likes: Data-driven; Flexible: More precise management
     - Dislikes: Confusion about implementation; Concerns about getting permit for desired location
   - **Some support** for Landowner Permits with minority opposing
     - Likes: Better accountability for considerable portion of harvest
     - Dislikes: Likely strong resistance from landowners to implementation; Restrictions on property rights
   - **Majority opposition** to “Earn a buck” programs

2. Strategies for Improving Communication
   - **Strong support** for developing an advisory committee composed of diverse stakeholders that meets (at least) once annually with Division personnel
   - **Strong support** for Division personnel attending and collecting data at Sportsperson Banquets and Shows
     - Examples include: LOOS, IX Center, Deer & Turkey Exp, Farm Science Review, State Fair, NE Ohio Sportshow, OBA Banquet, Ohio Farm Bureau

3. Strategies for Preserving Tradition
   - **Moderate support** for incorporating deer hunting, along with fishing, trapping, archery and trap shooting, into K-12 education and varsity sports
   - **Some support** for Division staff targeting social media efforts at youth and small game hunting

4. Strategies for Maintaining a Healthy Deer Population
   - How the above strategies and additional strategies can maintain (or improve) the health of deer will be examined during Workshop #4