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Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club Statement on 49-Point, 312-Inch Potential State Record Buck

Wisconsin — In early February 2025, a hunter approached an official measurer with the Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club (WBBC) requesting a score on a remarkable buck he claimed to have harvested with a muzzleloader in December 2024. The initial report described a massive 49-point rack measuring an astonishing 312 inches—potentially a new state record.

In accordance with WBBC protocol, the scoring process was initiated. On March 28–29, 2025, a panel of experienced WBBC measurers convened to conduct an official evaluation during the Club’s Dells Show. While the antlers measured to the extraordinary specifications reported, the panel immediately observed several concerning red flags. These included the unusually bright white coloration of the rack, the lack of any broken or chipped tines, and—most significantly—the absence of field photographs documenting the harvest.

Despite these concerns, the hunter submitted all required documentation, including a signed Fair Chase affidavit affirming that the deer had been taken legally and ethically in the wild.

In April 2025, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) formally notified the WBBC that the buck was believed to have died several years earlier of natural causes on a deer farm. Furthermore, the WDNR indicated that legal charges would be filed against the hunter for allegedly falsifying the deer’s harvest registration.

In June 2025, the **Milwaukee Journal Sentinel** reported that the hunter had entered a “**no contest**” plea in court, admitting to attempting to falsely register a purchased pen-raised deer as a fair chase kill.

As a result, the entry—previously under review—**will be formally rejected**.

The Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club holds the highest standards of ethical hunting and record-keeping. In accordance with Club bylaws:

- This entry will not be accepted into the official record book.
- All previous entries submitted by this individual will be removed.
- The WBBC is currently evaluating legal options in response to this incident.

The integrity of our records and the traditions of ethical, fair chase hunting remain paramount to the Wisconsin Buck & Bear Club. We are committed to preserving these values for current and future generations of hunters.