

## **June 2011, First Meeting of the Dangerous Wild Animal Work Group**

Assistant Director Scott Zody provided a welcome and introductions were made. Mr. Zody provided an overview of why selected representatives were at the table.

### **1) History & Current Regulations Overview by Division of Wildlife representative:**

- ✓ Executive Order 2010-17S and corresponding 1501:31-19-05 Dangerous Wild Animals Language.
- ✓ Review of Memorandum of Understanding implemented by former governor Ted Strickland between the Ohio farm and animal agriculture organizations the Humane Society of the United States.
- ✓ March 6, 2011 EO 2010-17S expires. ODNR begins process to establish a stakeholder group to address issues with dangerous animals.
- ✓ Current state regulations

### **2) Timeline established for accomplishing work group's goals.**

### **3) Review of what members hoped accomplish through the meetings included:**

- Regulations specific to public health and safety
- Process that does not negatively impact sportsmen and the programs they support through the purchase of licenses and permits.
- Protection of livestock/animal care licensing
- Identifying what species are regulated, i.e. native vs non-native
- Public safety and animal safety
- Local law enforcement receives clear lines of responsibilities

The work group also focused discussions on developing a definition of what constitutes a "dangerous wild animal."

The meeting wrapped up with a list of tasks and miscellaneous action items. Each representative participated in the discussions; everyone felt that the meeting appeared to be successful.

The next work group meeting is scheduled for July 22.