

Kennebecasis Valley Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program

2023 FACT SHEET

- What?** The Nuisance Deer Management Assistance Program (NDMAP) will allow landowners within the Kennebecasis Valley area to receive special permits authorizing hunters to harvest antlerless deer on their property. The permits are issued to hunters chosen by the landowner to harvest deer on their property. Permits will be provided to harvest only antlerless deer, as removal of those deer will have the greatest effect on controlling local populations. The number of available permits will be determined by the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development (DNRED) on a case-by-case basis.
- When?** NDMAPs will be valid for use by hunters only during the legal deer hunting season (October 2 – November 19, 2023). **Application dates are September 1 to October 31, 2023.**
- Why?** Deer numbers have increased in the Kennebecasis Valley area since the mid-2000's and have become a significant nuisance to the local communities. DNRED is working cooperatively with the Towns of Rothesay, Quispamsis, Hampton and local communities to lower the deer numbers in a manner that is safe, effective and acceptable to most residents. Allowing hunters to harvest extra deer from this area is an efficient approach to address the issue while allowing public benefit of the resource.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A NUISANCE DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PERMIT:

- STEP 1** **Contact your local Town Office to express your interest in obtaining a NDMAP permit** - Property Identification Numbers (PIDs) are required to apply, and will be submitted to DNRED for assessment.
- STEP 2** **Site Assessment** – Properties, or combined properties, greater than 1 acre with potential for NDMAP permits may receive a site visit by DNRED staff to assess for any potential safety concerns and the number of permits to be issued. Hunting will NOT be allowed within 100 meters of neighboring houses. Discharge distances for archery may be reduced from the landowners dwelling, with the landowner's permission. Multiple adjacent landowners may apply together to form a combined huntable landbase.
- STEP 3** **Approval** – Qualifying landowners will receive notification from DNRED of the number of permits that will be issued for their property (PID) and any restrictions that may be applied.
- STEP 4** **Selection of Hunters** – Most landowners desire some control over who accesses their property. It will be the responsibility of the landowner to select hunters to hunt deer on their property under a NDMAP permit. Landowners must provide each hunter's name, address and 2023 deer hunting license number to the Hampton DNRED office (832-6055) to apply for NDMAPs. Once processed, eligible hunters can pick up their permit at the Hampton DNRED office (Mon-Fri, 8:15 am-4:30 pm, CLOSED 12:00-1:00 Daily).

NOTE:

- a. Only hunters holding a current deer hunting license are eligible;
- b. One **antlerless** deer may be harvested under a NDMAP permit;
- c. Up to two (2) NDMAP permits may be issued to each hunter per year;
- d. The NDMAP permit is in addition to the normal one-deer bag limit;
- e. Archery hunting may be preferred in most cases;
- f. Hunters must register the harvested deer at the Hampton DNRED office (832-6055)
- g. Hunters willing to participate may register their name at town halls. Landowners seeking hunters will be provided this list at their request.

Application ends on October 31, 2023. Processing times for applications could take up to 3 weeks, but may vary depending on volume.