



# New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife

## Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Regulations for Participants

DMAP allows for improved *localized* deer management in problem areas within a Deer Management Zone when it may not be practical or appropriate to change the overall Zone harvest strategy.

In some problem areas, a lower bag limit may be the limiting factor to successful deer management. Some example of properties which may benefit from DMAP are farms experiencing crop damage and which are surrounded by less productive habitat that mandates conservative season bag limits, forested lands which are undergoing habitat restoration, or corporate parks and suburban communities which were formally deer refuges and now require more liberal bag limits to expedite deer management goals. This program is designed for those areas.

DMAP can help improve crop yields, forest health, native plant regeneration and diversity while reducing negative impacts of overabundant deer responsible for environmental damage, agricultural and property damage, and deer vehicle collisions. DMAP assists landowners by enabling them to remove additional antlerless deer during the existing deer hunting seasons.

DMAP is valid **ONLY** in Deer Management Zones in Regulation Sets 0, 1, 2, and 3 (Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, 55, and 65 **ONLY**) where antlerless bag limits are restricted.

DMAP may also be an alternative for municipalities to remove additional antlerless deer without having to apply for a Community Based Deer Management Program permit. DMAP permits are **NOT** intended solely to increase recreational opportunity –DMAP is a tool to better manage deer on problem properties.

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Acceptance into DMAP and issuance of DMAP permits is subject to the evaluation by the Regional Deer Biologist of herd status and landowner objectives on the property, as well as the determination that an adequate number of antlerless deer cannot be removed during the established deer hunting season structure of that zone.

Each landowner or group of landowners must designate one person (the Applicant) with authority to represent all parties with a controlling interest in hunting activities on the land(s) in the program to serve as the contact with the Division. The Regional Deer Biologist will be the Division's contact with the Applicant. Applicants are required to meet with their Regional Deer Biologist in order to conduct a site inspection of the DMAP property.

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### APPLICANT REGULATIONS

1. Applicants enrolling properties must own or control *exclusive* hunting rights on the property.
2. In order to participate in DMAP, an application must be postmarked no later than October 1. *All requested information must be included.* An incomplete application will **NOT** be processed.

3. Applicants should be able to provide information on the number and gender of deer harvested from the property for the past three years, or be able to provide the Division with CIDs of hunters who have harvested deer on the property for the past three years.
  4. Applicants shall collect data on ALL deer harvested on the property (antlered and antlerless), and submit deer harvest and biological data (weights, jawbone or tooth, date of kill, etc.) on a DMAP Harvest Report Form, as supplied by the Division, and labeled jawbones or teeth to the Regional Deer Biologist within 15 days of the close of the season.
  5. The application must be accompanied by a 8 ½" x 11" or larger, map(s) of the property to be included in the program that is of sufficient detail to allow the property's location and exact boundaries to be readily determined. The map scale should be indicated. All property boundaries should be clearly marked. If more than one property or tract is involved, delineate the boundaries of each property or tract separately and identify each on the map. The contiguous properties delineated on the map should match the list of properties on the DMAP application.
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#### HUNTER REGULATIONS

1. Hunters must fill their antlerless regular season permit bag limit on the designated property before using the DMAP permit.
  2. Hunters must check in all deer harvested with their DMAP permit at a deer checking station. All checking regulations apply to the DMAP program.
  3. Hunters must purchase their DMAP permit(s) directly from the Regional Deer Biologist, using a check or money order for the exact amount, made payable to the NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife. Permits are \$28 for adults and \$12 for youths. Farmers and their immediate families may receive one free DMAP permit.
  4. DMAP permits are valid for the taking of two antlerless deer only. Under no circumstance may an antlered deer be taken on a DMAP permit.
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