



Beaver Island Conservation Club

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From: Gavin West, President – Beaver Island Conservation Club
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Subj: ISLAND WIDE SPORTSMAN ENDORSEMENT OF QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT

Atch: (1) Beaver Island Quality Deer Management Comprehensive Plan and Appendixes

- 1) The Beaver Island Conservation Club (BICC) and Beaver Island Wildlife Club (BIWC) support the introduction of Quality Deer Management Regulations within DMU 115 (Beaver Island).
- 2) The BICC and BIWC submit the attached plan for inclusion into the Michigan Department of Natural Resources & Environment 2011 Deer Regulations.
- 3) Regulatory changes for 2011 Deer Season are highlighted below. More specific plan details can be found in the enclosed hard copy or may be downloaded from our website at: www.beaverislandconservation.org
 - a. 1 Antlered Deer Maximum per hunter / per year
 - b. 3 pt minimum on one side (6 pt rule)
 - c. Youth hunt antler point restriction waiver
- 4) Other management goals shall include the below. More specific details can be found in the plan.
 - a. A Buck to Doe ratio of no worse than 1:2
 - b. Natural age distribution within the buck population
 - c. Adequate forest regeneration to support deer population
 - d. Adequate harvest of female deer to ensure proper population ratios
 - e. Deer population to be maintained at 50-70% of carrying capacity. (Approx 450-550 animals in Calendar year 2011)
 - f. Adequate DNRE funding and management to support forestry and enforcement efforts in support of Beaver Island.
- 5) The BICC / BIWC and Michigan DNRE will meet annual to discuss and set management goals for the subsequent Deer Season.
- 6) This plan will remain in effect for 5 years and will be reevaluated for extension, revocation, or significant alteration at the conclusion of the 2015 Deer Season.



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- 7) We look forward to working with the DNRE on implementing this plan over the next 12 months. Please contact Don Tritsch from the Beaver Island Wildlife Club or Todd Ireland of the Beaver Island Conservation Club for additional information on this program.

Sincerely,

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