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RESUBMITTED: May 16, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

Subject: Deer Regulations - Statewide Antlerless License Availability
Wildlife Conservation Order Amendment No. 9 of 2011

Authority:

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director and the Commission to issue orders to manage wild animals in this state.

Discussion and Background:

This amendment establishes the open/closed status for antlerless deer license availability for each Deer Management Unit (DMU). The DMU is the regulatory unit for issuing antlerless deer licenses. The availability status of public land antlerless deer licenses and private land antlerless deer licenses must be determined prior to establishing the antlerless deer license quotas. The status of each DMU for both public land and private land antlerless deer licenses will be published in the 2011 Antlerless Deer Hunting Digest. This provides hunters with the information needed to make decisions regarding antlerless deer hunting opportunities. Antlerless deer license quotas recommendations will be presented to the Natural Resources Commission at the June meeting.

There are 66 DMUs recommended to be open for public land antlerless deer licenses, all but one of which (North Manitou Island, which is DMU 145) would also be open for private land licenses. There are 81 DMUs plus the two multi-county units in the Lower Peninsula (DMU 486 and 487) recommended to be open for private land licenses.

Within the Upper Peninsula, deer populations continue to slowly increase following a second mild winter in a row, but numbers in many areas appear to remain below desired levels. Two DMUs that were closed to all antlerless licenses last year are recommended to be open for private land this year, including 152 (Gwinn) and 252 (Rock). Deer Management Unit 117 (Drummond Island), which was open for public and private land antlerless licenses last year, is recommended to be closed to all antlerless licenses this year. Within the Northern Lower Peninsula, the only recommended change is to open DMU 069 (Otsego County) to private land antlerless licenses this year.

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Recommendation:

This order was submitted for information on May 12, 2011 at the Natural Resources Commission Meeting. This item appeared on the Department's April 2011, calendar and may be eligible for approval on June 9, 2011.

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I have analyzed and discussed these recommendations with staff and concur as to matters over which the Director has authority.

Rodney A. Stokes, Director

Date

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ORDER

Amendment No. 9 of 2011

By authority conferred on the Natural Resources Commission and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources sections 40107 and 40113a of 1994 PA 451, MCL 324.40107 and 324.40113a, it is ordered that effective June 10, 2011, the following section(s) of the Wildlife Conservation Order shall read as follows:

3.105a Deer management units open to antlerless license quotas.

Sec. 3.105a (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section the status of each deer management unit for antlerless deer licenses shall be as follows:

DMU Number	DMU Name	Private Land License	Public Land License
001	Alcona County	Open	Open
003	Allegan County	Open	Open
004	Alpena County	Open	Open
005	Antrim County	Open	Closed
006	Arenac County	Open	Open
007	Big Bay Unit	Closed	Closed
008	Barry County	Open	Open
009	Bay County	Open	Open
010	Benzie County	Open	Closed
011	Berrien County	Open	Open
012	Branch County	Open	Open
013	Calhoun County	Open	Open
014	Cass County	Open	Open
015	Charlevoix County	Open	Closed
016	Cheboygan County	Closed	Closed
017	Sault Ste. Marie Unit	Closed	Closed
018	Clare County	Open	Open
019	Clinton County	Open	Open
020	Crawford County	Open	Open
021	Manistique Unit	Closed	Closed
022	Crystal Falls Unit	Open	Open
023	Eaton County	Open	Open
024	Emmet County	Open	Closed

025	Genesee County	Open	Closed
026	Gladwin County	Open	Open
027	Watersmeet Unit	Closed	Closed
028	Grand Traverse County	Open	Closed
029	Gratiot County	Open	Open
030	Hillsdale County	Open	Open
031	Nissula Unit	Closed	Closed
032	Huron County	Open	Open
033	Ingham County	Open	Open
034	Ionia County	Open	Open
035	Iosco County	Open	Open
036	Amasa/Michigamme Unit	Closed	Closed
037	Isabella County	Open	Open
038	Jackson County	Open	Open
039	Kalamazoo County	Open	Open
040	Kalkaska County	Closed	Closed
041	Kent County	Open	Open
042	Keweenaw Unit	Closed	Closed
043	Lake County	Open	Closed
044	Lapeer County	Open	Open
045	Leelanau County	Open	Closed
046	Lenawee County	Open	Open
047	Livingston County	Open	Open
048	Newberry Unit	Closed	Closed
050	Macomb County	Open	Open
051	Manistee County	Open	Closed
053	Mason County	Open	Closed
054	Mecosta County	Open	Open
055	Menominee Unit	Open	Open
056	Midland County	Open	Open
057	Missaukee County	Open	Closed
058	Monroe County	Open	Open
059	Montcalm County	Open	Open
060	Montmorency County	Open	Open

061	Muskegon County	Open	Open
063	Oakland County	Open	Open
064	Oceana County	Open	Open
065	Ogemaw County	Open	Open
066	Ontonagon County	Closed	Closed
067	Osceola County	Open	Closed
068	Oscoda County	Open	Open
069	Otsego County	Open	Closed
070	Ottawa County	Open	Open
071	Presque Isle County	Open	Open
072	Roscommon County	Open	Open
073	Saginaw County	Open	Open
074	St. Clair County	Open	Open
075	St. Joseph County	Open	Open
076	Sanilac County	Open	Open
078	Shiawassee County	Open	Open
079	Tuscola County	Open	Open
080	Van Buren County	Open	Open
081	Washtenaw County	Open	Open
082	Wayne County	Open	Open
083	Wexford County	Open	Closed
115	Beaver Island	Open	Open
117	Drummond Island	Closed	Closed
121	Bay De Noc	Closed	Closed
122	Norway Unit	Open	Open
127	Ironwood Unit	Closed	Closed
131	Twin Lakes unit	Closed	Closed
135	Tawas Unit	Open	Open
145	North Manitou Island	Closed	Open
149	Round/Bois Blanc Island	Closed	Closed
152	Gwinn Unit	Open	Closed
155	Gladstone Unit	Open	Open
162	South Newaygo Unit	Open	Open
173	Shiawassee Flats	Open	Open
174	St. Clair Flats	Open	Open

245	South Fox Island	Open	Open
249	Trout Lake Unit	Closed	Closed
252	Rock Unit	Open	Closed
255	LaBranche Unit	Open	Open
262	North Newaygo Unit	Open	Closed
273	Shiawassee Unit	Open	Open
349	Engadine Unit	Closed	Closed
452	Core Area	Open	Open
486	SLP Multi-County Unit	Open	Closed
487	NLP Multi-County Unit	Open	Closed

Issued on this 9th day of June, 2011.

Approved as to matters over which the Natural Resources Commission has authority.

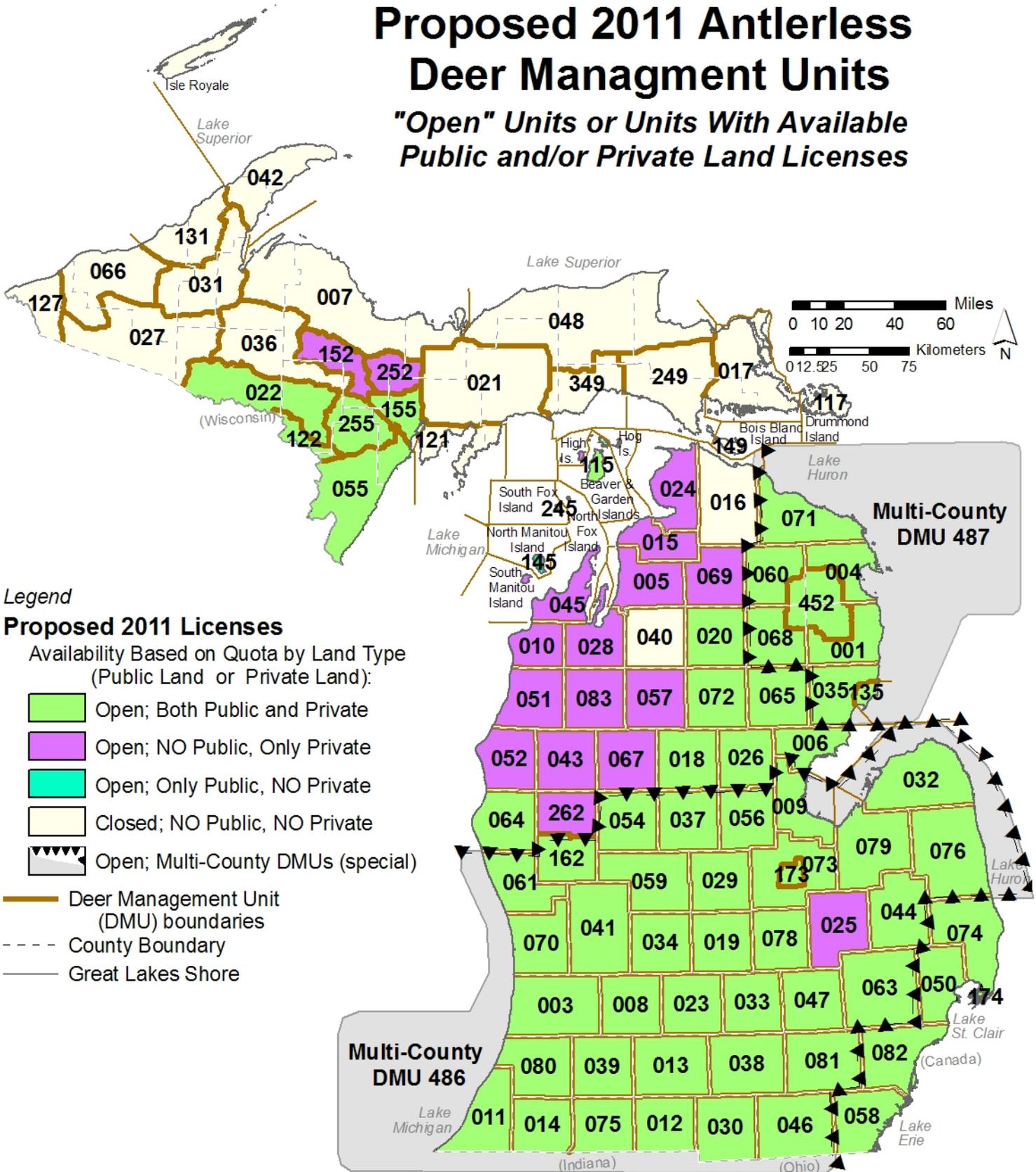
Timothy L. Nichols, Chairman
Natural Resources Commission

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Rodney A. Stokes
Director

Proposed 2011 Antlerless Deer Management Units

"Open" Units or Units With Available Public and/or Private Land Licenses



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Proposed 2011 Licenses

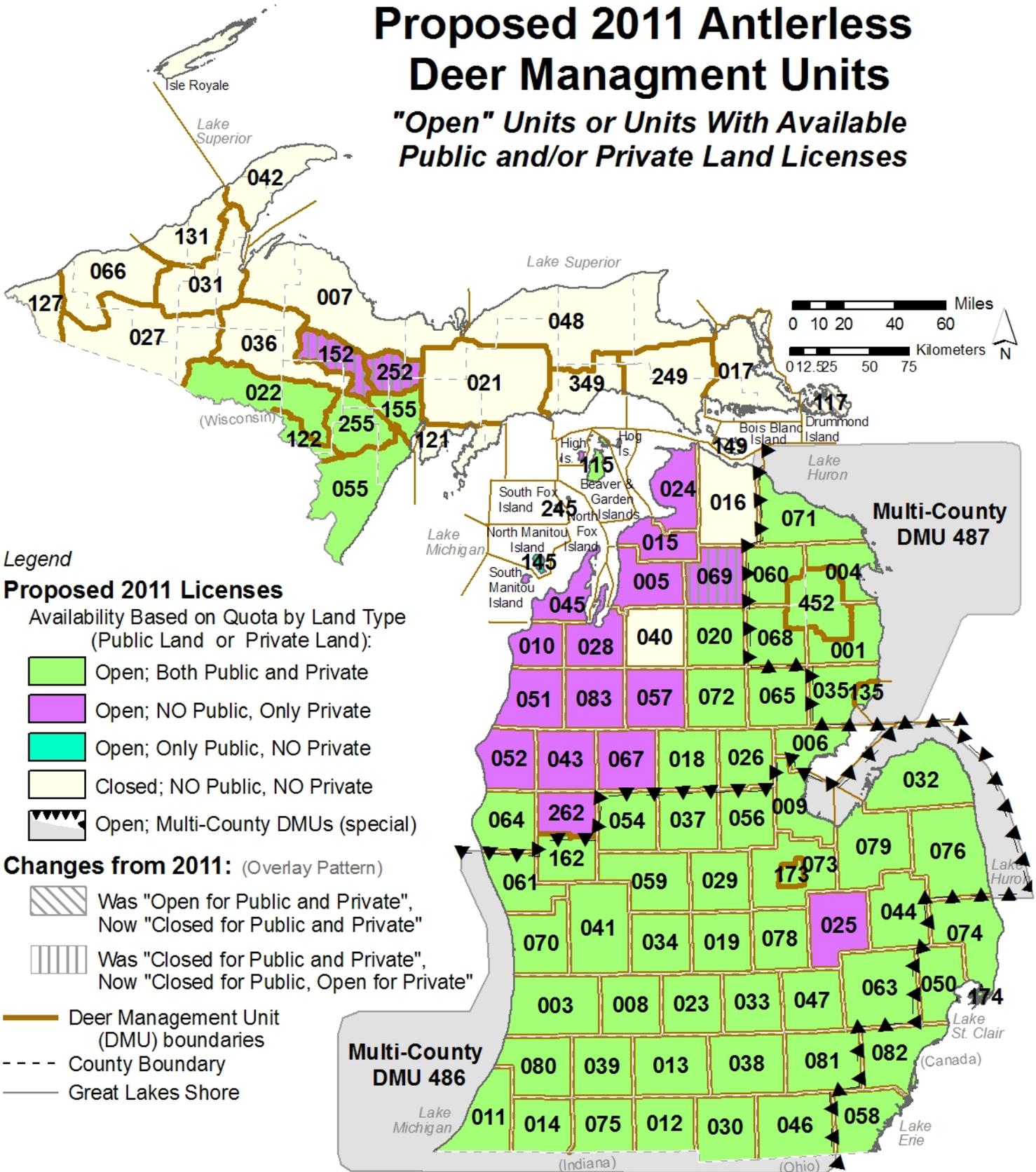
Availability Based on Quota by Land Type (Public Land or Private Land):

- Open; Both Public and Private
- Open; NO Public, Only Private
- Open; Only Public, NO Private
- Closed; NO Public, NO Private
- Open; Multi-County DMUs (special)

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- County Boundary
- Great Lakes Shore

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Changes from 2011: (Overlay Pattern)

- Was "Open for Public and Private",
Now "Closed for Public and Private"
- Was "Closed for Public and Private",
Now "Closed for Public, Open for Private"

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