

Natural Resources Commission Meeting

NRC Policy Committee on
Wildlife and Fisheries

January 9, 2020

Proposed Orders

- For Information – NRC
 - Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Waters (Fisheries Order 206.20A)

NRC Policy Committee on Wildlife and Fisheries

- Fisheries Chief Update
- Wildlife Chief Update
 - Elk Season Results

Department of Natural Resources

Fisheries Division

Chief's Update

Jim Dexter

January 9, 2020

Fisheries Orders

For Information Only

- 206: Special Fishing Regulations for Warmwater Species on Select Lakes

Fisheries Orders 206

For Information Only

- Protect high-quality bluegill population in Walled Lake – Pigeon River Country
- Recommendation:
 - Zero daily possession limit
 - Artificial lures only
 - Last Saturday in April through Sept. 30th
 - Effective Immediately
- Supported by PRC Advisory Council



Thank You!

Wildlife Chief Update

Dan Kennedy

Wildlife Chief Update

- Pure Michigan Hunt Statistics
 - Sales and applicant numbers are similar to previous years
 - 54,709 applications
 - 18,385 applicants
 - Sales in 2019 were +29% over the 5-year average
 - Revealing 2020 winners live on Facebook Friday, January 24th
 - Winners will be awarded at the March NRC Meeting

2020 Proposed Orders Schedule

- February
 - For Information
 - 2020 – 2021 Furbearer Regulations
 - Use of Electronic Trap Monitors for Nuisance Animal Control Businesses
 - For Action
 - Fisheries Order 206
- March
 - For Information
 - 2020 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons
 - 2020 – 2021 Elk Regulations
 - Fisheries Order 200
 - For Action
 - 2020 – 2021 Furbearer Regulations
 - Use of Electronic Trap Monitors for Nuisance Animal Control Businesses

2020 Proposed Orders Schedule

- April
 - For Information
 - N/A
 - For Action
 - 2020 Migratory Game Bird Hunting Seasons
 - 2020 – 2021 Elk Regulations
 - Fisheries Order 200
- May
 - For Information
 - 2020 – 2022 Antlerless Deer License Quotas
 - 2020 – 2022 Deer Regulations
 - For Action
 - N/A

2020 Proposed Orders Schedule

- June
 - For Information
 - N/A
 - For Action
 - 2020 – 2022 Antlerless Deer License Quotas
 - 2020 – 2022 Deer Regulations
- July – N/A
- August
 - For Information
 - Fisheries Order – TBD
 - For Action
 - N/A

2020 Proposed Orders Schedule

- September
 - For Information
 - Fisheries Order – TBD
 - For Action
 - Fisheries Order – TBD
- October
 - For Information
 - N/A
 - For Action
 - Fisheries Order - TBD
- November and December – N/A

Thank You!

2019 Elk Season Results



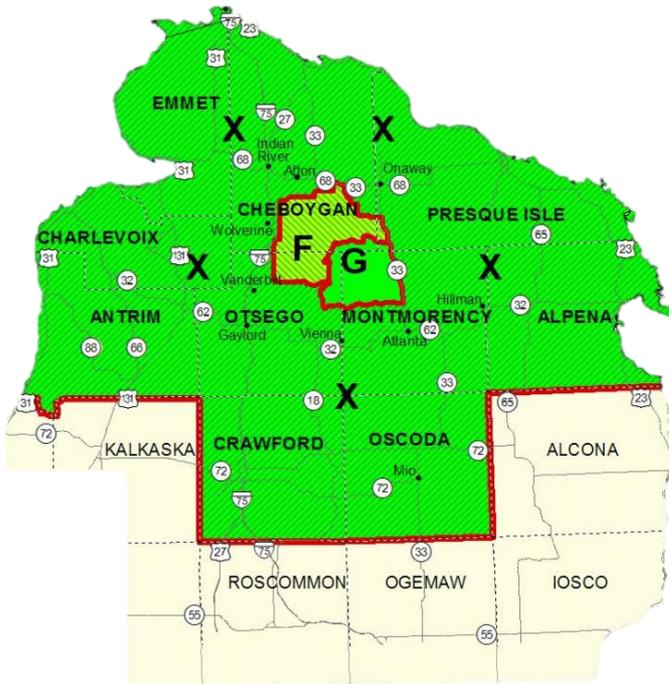
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2019 Late Elk Season Summary

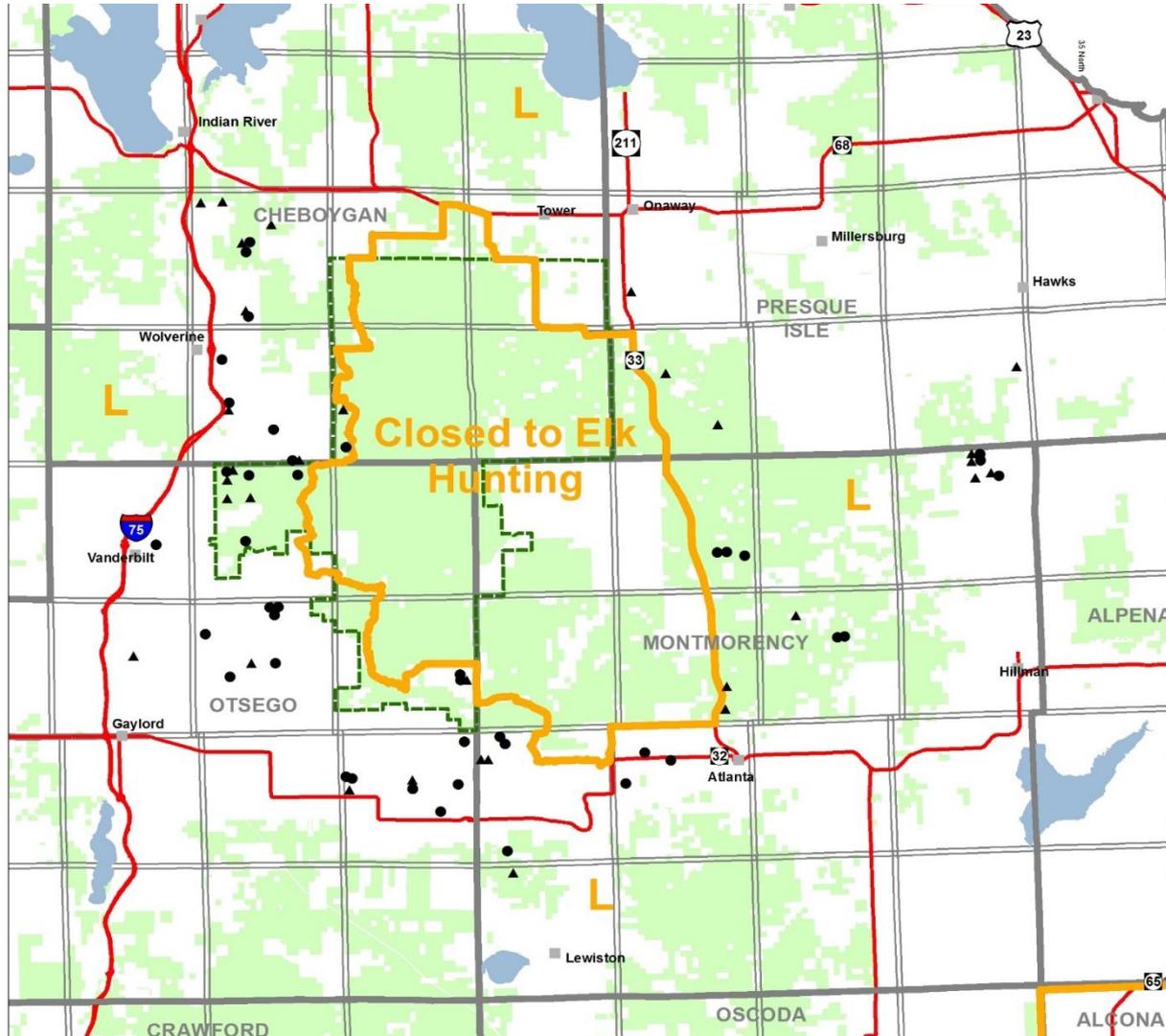
- Hunt Period 2:
 - December 14-22
- Weather was ideal
 - Light to moderate snowfall throughout season and consistent below freezing temperatures provided great visibility and tracking conditions
- License Quota: 100
 - 30 any elk
 - 70 antlerless only elk

Elk Harvest – Late Season

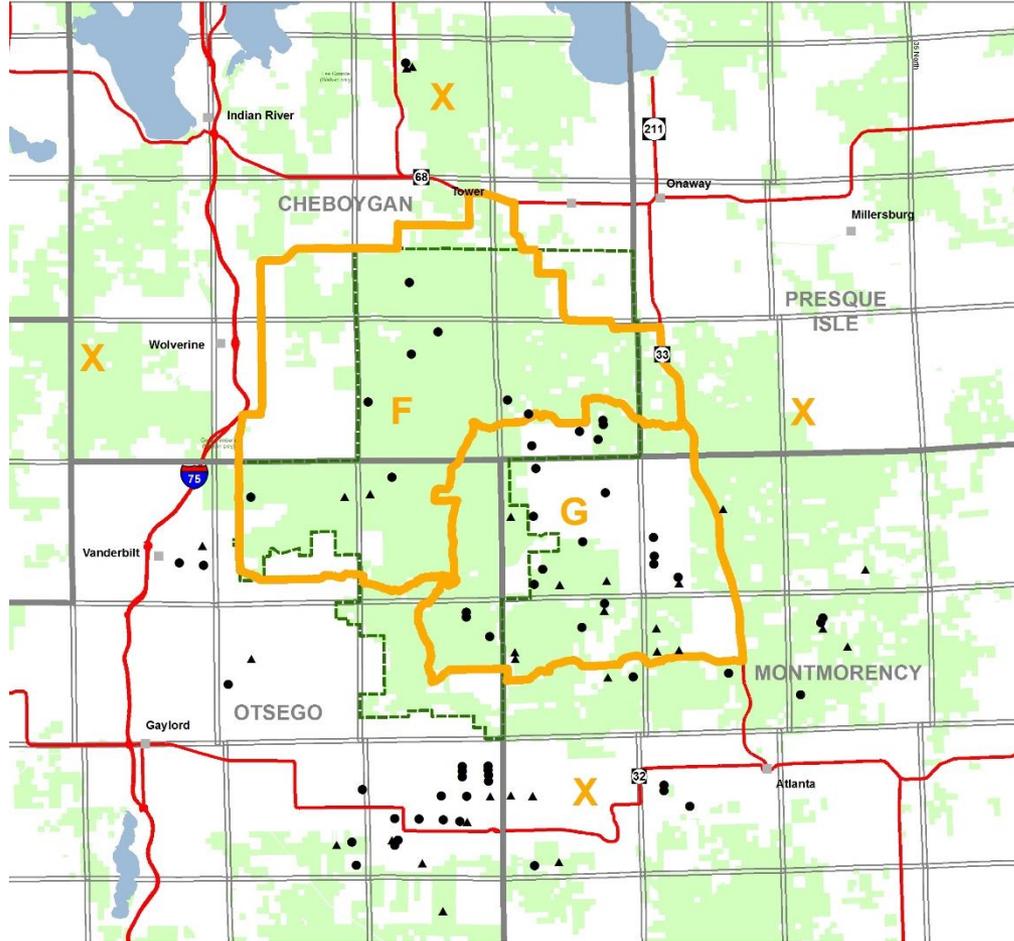
- Hunt Period 2 Harvest
 - State hunter harvest: 89 legally harvested elk
 - 30 antlered bulls
 - 54 cows
 - 5 calves
 - 92% success (99 hunters)
 - 3 illegal takes (not included in harvest totals)
 - Tribal harvest: 13 elk
 - 3 bulls, 10 cows



Early Hunt Harvest Map



Late Hunt Harvest Map



2019 Total Elk Season Summary

- Hunt Period 1 Harvest:
 - State hunter harvest: 71 legally harvested elk
 - 29 bulls, 42 cows/calves; 74% success
- Hunt Period 2 Harvest:
 - State hunter harvest: 89 legally harvested elk
 - 30 bulls, 59 cows/calves; 92% success
- Tribal Harvest: 21 elk
- All 3 Pure Michigan hunters successful

January Hunt is not recommended

2020-2021 Regulations

- Proposed package of regulations brought forward for information
 - March 19 NRC meeting
- Proposed package of regulations considered for action
 - April 16 NRC meeting

Thank You

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