

2017 MBH DMAP Petition Drive

Discussion on What the State wants to do: State of Michigan has made a proposal to extend a Pilot program allowing Deer to be taken with a firearm using a **Deer Management Assistance Permit** throughout the state of Michigan. These DMAP are intended to aid the farmer to control deer during the first Archery season (Oct 1- Nov 14). The extension currently in the proposal is Oct 1 through OCT 14. However this date is not finalized. The proposal allows the permit holder to use a firearm to dispatch either a buck or a doe with the license. The state also proposes to remove the current sunset clause in the trial period and allow this practice state wide.

1) Remove the exception criteria in the decision tree and allow for field staff to issue **DMAP** exceptions upon request. 2) Remove the ability to permit the use of firearms during archery season except for a period defined by the State. And 3) Leave all inspection requirements to the discretion of the wildlife regional supervisor.

Petition Statement: We the undersigned Michigan Bow Hunters Association Member do not support the use of firearms for control of deer during Archery season. We do not support the extension of DMAP throughout the state of Michigan, nor do we support the relaxation of oversight by wildlife managers on any DMAP issued. We the undersigned Michigan Bow Hunters Association Member believe that the resource can be controlled by actively recruiting hunters to take the problem deer, controlled through regular hunting activities prior to the archery season, and the use of Deer Damage Shooting permit system already in place. We the undersigned Michigan Bow Hunters Association Member also believe that this system will actually hurt the ability to take problem deer by hunters in the area and hurt overall hunting satisfaction.

Printed Name

Date

Signature



I have already signed a Petition, and support MBH in these activities

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