

Resolution 14A

REQUEST FOR DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TO INCREASE ANTLER-LESS DEER BAG LIMIT (PASSED)

⇒ Town of Yarmouth

WHEREAS the deer herd of Nova Scotia has increased more than 25% since 1996 and during the same period the number of hunters have decreased; and

WHEREAS it has become more common for deer herds to migrate into urban and agricultural areas in search of easier to obtain food sources; and

WHEREAS there have been increased number of reports of accidents and near accidents in urban areas, loss of valuable crops and damage to private and public property;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM request the Minister of Natural Resources to increase the allowable bag limit for antler-less deer in those areas of Nova Scotia where the deer population is intruding into urban and key agricultural areas.

Response from:
Department of Natural Resources

RESPONSE:

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reviews the antlerless deer recommendations annually on a zone by zone basis to adjust the number of permits issued for antlerless deer. These recommendations are based on indicators of population abundance, density and health as well as the incidence of nuisance issues. DNR monitors the incidence of nuisance deer and factors this into our consideration of the number of antlerless permits to be issued.