

Hunters can now apply for a bonus antlerless deer permit that can only be taken in Georgetown or Arrowsic

Deer overabundance in Georgetown and Arrowsic has resulted in increased Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases, vehicle crashes, environmental damage, and an unhealthy deer herd. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIF&W) has taken action to address this situation.

- **DIF&W will be issuing antlerless bonus permits that can only be tagged in Georgetown and Arrowsic** during any deer hunting season
 - **Georgetown and Arrowsic will be designated as a separate deer management subunit WMD 25a.**
 - The islands surrounding Georgetown and Arrowsic are **not** included in 25a (see map below).
- **The goal is to have as many of these permits used by local hunters as possible.**
 - Our communities trust our local hunters.
 - The more local hunters who request a bonus permit in 25a, the fewer permits will go to hunters who are not familiar with Georgetown/Arrowsic.
 - The best way to attract local hunters is to **spread the word to local hunters.**
- The odds of getting a bonus permit in WMD 25a will be very high.
 - 270 bonus permits will be issued this year in 25a. DIF&W has no specific plans to issue bonus permits in WMD 25 (only if too few people apply for Any Deer Permits).
- **To receive a bonus antlerless permit in 25a**, select subunit 25a as a preferred bonus permit area while completing your Any-deer Permit application during the Any-deer Permit lottery.
 - **You can apply now** through August 15, 2019.
 - There are no costs to apply for the bonus permit.
 - Bonus permits can be transferred to another licensed hunter (through DIF&W website) at no cost.
 - Start by applying for an Any Deer Permit Lottery [here](#).
- More information about DIF&W rule changes can be found at <https://www.maine.gov/ifw/hunting-trapping/deer-management-subunits.html>
- The Georgetown Tick Committee plans to hold a town meeting to work with local hunters, residents, and landowners to make this a successful and safe hunting season for all involved.
- Any questions? Email GeorgetownTickGroup@gmail.com

