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**Deer Bow Hunting Permitted on Power Island**

**Traverse City, MI** – In an effort to control the deer population on Power Island, Grand Traverse County Parks and Recreation has opened the island again this year for deer hunting during the two bow seasons.

As recommended by the DNR, deer on the island must be harvested to prevent attrition through starvation. “There simply is not enough vegetation here for large numbers of deer to survive,” said County Parks and Recreation Ranger Fred Tank, who recently reports seeing at least a dozen deer on Power Island.

Hunting is authorized during the DNR’s established bow seasons, between October 1 and November 14, and December 1 through January 1, 2015. No permit fee is required, but every hunter is required to carry the appropriate deer license and to follow all DNR guidelines and laws related to hunting. Hunting antlerless deer is encouraged.

County Parks and Recreation also will use the DNR’s Deer Management Assistance (DMA) Program to harvest antlerless deer on the island. Venison from the DMA Program harvest will be processed and donated to Food Rescue of Northern Michigan and/or veterans in need.

Any questions related to this matter may be directed to the Parks and Recreation Department by calling 231-922-4818 during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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