

# DMU 145

## North Manitou Island

### Deer Management Unit

#### Area Description and Management Guidance

North Manitou is an island 22.5 square miles in area managed by the National Park Service (NPS) as part of Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The current deer population is descended from 7 animals introduced to the island in 1927. As this population grew, browsing of shrub and ground flora became excessive. The NPS initiated hunting seasons in 1981 to reduce the herd to sufficiently low numbers to permit the vegetation to recover and more closely resemble pre-settlement conditions. A minimal deer population is desired to achieve this objective. Therefore, the Wildlife Conservation Order currently reads, “*Sec. 3.109 An individual shall not be limited on the number of deer taken from the North Manitou island deer management unit during the designated open firearms season for North Manitou island.*”

Permits to hunt on North Manitou Island can be applied for by contacting the Park Superintendent, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The Park Superintendent shall serve as the agent of the Department to implement the hunt on North Manitou Island. Recommendations are Private: Closed, Public: Open.

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## Legend

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| ● Cities              | Open Water | Herbaceous       |
| Highway               | Developed  | Cultivated Crops |
| Deer Management Units | Forested   | Wetlands         |



Figure 1: North Manitou Island Map