The Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) is a voluntary program administered by the Wildlife Resources Commission. DMAP provides guidance from biologists to assist participants with meeting their site-specific deer management objectives. Please thoroughly read the following information before completing your application for DMAP.

1. **Tag allocation:** Prior to submitting applications, please contact your District Biologist ([http://ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Hunting/Documents/WMDistrictBiologistContacts.pdf](http://ncwildlife.org/Portals/0/Hunting/Documents/WMDistrictBiologistContacts.pdf)). The appropriate number of antlerless and antlered DMAP tags are dependent on deer management objectives, harvest history, herd status, and property details, and are allocated at the discretion of the District Biologist. If antlered buck tags are issued, they are only valid after the peak of the rut for the hunting season zone in which the property is located, and the number of antlered DMAP tags cannot exceed one per square mile of enrolled property.

2. **Minimum acreage requirements:** Applicants enrolling properties within the Northeastern, Southeastern, or Central Deer Zones must own or control exclusive hunting rights on a minimum of 1,000 contiguous acres of land. Applicants enrolling properties within the Western or Northwestern Deer Zones must own or control exclusive hunting rights on a minimum of 500 contiguous acres of land. Landowners may combine their properties to meet the minimum acreage requirements.

3. **Historical information:** New applicants shall provide the number and sex of deer harvested from the area in the past three years, and information about hunter effort, land use, and property objectives.

4. **Harvest validation, reporting and registration requirements:** Applicants shall report all deer harvests using registration methods provided by the Commission.
   - Harvests shall be validated with either annual DMAP tags allocated specifically for the property or the hunter’s Big Game Report Card.
   - If using DMAP tags, each adhesive tag shall be attached through the hamstring at the site of kill. Harvests which utilize DMAP tags do not count as part of the possession and season limit for the person taking the deer.

5. **Biological data collection requirements:** Applicants shall agree to assist the Commission in the collection of information from all harvested deer (harvest authorization #, harvest date, sex, jawbone, weight, reproductive measures, and antler characteristics) and record the data on biological datasheets.
   - Datasheets are supplied by the Commission or downloaded through the DMAP webpage at [www.ncwildlife.org/deer](http://www.ncwildlife.org/deer). Jawbones and completed datasheets shall be forwarded to the District Biologist within 15 days of the close of the season.

The failure of an applicant to meet or comply with the above guidelines will result in denial of the authorization for participation in DMAP for the current or future years, whichever is applicable.

Applications must be received by **August 1** and be accompanied by a check or money order for $50.00 made payable to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission. This is a processing fee and is nonrefundable.
NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

Deer Management Assistance Program

Application

DMAP # [Insert DMAP number]

County ____________________ Year _______ New Applicant ☐ Renewal ☐

Hunting Club ____________________ Club President ____________________

Applicant’s Name ____________________ WRC Customer Number ________

(First) ____________________ (Middle) ____________________ (Last) __________

Address ____________________ City __________ State _______ Zip ______

Email Address ____________________

Residence Telephone ____________________ Business Telephone __________

Location of Property ____________________

(New applicants MUST submit an 8 ½” X 11” map illustrating the location of the property. Renewal applicants with any land changes MUST also submit a new 8 ½” X 11” map.)

Total Acreage _______ Acreage Owned _______ Acreage Leased * _______

*Each landowner you lease from must be listed on space provided on page 3 of this application.

Land Use Information ____________________

(List the combined acreage for each timber type and other land use on all lands.)

Pine Timber ____________________ Pasture ____________________

Mixed Pine-Hardwood ____________________ Ponds, Marsh, Etc. ____________________

Hardwood Timber ____________________ Other (Specify) ____________________

Cultivated Crops (Specify each crop & acreage) ____________________

Applicant’s Evaluation of Deer Herd (Circle)

Deer Population Density ____________________ Deer Health and Quality ____________________

Light Moderate Heavy No Estimate

Declining Stable Improving No Estimate

Crop Damage ____________________ Hunting Success ____________________

None Light Moderate Heavy

Declining Stable Improving No Estimate

New Applicants Only

Deer Harvested Last 3 Years

Year Bucks Does Total

Are weights and antlers measured and recorded? YES ☐ NO ☐

Date Remittance Received ____________________ District Biologist ____________________

Check Number ____________________ Supervisor ____________________

Number of Tags Approved ____________________ Season Zone ____________________

Antlered Tags Issued ____________________ Season Dates ____________________

Antlerless Tags Issued ____________________
New applicants fill out completely. Renewal applicants complete only if changes have occurred.

What is this club’s deer management objective? (check all that apply, circle the most important)

- Population Reduction
- Population Maintenance
- Population Increase
- Other: ________________________________
- Maximize Deer Harvest
- Quality Deer Management
- Trophy Deer Management
- None / Unclear / Goals unrelated to status of herd

Type of Hunting

- Still hunting only
- Mostly still hunting with some dog hunting
- Both dog and still hunting in fairly equal proportions
- Mostly dog hunting with some still hunting
- Dog hunting only

How many members do you have? ________   Approximately how many guests hunt the property? ________

What rules are applied by this club? (Check all that apply and briefly describe)

- No rules beyond what is required by law
- Antler point restriction: ___________________________________________________________
- Minimum antler spread: __________________________________________________________
- Field judge age or “quality” of bucks: ______________________________________________
- Limit number of bucks/hunter: ____________________________________________________
- Minimum weight (to avoid fawns): _________________________________________________
- Require members to shoot does: ___________________________________________________
- Prohibit shooting button bucks: __________________________________________________
- Penalty for harvest rule violations: _________________________________________________
- Other: _________________________________________________________________________

In general, how well do hunters adhere to their rules?

- Very poorly
- Somewhat poorly
- Somewhat strictly
- Very strictly

In general, how satisfied do the club members seem to be with deer management on their area?

- Very dissatisfied
- Somewhat dissatisfied
- Somewhat satisfied
- Very satisfied
Lessors: Each landowner you lease from must be listed below (Use a separate page if more space is needed).

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Cooperator’s Agreement:

I hereby certify that I am the landowner or that I have obtained exclusive deer hunting rights for all tracts of land listed above. I further certify that all information supplied is accurate and true. Upon issuance of special DMAP tags, I also agree to tag and report all deer harvested on the property and to assist in the collection of harvest information from said deer.

Applicant’s Signature __________________________ Date ______________

Mail COMPLETED application along with the $50.00 NON-REFUNDABLE processing fee (payable to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission) to DEER MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Wildlife Management Division, 1722 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1700

Complete applications must be received by August 1 to ensure issuance of antlerless tags by opening of deer season. If antlered tags are issued, they will be mailed separately prior to peak rut for the applicable hunting season zone.

Wildlife Biologist (comments) ____________________________________________

GPS Location (New Areas Only)
WGS 1984 – decimal degrees
(e.g., 35.029587, -79.342958)

Recommended Antlerless Tags: _____________
Recommended Antlered Tags: _____________
Deer Season Zone: _______________________

Signed: ______________________________________ Date: ____________________

Approved: ________________________________ Date: ____________________
(Chief, Wildlife Management Division)