STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
FISH AND GAME DEPARTMENT
WILDLIFE DIVISION

TO: Glenn Normandeau, Executive Director
FROM: Dan Bergeron, Deer Project Leader
DATE: 17 December 2018
RE: Estimated 2018 Total Deer Kill

The unofficial deer kill for New Hampshire's 2018 season is listed below with comparisons to final kill totals for the previous 8 years. The 2018 numbers are estimates based on the number of deer reported as being registered (not necessarily killed) in each county and may not represent complete data from all registration stations. Data for the previous years are final kill figures for each county and hence the estimated registration distribution for 2018 may not be directly comparable to the previous year's final kill totals. This is particularly evident in the south-central portion of the state where many deer killed in surrounding counties are registered in Hillsborough County.

The estimated 2018 statewide harvest of 14,057 is an increase of 14% from the 2017 final kill of 12,309 and is 26% above the 20 year average of 11,150. Based on this estimate the 2018 total represents the highest kill in the last 9 years and is the 2nd highest kill in the state's history, going back to 1922.

A summary of the actual kill by Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) compared to previous years will be sent out as soon as registration information is received and data entry is complete. All registration slips should be received within the next week and verified against registration seals issued and returned. Data entry, verification and preliminary analysis should be complete by early January when a final summary of this year's hunt will be available. Thanks to all those who helped make these deer season updates possible and Happy Holidays to all.

DEER KILL BY COUNTY

COUNTY	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018*
Belknap	527	741	795	894	618	743	605	699	877
Carroll	485	565	531	647	585	526	624	746	850
Cheshire	981	978	965	1068	1048	940	852	1050	1127
Coos	804	676	777	965	970	652	784	752	1034
Grafton	1368	1580	1779	1933	1667	1809	1746	1904	2237
Hillsborough	1435	1609	1652	1679	1610	1410	1406	1708	2645
Merrimack	1041	1245	1316	1417	1130	1210	1162	1294	1396
Rockingham	1732	2086	2138	2124	2118	1975	1920	2378	2378
Strafford	648	835	875	969	922	915	900	1003	698
Sullivan	738	794	784	844	728	715	676	775	815
Total	**9,759**	**11,109**	**11,612**	**12,540**	**11,396**	**10,895**	**10,675**	**12,309**	**14,057**

* - 2018 gives estimated number of deer registered in each county, not actual kill as in 2010-2017.

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