

**TOWN OF ISLESBORO
DEER REDUCTION COMMITTEE (DRC)**

January 16, 2012

Dear Islesboro Property Owner:

The attached survey is intended to enlist the participation of Islesboro's property owners in putting together a deer reduction plan that will reduce the risk of Lyme disease on Islesboro. This project was mandated by a Town vote held on August 24, 2011 (100 in favor, 28 opposed).

The central piece of the committee's plan-to-date is a "Special Hunt." The Special Hunt is described in the DRC's report of January 9, 2012 to the Islesboro community; the report can be found in the DRC section of the Town website (townofislesboro.com). The main points are that: 1) the hunt would be held during a 2-3 week period, probably in the second half of December, 2) that the hunters would have to be residents of Islesboro, 3) that appropriate methods of hunting would be used and, 4) that the Special Hunt would be closely managed for safety.

To determine the specifics of the proposed Special Hunt – where it would take place and what hunting methods would be used - the Town must secure access permission from property owners on Islesboro and 700 Acre Island. Enclosed is a survey for the property that you own (it is identified by the label at the upper left corner of the survey sheet). The survey asks whether you approve of the "Special Hunt" concept, if your land can be accessed for the Special Hunt, and what methods of hunting you would permit. We realize that some properties will not be appropriate for hunting because of their size or location, but if these are not a consideration, we encourage you to check the "Yes" boxes.

Please return the completed survey in the stamped, self-addressed envelope provided; **the deadline is Friday, February 10th**. The DRC will be compiling the survey results into a database.

As this deer reduction project is new to the residents of Islesboro, it will raise questions, and we want to hear them. Please write your questions or comments on the back of the survey or call the following committee members: Pete Anderson (734-9736), Linda Gillies (734-6452) or Fred Thomas (734-6974).

Thank you very much for responding to this survey – the information that you provide will be the key to the success of the DRC endeavor, which over time will safeguard the health of the Islesboro community.

Sincerely,

Fred Thomas, Chair

Pete Anderson
Jacob Bethune
Andrew Coombs

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