

**City of Eastport**

**Special Archery Anterless Deer Hunt**

**December 19, 2016 – December 31, 2016**

*This hunt is pending final approval from Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife*

**APPLICATION**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a licensed for Archery in the State of Maine? \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_

If you own property in Eastport, or are the immediate family member of a property owner, please give the property location and your relationship to the property owner (Immediate family member is defined as a partner/spouse or child) : \_\_\_\_\_

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*It is proposed that there be a total of 30 permits (22 residents/property owners and 8 non-resident) made available by lottery if final approval is received from IF&W. Each permit holder will be allowed to take one anterless deer. Hunting must be conducted from a tree stand or fixed blind at a pre-approved location. Applicants are expected to be familiar with the proposed plan which is part of this packet, at City Hall and the City website.*

**Applications must be received at City Hall no later than 4 pm on November 28, 2016.**

**Eastport City Hall  
22 Washington St  
Eastport, Maine 04631  
207-853-2300**

*City of Eastport*

**Bow & Arrow Ordinance**  
(Effective: September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013)

*Improper use of Bow and Arrow*

*Within the City of Eastport a person is in violation of this Ordinance if that person is or has been found to have committed any of the following:*

- 1) Discharging any arrow or possesses a nocked arrow for any purpose from or over any public way or within 10 feet of pavement to include inside or on a motor vehicle.*
- 2) Discharges any arrow or possesses a nocked arrow within 100 yards of a dwelling or other publicly held or occupied structure without written permission from the owner of such.*
- 3) Discharges any arrow or possesses a nocked arrow within 500 feet of any City School property without written permission from the governing body of said School.*

*For purposes of this Ordinance:*

*A public way is considered any and all defined public ways as defined under Title 29 Section 101 of Maine Revised Statutes.*

*Definition of Dwelling: "Dwelling" means a structure, all or part of which is Designed or used for human habitation, including a dwelling unit.*

*Definition of nocked arrow: "nocked arrow" means to fit an arrow on a bow string.*

*The penalty for violating this ordinance is forfeiture of all apparatus and/or equipment used in violation of this Ordinance and a fine of \$500.*

**ATTEST:**

*Ella C. Kowal, City Clerk*

**Public Hearing Held:** 9/11/2013  
**Ordinance Approved**  
**& Adopted by Council:** 9/11/2013

*Hunting Locations and Methods:* All hunting will be archery only and will take place from a fixed ground blind or elevated stand. Ground blinds will also be referred to as stands for the purposes of this plan. All hunting stand locations will be at pre-approved sites on identified properties consisting of both private and municipal lots. To be eligible, stand locations must be in conformance with city ordinance and state laws for required setbacks from other structures and dwellings unless appropriate permissions have been obtained. Landowners must provide stand locations and any documentation to prove compliance with City ordinance and State laws.

*Hunters:* A total of 30 permits will be issued to qualified applicants. Property owners, residents, and their immediate family members who hold an active archery license and meet all the requirements for participation will receive up to a maximum of 22 of the 30 available permits. Immediate family is defined as a partner/spouse and children of a property owner or resident. Property owners with sufficient land for hunting purposes and who intend to hunt and/or allow hunting on their property as part of this special hunt will be entitled to 1 of the 22 permits per household, if requested, regardless of the number of eligible hunters within the immediate family of that household. All other property owners, residents, and immediate family will be chosen by lottery to participate in this special hunt. It is not expected, but if more than 22 property owners enlist in the program, then selection of permit recipients will be by lottery.

A minimum of 8 permits (27%) will be issued to non-Eastport residents who are not property owners or immediate family. Non-Eastport residents must hold an active archery license and meet all the requirements for participation. If less than 22 residents, property owners, or their immediate family apply, then the remainder of permits will be available to non-Eastport residents. All non-Eastport residents will be chosen by lottery to participate in this special hunt.

All hunters will apply by a certain date to be determined. Eastport City administration will verify an applicant's status as a resident, property owner, or immediate family and will assist with linking hunters to land owners that allow hunting for this specific purpose. Municipal lands will be accessible for the Special Hunt that are not accessible during the regular hunting season.

*Qualifications:* The name and personal information of applicants determined by Eastport officials to be eligible to participate in the Special Hunt will then be provided to MDIF&W for background checks and permitting. Additional names will be drawn from the lottery pool if some applicants do not meet all eligibility requirements. All participants must possess valid and current archery hunting licenses as required by the State of Maine and must follow all applicable hunting laws.

*Number of deer:* One permit will be issued to each of the 30 qualified hunters or participating landowners for a total possible harvest of 30 antlerless deer.

*Regulations:* MDIFW hunting regulations will apply to this Special Hunt with the exception of season timing.

*Violations:* Anyone not hunting under MDIFW regulations/permits and City of Eastport ordinance/criteria will be in violation, terminated from participation in the Special Hunt, and subject to appropriate legal action by the City and/or State.

*Tagging Station:* A tagging station will be established in Eastport at a location yet to be determined. (Two local businesses have expressed interest in serving as a tagging station at this time and MDIFW has provided applications to the committee.) All deer taken during the Special Hunt are required to be registered at the tagging station within 16 hours of harvest.

*Biological Samples:* Tagging station staff and trained volunteers will extract a tooth from each deer for submission to MDIFW with corresponding registration information to assess the age composition of the deer herd. MDIFW will assess the viability of collecting other biological data to aid in assessing the status of the local deer herd in Eastport.