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Bar Harbor, Maine 04609

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Memorandum

To: Superintendent, Acadia National Park

From: Acting Chief Ranger, Acadia National Park

Subject: Proposed Deer Management Program for 1966-67 Season,  
Acadia National Park

The following is a proposed outline of the 1966-67 Deer Management Program at Acadia.

During September and October our activities in deer management will be confined to live-trapping and capchur gun operations. We do not expect the deer to frequent the roadsides as much as in past years due to an exceptionally good mast year (acorns and beechnuts) consequently capchur gun runs may be to little avail. However, the opposite could be true for live-trapping because this fall we will set our traps in the oak groves and underneath apple trees, using both apples and acorns for bait. Six additional live traps were constructed during the summer to supplement the five we already had.

It has been recommended that we again remove at least 125 animals and preferably more from the critically overbrowsed sections of the park on Mount Desert Island. We plan to take into consideration the recently completed intensive browse survey by F. Loy McLaughlin, graduate student University of Maine.

In view of the above it is planned to start direct reduction by shooting October 31 through November 30 and January 3 through February, and if necessary into March. During November and until snow forces the animals into heavy cover the areas near oak groves will get concentrated reduction efforts after which we will confine most of our efforts to the winter yarding sites.