*** § 11-0522-a. Long Island deer management pilot program.**

1. For the purposes of this section, " nuisance wildlife specialist" shall mean an employee of or a contractor for the federal or state government responsible for wildlife management acting pursuant to a deer management plan and deer cull permit. A nuisance wildlife specialist must be in compliance with criteria established by the department that at a minimum shall require:

a. a minimum level of marksmanship qualifications appropriate to the firearm or hunting implement to be used;

b. liability insurance coverage or other financial arrangements identified by the department;

c. a copy of the cull permit and a copy of the log of nuisance wildlife specialists using the permit, be on the nuisance wildlife specialist's person when exercising any privilege of such permit; and

d. reporting requirements.

2. The department may, after reviewing the town of Southold's cull permit application and site-specific deer management plan, and upon a finding by the town of Southold that deer have become a nuisance, destructive to public or private property or a threat to public health or welfare, issue a deer cull permit for use within the boundaries of the town of Southold, authorizing the use of a nuisance wildlife specialist to take deer pursuant to the terms of the deer cull permit.

3. Each cull permit application shall at a minimum include requirements for: the timeframe during which the permit must be used, a site-specific deer management plan, a geographic description of the area for which the permit is being requested, a written contract with the town of Southold, a list which identifies participating nuisance wildlife specialists and eligibility based on the criteria established by the department, provided by the town of Southold, requests for any authorization pursuant to subdivisions three and nine of section 11-0505

of this title, subdivision two of section 11-0901 of this article, and subdivisions two and four of section 11-0931 of this article, provided that any such authorization subsequently granted shall be explicitly included on any cull permit, and details regarding expected local law enforcement consultation.

4. Nothing in this section shall be construed as requiring or obligating the department to issue a permit to take deer when in its opinion the nuisance, destruction of property or threat to public health and welfare will not be effectively abated thereby.

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