§ 11-0907. Deer and bear; open hunting seasons; bag limits.

1. a. Wild deer without antlers or having antlers measuring less than three inches in length shall not be taken unless it is taken (1) by long bow in a special long bow season established in subdivision three of this section, or (2) by muzzle-loading firearm in a special muzzle-loading firearm season established in subdivision eight of this section, or (3) by long bow in Westchester and Suffolk Counties in a year in which a regular season for deer of either sex is established for such counties, or (4) in a special open season for deer of either sex fixed by regulation pursuant to subdivision five or seven of section 11-0903 of this title, or (5) pursuant to a special antlerless deer license in a special open season for antlerless deer in a tract within a Wilderness Hunting Area fixed by regulation pursuant to subdivision six of section 11-0903 of this title, or (6) pursuant to a deer management permit by a person eligible to take such deer pursuant thereto as provided in section 11-0913 of this title, or (7) pursuant to a permit issued to an eligible non-ambulatory person, pursuant to subdivision two of section 11-0931 of this title, while in possession of a valid license issued by the department which authorizes the holder to hunt big game. Nothing in this subparagraph shall be construed to limit the power of the department to designate by regulation an area or areas of the state consisting of a county or part of a county where such season shall apply and whether the number of such special permits shall be limited.

b. Except in the Northern Zone as defined in subdivision 15 of section 11-0103, bear which the taker knows or should know to be less than one year old shall not be taken.

* c. The limit for wild deer is one deer per person in a license year except that (1) a person entitled to exercise the privileges of a special antlerless deer license may take an antlerless deer while hunting pursuant to such license in addition to the limit of one deer in a license year otherwise applicable, (2) a person who is a member of a hunting group holding a deer management permit or permits issued pursuant to section 11-0913 of this article may take additional deer while hunting in accordance with the conditions of the permit or permits, (3) the holder of a bowhunting privilege or a muzzle-loading

privilege may take up to two additional deer, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the department, and (4) an eligible non-ambulatory person, pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 11-0931 of this article may take a deer of either sex in any wildlife management unit area where deer management permits have been issued by the department, while in possession of a valid hunting license. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit the power of the department to designate by regulation an area or areas of the state consisting of a county or part of a county where such season shall apply and whether the number of such special permits shall be limited.

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* c. The limit for wild deer and bear is one deer and one bear per person in a license year except that (1) a person entitled to exercise the privileges of a special antlerless deer license may take an antlerless deer while hunting pursuant to such license in addition to the limit of one deer in a license year otherwise applicable, (2) a person who is a member of a hunting group holding a deer management permit or permits issued pursuant to section 11-0913 of this article may take additional deer while hunting in accordance with the conditions of the permit or permits, (3) the holder of a bowhunting privilege or a muzzle-loading privilege may take up to two additional deer, pursuant to regulations promulgated by the department, and (4) an eligible non-ambulatory person, pursuant to subdivision 2 of section 11-0931 of this article may take a deer of either sex in any wildlife management unit area where deer management permits have been issued by the department, while in possession of a valid hunting license. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to limit the power of the department to designate by regulation an area or areas of the state consisting of a county or part of a county where such season shall apply and whether the number of such special permits shall be limited.

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d. (1) A person who holds licenses and privileges authorizing the holder to hunt deer during a special archery season and the regular open season and who has taken a deer by longbow in a special archery season and who has not taken a deer in a regular open season may, in addition to the limit of one deer in a license year otherwise applicable, take

during the same license year additional deer as specified by department regulation in a special archery season following the close of the regular open deer season.

(2) A person who holds licenses and privileges authorizing the holder to hunt deer during a special archery season and the regular open season and who has taken a deer by longbow in the regular open season for deer in Westchester or Suffolk counties may, in addition to the limit of one deer in a license year otherwise applicable, take during the same license year additional deer as specified by department regulation during such Westchester or Suffolk county regular open deer season.

e. A person who holds licenses and privileges authorizing the holder to hunt deer during a special muzzle-loading season and the regular open season and who has taken a deer by muzzle-loading firearm in a muzzle-loading season and who has not taken a deer in a regular open season may, in addition to the limit of one deer in a license year otherwise applicable, take during the same year additional deer as specified by department regulation in a special muzzle-loading season following the close of the regular deer season.

2. Regular seasons. * a. Regular open hunting seasons for deer are established separately for the named regions or parts of regions, or named counties listed in column one of the table set forth in this subdivision, and are specified as seasons for taking by pistol, rifle, shotgun or long bow, or for taking by shotgun, crossbow or long bow only, or for taking by long bow only, as indicated in column three entitled "Manner of Taking". Where taking of big game by shotgun is permitted by this chapter such shotgun may contain rifling in all or a portion of the barrel, provided, however, if the barrel or a portion thereof does contain rifling only shells having non-metallic cases, except for the base, may be used. In the areas identified in column one except in the "closed areas" specified in subdivision five of this section the game specified in column two may be taken in the open season stated in column two immediately following the specification of the game, in the manner specified in column three.

TABLE

Column One	Column Two	Column Three

Area	Game and Open Season	Manner of Taking
(a) Northern Zone	Deer, next to last Saturday in October through first Sunday in December	Pistol, rifle, shotgun, crossbow or long bow
(b) Catskill region except Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Ulster counties and those counties or portions thereof listed in item (i) of this paragraph	Deer, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, rifle, shotgun, crossbow or long bow
(c) Counties of Delaware, Greene, Sullivan and Ulster	Deer, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, rifle, shotgun, crossbow or long bow
** (d) Eastern region, except Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Orange, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Washington Counties	Deer, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm or long bow only

and those counties		
or portions thereof		
listed in item (i)		
of this paragraph		

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** (d) Eastern region,	Deer, first Monday	Pistol, shotgun,
except Columbia,	after November 15	crossbow,
Fulton, Orange,	through first Tuesday	muzzle loading
Rensselaer, Saratoga,	after December 7	firearm or
Schenectady,		long bow only
Washington Counties		
and those counties		
or portions thereof		
listed in item (i)		
of this paragraph		

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(e) Fulton, Saratoga,	Deer, first Monday	Pistol, rifle,
Schenectady,	after November 15	shotgun, crossbow
Washington (parts	through first Tuesday	or long bow
in the Southern	after December 7	

zone), Columbia, Orange, and Rensselaer counties		
** (f) Southern tier, central and Western region, except those counties or portions thereof listed in item (i), (j), (k), (l), (m), (n), (o), (p) or (q) of this paragraph	Deer, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm or long bow only
** NB Effective until October 1, 2028		
** (f) Southern tier, central and Western region, except those counties or portions thereof listed in item (i), (j), (k), (l), (m) or (n), or (p) of this	Deer, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm or long bow only

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** NB Effective October 1, 2028 until October 1, 2027		
** (f) Southern tier, central and Western region, except those counties or portions thereof listed in item (i), (j), (k) or (l), or (n) of this paragraph	Deer, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm or long bow only
** NB Effective October 1, 2027		
(g) Westchester County	Deer of either sex, November 1 through December 31	long bow only
(h) Suffolk County	Deer of either sex Second Monday in November through March thirty-first	long bow only
(i) The counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Cayuga, Chautauqua except that portion of the county north	Deer, the first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only

of route 20, Chemung, Chenango, Herkimer, Madison, Montgomery, Oneida, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga, Wyoming, Seneca and Yates and that portion of the county of Broome east of the Susquehanna river		
(j) The county of Genesee	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow
(k) The county of Ontario	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
(l) The county of Wayne	Deer, the first Saturday after November	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow,

	15 through first Sunday after December 7	muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
** (m) The county of Albany	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
** NB There are 2 item (m)'s		
** NB Repealed October 1, 2028		
** (m) The county of Livingston	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow
** NB There are 2 item (m)'s		
** (n) The county of Broome west of the Susquehanna river except within the city of Binghamton	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow
** NB There are 2 item (n)'s		
** (n) The county of Orleans	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow
** NB There are 2 item (n)'s		
** (o) The county of Tompkins	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow
** Repealed October 1, 2028		
** (p) The county of Onondaga	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow
** Repealed October 1, 2027		

** (q) The county of Niagara except within the city of Niagara Falls, the city of Lockport and the city of North Tonawanda	Deer, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow

** NB Repealed October 1, 2028

* NB Effective until December 31, 2027

* a. Regular open hunting seasons for big game are established separately for the named regions or parts of regions, or named counties listed in column one of the table set forth in this subdivision, and are specified as seasons for taking by pistol, rifle, shotgun or long bow, or for taking by shotgun or long bow only, or for taking by long bow only, as indicated in column three entitled "Manner of Taking". Where taking of big game by shotgun is permitted by this chapter such shotgun may contain rifling in all or a portion of the barrel, provided, however, if the barrel or a portion thereof does contain rifling only shells having non-metallic cases, except for the base, may be used. In the areas identified in column one except in the "closed areas" specified in subdivision 5 the game specified in column two may be taken in the open season stated in column two immediately following the specification of the game, in the manner specified in column three.

TABLE

Column One Area	Column Two Game and Open Season	Column Three Manner of Taking
(a) Northern Zone	Deer and bear, next to last Saturday in October through first Sunday in December	Pistol, rifle, shotgun, crossbow or long bow
(b) Catskill region except Delaware, Greene, Sullivan, Ulster counties	Deer and bear, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after	Pistol, rifle, shotgun, crossbow or long bow

and those counties	December 7	
or portions thereof		
listed in item (i)		
of this paragraph		
(c) Counties of	Deer, first Monday	Pistol, rifle,
Delaware, Greene,	after November 15	shotgun,
Sullivan and Ulster	through first Tuesday after December 7; Bear, first Monday after November 15 through second Tuesday after December 7	crossbow or long bow
(d) Eastern region,	Deer and bear,	Pistol, shotgun,
except Columbia,	first Monday after	crossbow, muzzle
Fulton, Orange,	November 15 through	loading firearm
Rensselaer, Saratoga,	first Tuesday after	or long bow only
Schenectady,	December 7	
Washington Counties		
and those counties		
or portions thereof		
listed in item (i)		

of this paragraph		
(e) Fulton, Saratoga, Schenectady, Washington (parts in the Southern zone), Columbia, Orange, and Rensselaer counties	Deer and bear, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, rifle, shotgun, crossbow or long bow
(f) Southern tier, central and Western region, except those counties or portions thereof listed in item (i), (j), (j), (k), (l) **, (m),** **(n)** or (o) of this paragraph	Deer and bear, first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm or long bow only

** NB "(m)" expires October 1, 2028
** NB "(n)" expires October 1, 2027
** NB "(o)" expires October 1, 2028

(g) Westchester County	Deer of either sex, November 1 through	Long bow only

	December 31	
(h) Suffolk County	Deer of either sex Second Monday in November through March thirty-first	long bow only
(i) The counties of Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua except that portion of the county north of route 20, Chenango, Herkimer, Montgomery, Oneida, Oswego, Otsego, Schoharie, Tioga and Wyoming and that portion of the county of Broome east of the Susquehanna river	Deer and bear, the first Monday after November 15 through first Tuesday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
** (j) The county of Ontario	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only

** NB There are 2 item (j)'s		
** (j) The county of Wayne	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
** NB There are 2 item (j)'s		
(k) The county of Livingston	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow
** (l) The county of Broome west of the Susquehanna river except within the city of Binghamton	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
** NB There are 4 item (l)'s		
** (l) The county of Genesee	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
** NB There are 4 item (l)'s		
** (l) The county of Seneca	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
** NB There are 4 item (l)'s		
** (l) The county of Orleans	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only
** NB There are 4 item (l)'s		

** (m) The county of Tompkins	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only

** NB Repealed October 1, 2028

** (n) The county of Onondaga	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only

** Repealed October 1, 2027

** (o) The county of Niagara except the city of Niagara Falls, the city of Lockport and the city of North Tonawanda	Deer and bear, the first Saturday after November 15 through first Sunday after December 7	Pistol, shotgun, crossbow, muzzle loading firearm, rifle or long bow only

** NB Repealed October 1, 2028

* NB Effective December 31, 2027

* b. Regular open hunting seasons for bear are fixed by regulation pursuant to subdivision 8 of section 11-0903. The implements allowed for bear hunting will be the same as those allowed for deer hunting as listed in column three of the table set forth in paragraph a of this subdivision.

* NB Expires December 31, 2027

3. Special archery seasons.

* a. In every area identified in column one of the table set forth in subdivision 2 of this section, except Westchester and Suffolk Counties in which a regular open season for taking deer by firearms is established and effective, a special open season is established for taking deer of either sex, by the use of a long bow only by holders of a hunting license with a valid bowhunting privilege.

* NB Effective until December 31, 2027

* a. In every area identified in column one of the table set forth in subdivision 2 of this section, except Westchester and Suffolk Counties in which a regular open season for taking deer by firearms is established and effective, a special open season is established for taking deer of either sex, and bear, by the use of a long bow only by holders of a hunting license with a valid bowhunting privilege.

* NB Effective December 31, 2027

* b. Such special open deer hunting season for each area shall be from October 15 through the day immediately preceding the regular open season for deer stated in column two of the table set forth in subdivision 2, except that in the Northern Zone each special season shall be from September 27 through the Friday immediately preceding the next to last Saturday in October, and in the Southern Zone such special season shall also include the five days following the closing of the regular open season.

* NB Effective until December 31, 2027

* b. Such special open season for each area shall be from October 15 through the day immediately preceding the regular open season for deer stated in column two of the table set forth in subdivision 2, except that in the Northern Zone each special season shall be from September 27 through the Friday immediately preceding the next to last Saturday in October, and in the Southern Zone such special season shall also include the five days following the closing of the regular open season.

* NB Effective December 31, 2027

* c. A similar special open bear hunting season may be fixed by regulation pursuant to subdivision 8 of section 11-0903.

* NB Expires December 31, 2027

4. a. "Northern Zone" and "Southern Zone" are defined in section 11-0103.

b. "Catskill region" means that part of the Southern Zone consisting of the counties of Greene, Sullivan, Ulster; those parts of Broome and Chenango counties easterly of the Susquehanna River from its junction with the Unadilla River at the Chenango-Otsego County boundary line to a point where it intersects the New York-Pennsylvania line; that part of Otsego County south of the main line tracks of the Delaware and Hudson

Railroad Company; and those parts of Delaware and Schoharie counties lying south and west of a line beginning at the intersection of the main line tracks of the Delaware and Hudson Railroad Company with the Otsego-Schoharie County line to the village of Richmondville, thence south on Route 10 to its intersection with Route 23 in the village of Stamford, thence easterly along Route 23 to its intersection with Schoharie County Route 342 thence easterly along Schoharie County Route 342 to its intersection with Schoharie County Route 3; thence easterly along Schoharie County Route 3 to the Albany-Schoharie County line.

c. "Eastern region" means that part of the Southern Zone easterly of a continuous line formed by the Susquehanna river commencing at its intersection with the New York-Pennsylvania boundary in the town of Windsor in Broome county to its confluence with the Unadilla river, by the Unadilla river from its confluence with the Susquehanna river to its intersection with the Herkimer-Otsego county boundary, by the Otsego-Herkimer county boundary and by the Oneida-Herkimer county boundary to the Northern Zone, except (1) the "Catskill region" defined in paragraph b and (2) Westchester county.

d. "Southern tier, central and western region" means that part of the Southern Zone lying westerly of the continuous line described in paragraph c.

5. Closed areas. The following areas are closed to the taking of deer and bear:

a. In Monroe County, the area bounded and described as follows: On the west by Route 261 (Manitou Road) beginning at Manitou Beach on Lake Ontario in the town of Greece and continuing southerly along such road to its intersection with the Barge Canal, thence easterly along such canal to East Avenue in the village of Pittsford, thence northeasterly along East Avenue to Allen Creek in the town of Brighton, thence northerly along Allen Creek to Irondequoit Creek, thence northerly along Irondequoit Creek to Irondequoit Bay, thence northerly along the easterly shore of Irondequoit Bay to Lake Ontario; except that deer of either sex may be taken during the regular and special deer hunting

seasons provided for in this title by the use of a longbow by holders of licenses which authorize the holder to hunt deer during a special archery season and provided further that this exception permitting the taking of deer by a longbow shall not apply within an area in the town of Greece bounded and described as follows: On the west by Long Pond Road beginning at Latta Road and continuing southerly along such road to its intersection with Maiden Lane, thence easterly along Maiden Lane to its intersection with Mt. Read Blvd., thence northerly along Mt. Read Blvd. to its intersection with Latta Road, thence westerly along Latta Road to its intersection with Long Pond Road at the point of beginning.

b. In Erie County, the area bounded by a continuous line beginning at the point of confluence of the east branch of the Niagara River and the Tonawanda Creek, and from said point of beginning easterly along the south bank of Tonawanda Creek to its intersection with highway 78, thence southerly along highway 78 to its intersection with Greiner Road, thence easterly along Greiner Road to its junction with highway 268, thence southerly along highway 268 to its intersection with highway 5, thence westerly along highway 5 to its junction with Ransom Road, thence southerly along Ransom Road to its intersection with highway 33, thence westerly along highway 33 to its intersection with highway 78, thence southerly along highway 78 to its intersection with highway 20, thence southwesterly along highway 20 to its intersection with highway 20-a, thence westerly along the extension of highway 20-a to Lake Erie, thence northerly along the shores of Lake Erie and the Niagara River to the place of beginning.

c. Nassau County.

d. In Herkimer county, town of Webb, the area bounded by a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Judson Road and the Herkimer-Hamilton county boundary line, thence westerly to the Higby road, continuing southwesterly to its intersection with the Big Moose road (Herkimer county highway 1), thence north and westerly along the Big Moose road to its intersection with the Martin road and easterly along the Martin road to its end, thence back to the lake shore and back along and around the shore of Big Moose lake (starting westerly) to the

Herkimer-Hamilton county boundary on the shore and then south along the boundary line ending at the Judson road, the point of beginning.

e. In Herkimer and Hamilton counties, the area bounded by a continuous line beginning at the junction of the South Shore Road and Route 28 in the village of Old Forge and extending northeasterly along Route 28 to the hamlet of Inlet and thence southwesterly along the South Shore Road to the point of beginning.

7. Areas restricted to long bow only.

a. The area described in this subdivision is closed to the taking of deer and bear by firearms, but shall be open for taking deer by the use of a longbow only by holders of licenses which authorize the holders to hunt deer during a special archery season as follows: during the special deer season stated in subdivision 3 of this section and during the regular season stated in subdivision 2 of this section, deer of either sex may be taken.

b. This subdivision applies to that area in Albany county east of the Penn Central West Shore railroad starting at the Schenectady county line in the town of Guilderland and continuing to its confluence with the Penn Central Hudson River connecting railroad, thence along such Penn Central Hudson River connecting railroad until it meets Route 32 in Feura Bush and northeast on Route 32 to its juncture with Feura Bush road, then east along Feura Bush road to its juncture with Route 144 in Glenmont, then south along Route 144 to the Vlaman Kill, then east along the Vlaman Kill to the Hudson river.

8. Muzzle-loading firearm big game season.

a. In every area identified in column one of the table set forth in subdivision two of this section, except those areas restricted to special seasons for taking deer by longbow only, special open seasons may be established by regulation for taking deer and/or bear, by the use of muzzle-loading firearms, of not less than .44 caliber shooting a single projectile by the holders of a hunting license with a valid

muzzle-loading privilege.

b. Such special open season for the Southern Zone shall be for the seven day period immediately preceding the regular open season for deer stated in column two of the table set forth in subdivision two of this section, except that the department may, by regulation, fix such open season in the Southern Zone or any portion thereof to be either the seven days immediately preceding or immediately following the regular open season for deer.

c. Until December thirty-first, two thousand twenty-seven, such special season for the Northern Zone or any portion thereof may by regulation be for up to a fourteen-day period preceding the regular open season for deer stated in column two of the table set forth in subdivision 2 of this section or may be for up to a fourteen-day period following such open season or any combination thereof, provided that a maximum of sixteen days is not exceeded for any open area. Regulations establishing such Northern Zone muzzle-loading firearm big game season may specify the taking of deer of either sex, antlerless deer only, legal bucks only, or any combination thereof, and may require that persons participating in the Northern Zone muzzle-loading firearm big game season obtain a special permit from the department. When establishing these regulations, the department must consider the condition of the herd and communities', property owners', hunters' and other relevant interests.

9. Notwithstanding any inconsistent provision of this chapter, big game may be taken on any day of the week during open season or a special season in those parts of New York state east of a line starting at the juncture of the shore of Lake Ontario and West Bay road; then southerly along West Bay road to Route 104A; then easterly along Route 104A to Route 38; then southerly along Route 38 to the New York State Thruway Interstate 90 at Port Byron; then southwesterly along Interstate 90 to Route 90 near Montezuma; then southerly along Route 90 to Route 20; then westerly along Route 20 to the east bank of Seneca River; then southerly along the east bank of Seneca River to the east shore of Cayuga Lake; then southerly along the east shore of Cayuga Lake to Cayuga Creek; then

southerly along the east bank of Cayuga Creek to Route 96 in Ithaca; then southerly along Route 96 to Sabin Road in Spencer; then southerly and westerly along Sabin Road to Dean Creek Road; then southwesterly along Dean Creek Road to Route 34; then southerly along Route 34 to the Pennsylvania boundary.

10. Notwithstanding any provision of this chapter, or any prior notwithstanding language in this article, the department may, by regulation, authorize the taking of big game by the use of a crossbow by any licensed person in any big game season in any area in which a long bow is permitted.