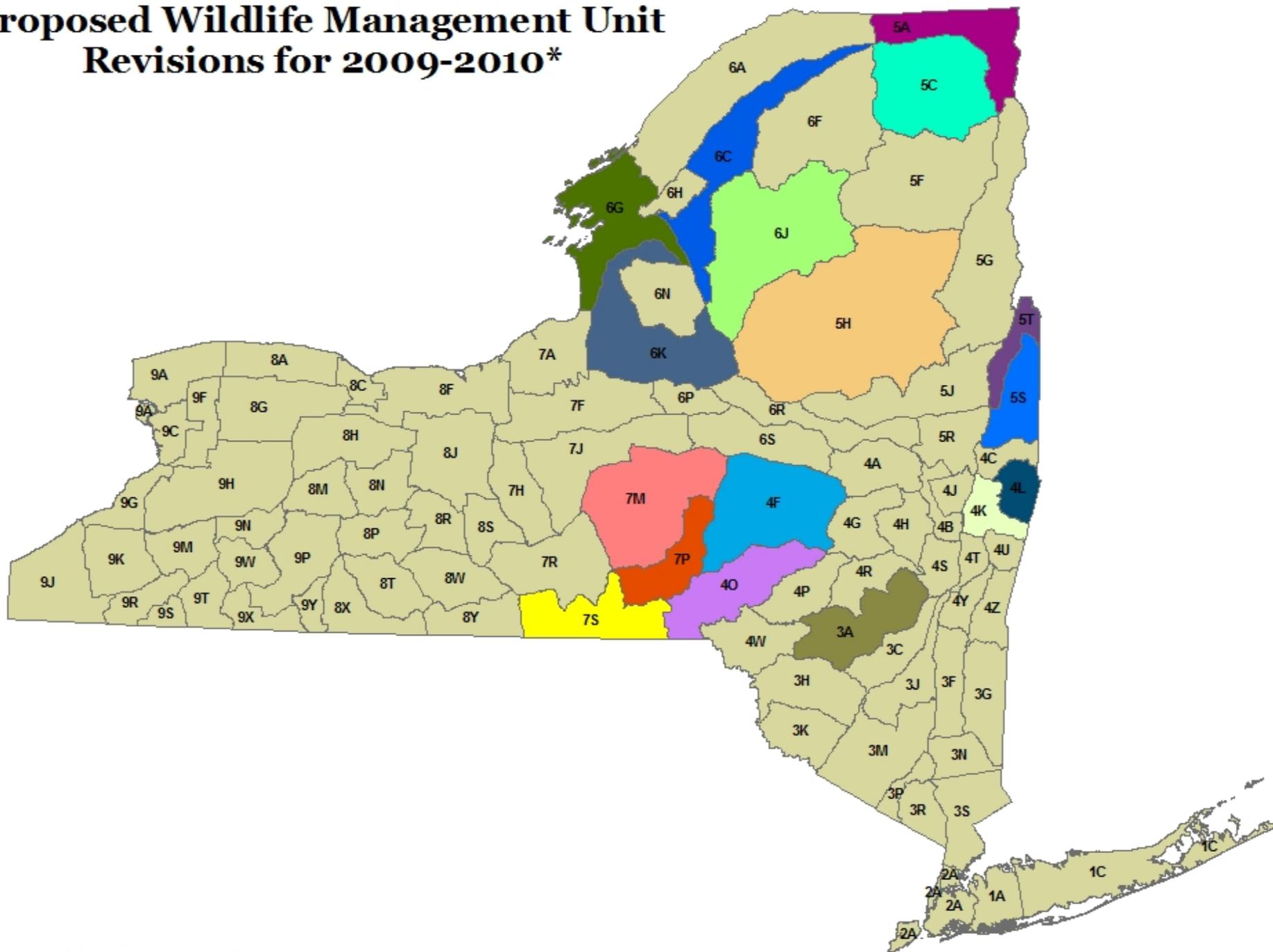
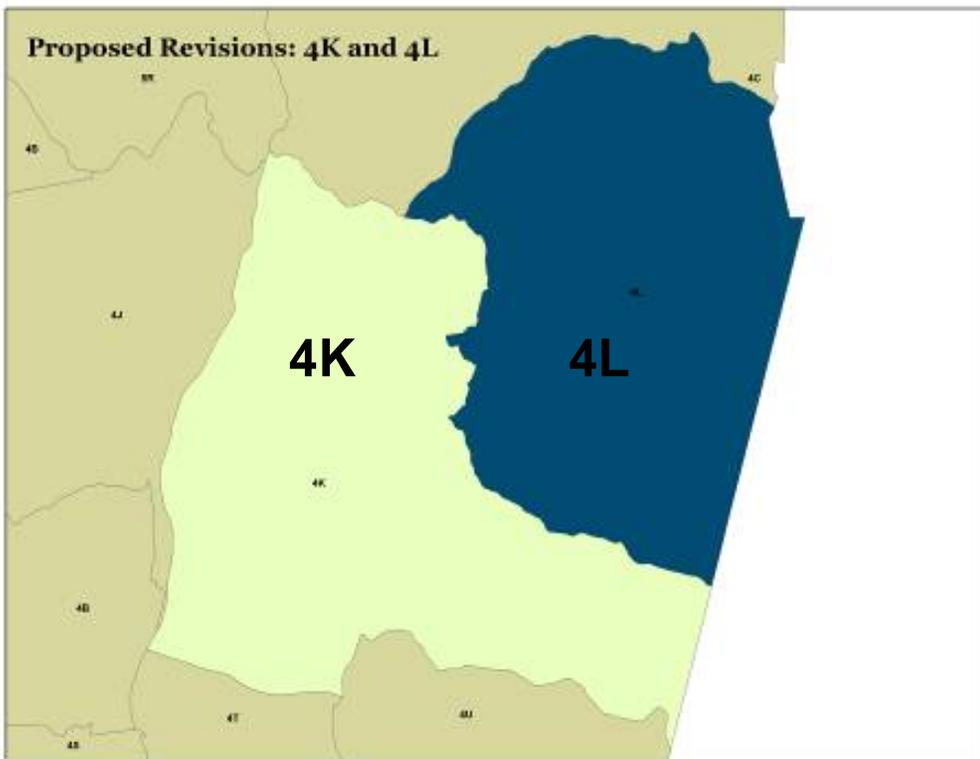
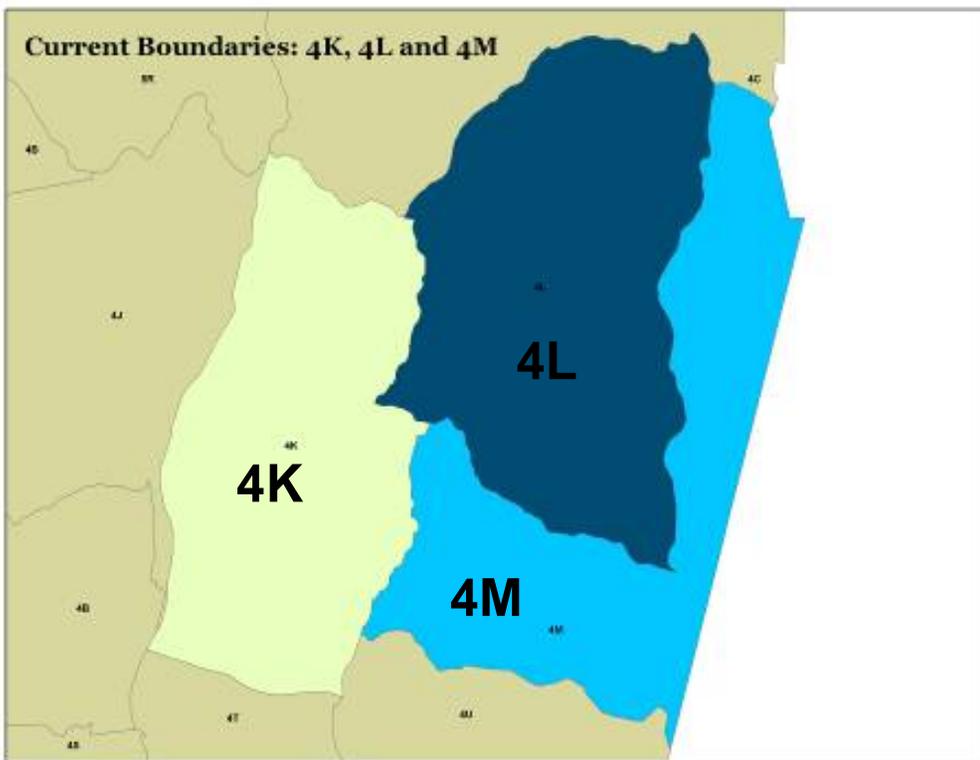


Proposed Wildlife Management Unit Revisions for 2009-2010*



*Highlighted units are proposed for revision

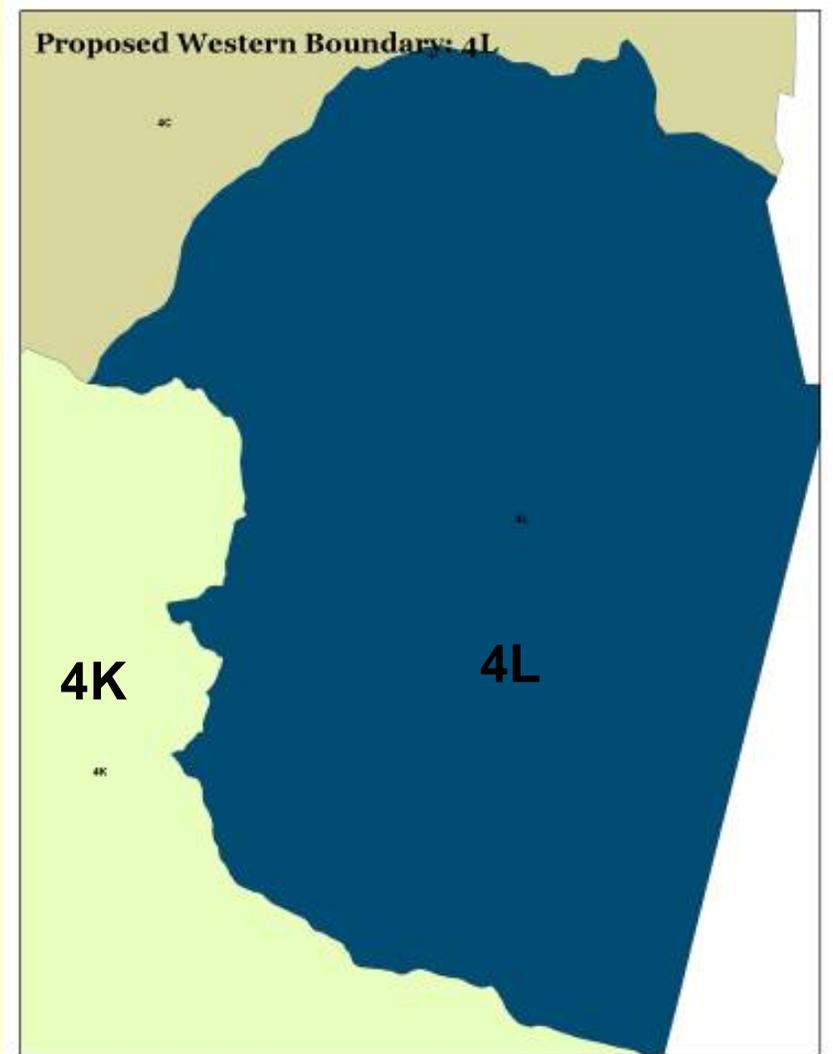
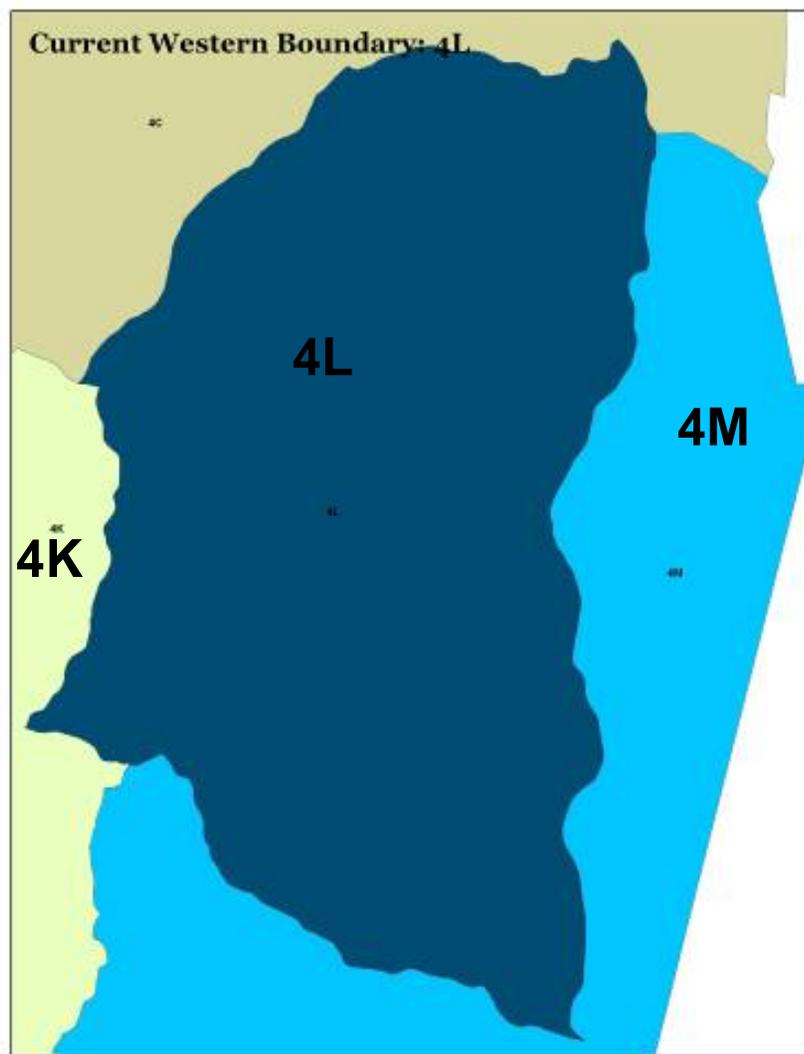


Eliminate Unit 4M

- Deer densities are not uniform throughout the unit
- denser deer populations to the south and west
- Taconic mountains portion of unit exhibit sparser populations

Expansion of 4K and 4L

- Align deer management objectives throughout both units
- Deer harvest rates in current 4L compare to that of Taconic mountain portion of 4M
- Deer harvest rates in 4K compare to that of south and west portion of 4M
- Would allow the issuance of DMPs in southern portion of former 4M



Shift western 4L boundary slightly to the east

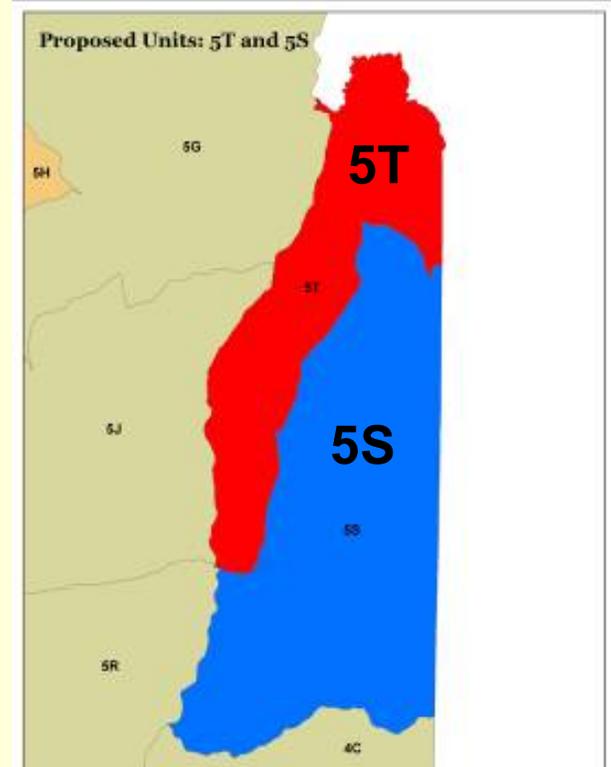
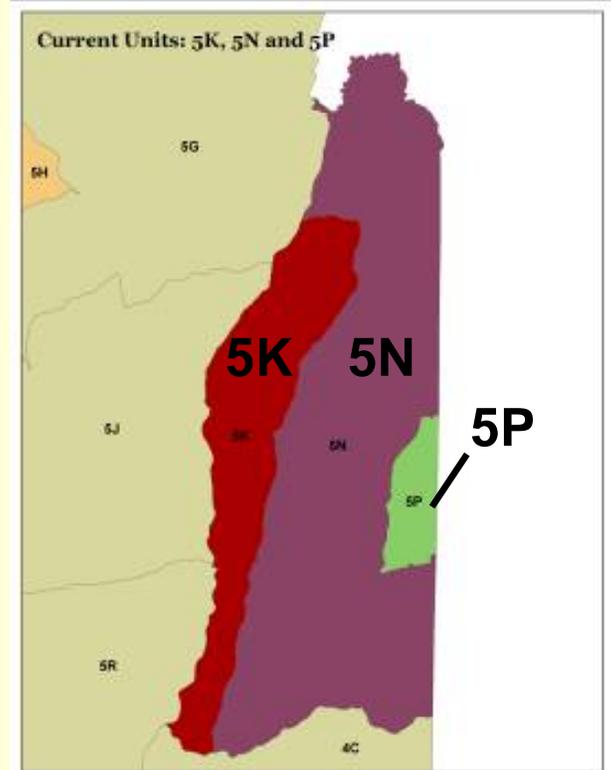
- Reduce the number of deer/automobile collisions along Route 351
- Eventually eliminate need for DMAPs and damage permits in this unit altogether

Eliminations: 5K, 5N and 5P

- 5P was formed for deer management purposes which are now obsolete
- 5K was formed in 1998 for furbearer management purposes in the Hudson Valley, furbearer populations are now secure and comparable to populations in 5N

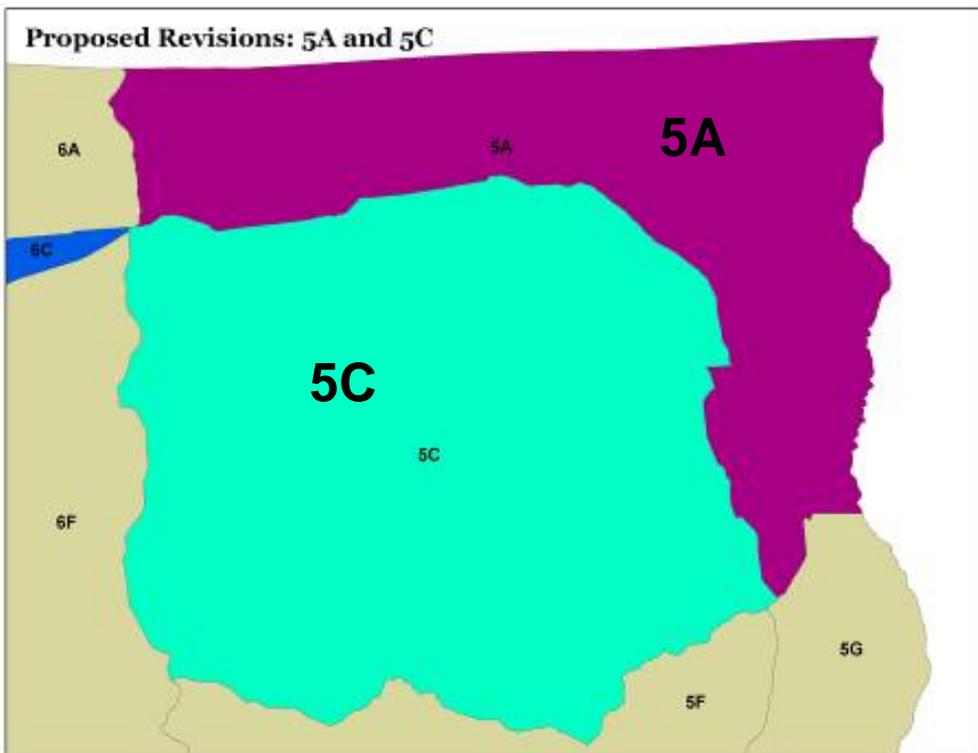
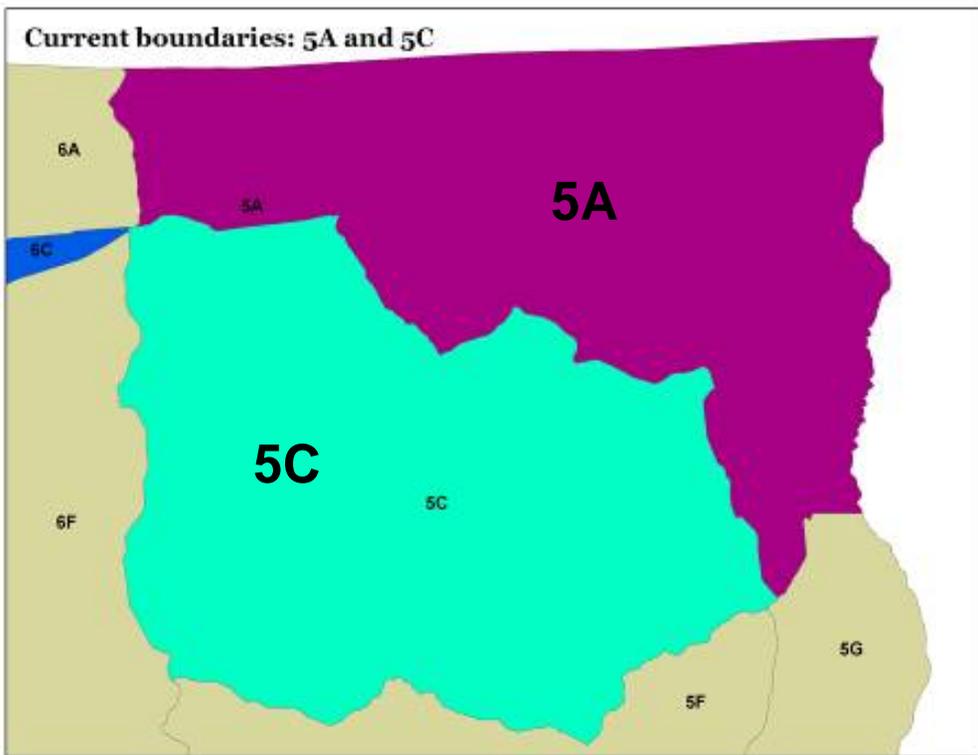
Reconfigurations: 5S and 5T

- Proposed 5T has limited forest cover, flat terrain and would include the Fort Edward grasslands
- 5S topography is more rugged and forested with deer densities and harvests approximately double that of 5T
- Deer Management Permit allocation could be based upon differing adult female deer harvest needs between the two units



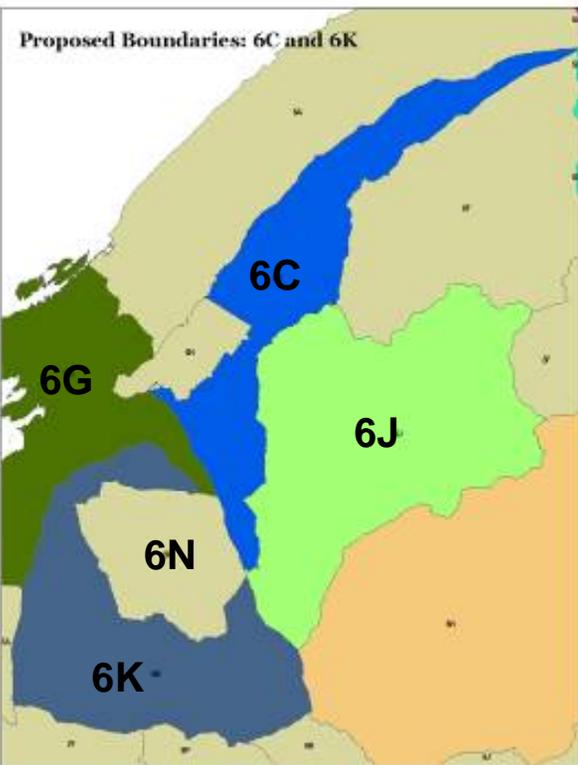
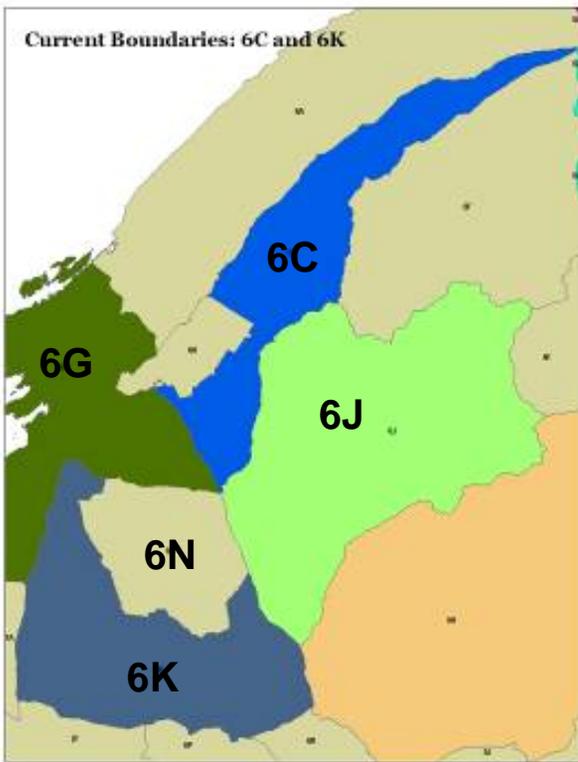
Regulation Changes: Proposed 5S and 5T

- Seasons affected by these proposed units would include bobcat hunting/trapping and river otter trapping
- These seasons would be open in former 5k, thereby allowing for population evaluations based on sportsmen's harvest



Expansion of 5C into 5A

- Unit 5A is largely agricultural
- Unit 5C has mostly mountainous terrain
- Proposed 5C would expand into wooded mountainous terrain of 5A, which is more characteristic of the Adirondacks
- Deer densities are reflected in these habitat differences
- 5C harbors the highest moose densities in the state including the forested parts of 5A
- Expansion of 5C would secure management potential should a moose season be established in New York State
- No season regulations would be impacted by this revision



Expansion of 6K into 6G

- 6G deer densities are considerably higher than that of 6N (high DMP allocation in 6G vs. no DMPs in 6N)
- Expansion of 6K between 6G and 6N would create a transition zone between one unit with high deer densities (6G) and another with lower deer densities (6N)

Expansion of 6C into 6J

- Would include Black River Valley portion of 6J in which deer densities are reaching a level where new management options are desirable
- DMPs available in 6C, but not currently available in 6J

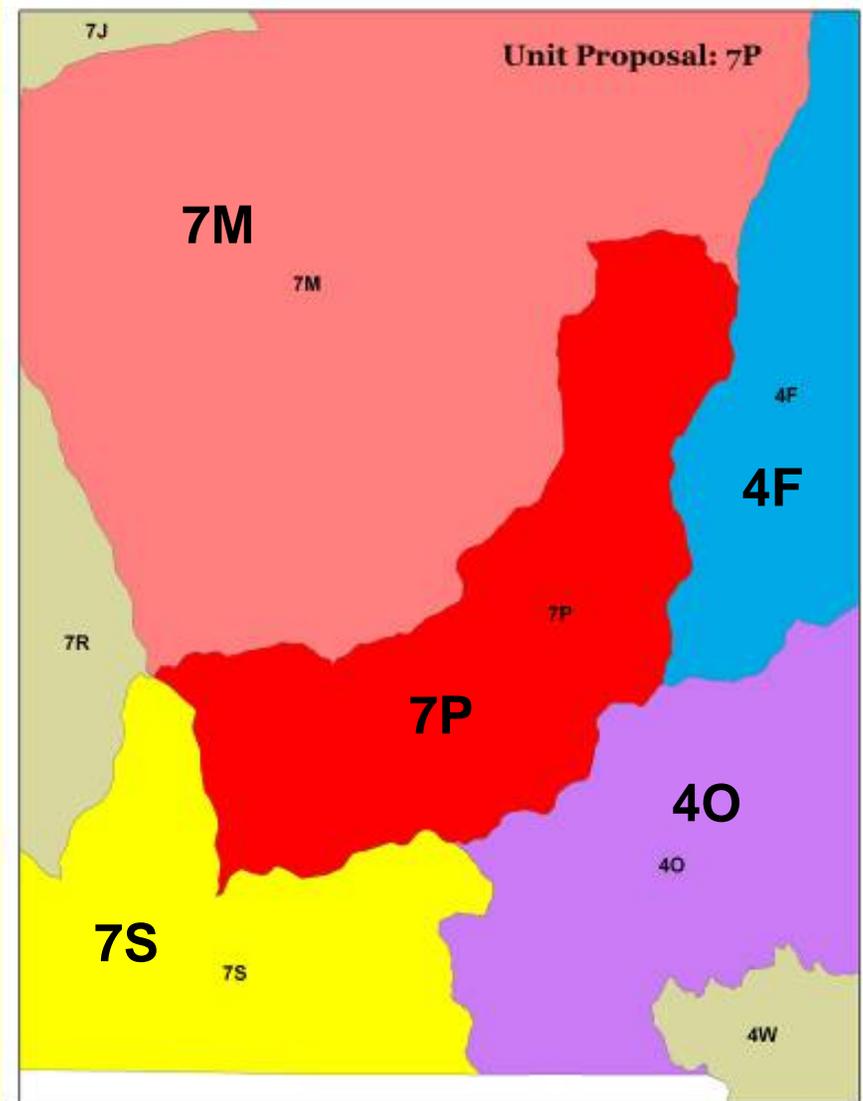
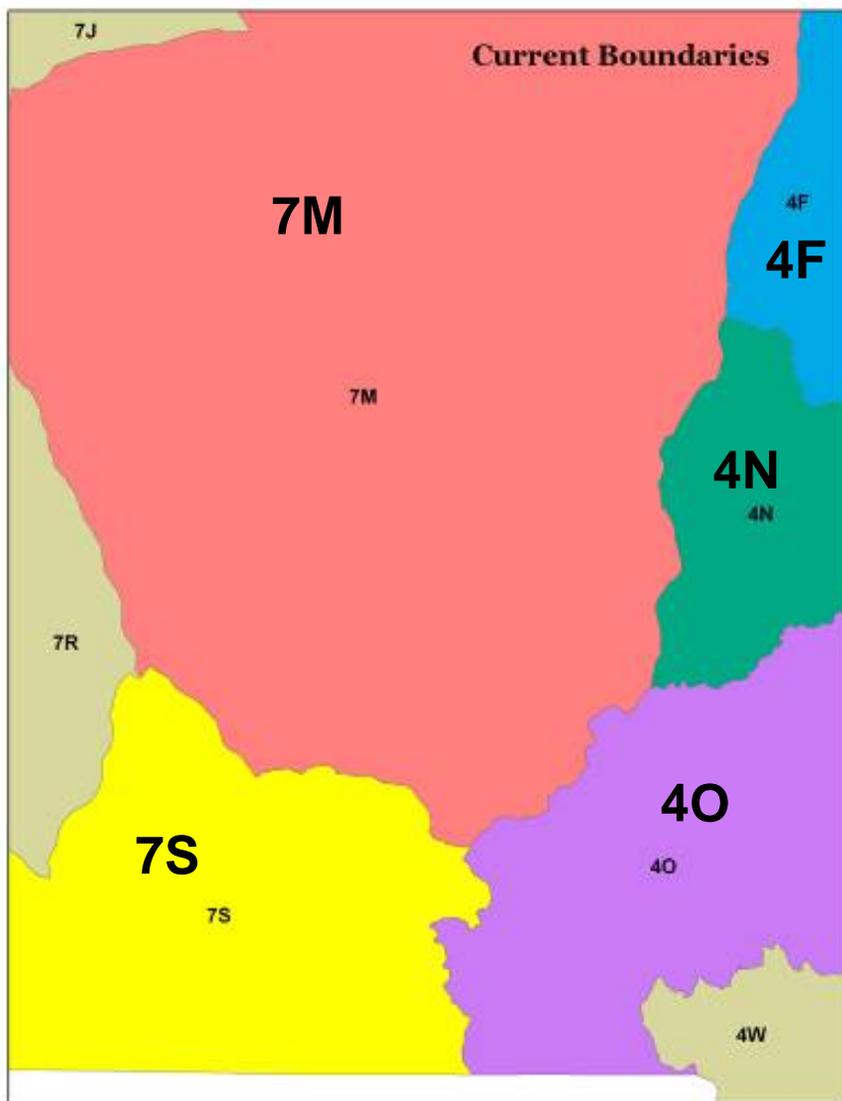
Regulation Changes: Region 6 Proposals

Expansion of 6K into 6G

- Fall turkey: affected area would go from a 2 bird to a 1 bird season limit
- Close a portion of 6G to bobcat hunting/trapping

Expansion of 6C into 6J

- DMPs for 6C will now be available in portion that was formerly 6J
- Fall turkey: affected area would go from a 1 bird to a 2 bird season limit
- Beaver/otter seasons would close 15 days earlier
- Additional special Fisher licenses would be required
- Raccoon etc. seasons would be lengthened by 36 days



Unit Proposal: 7P

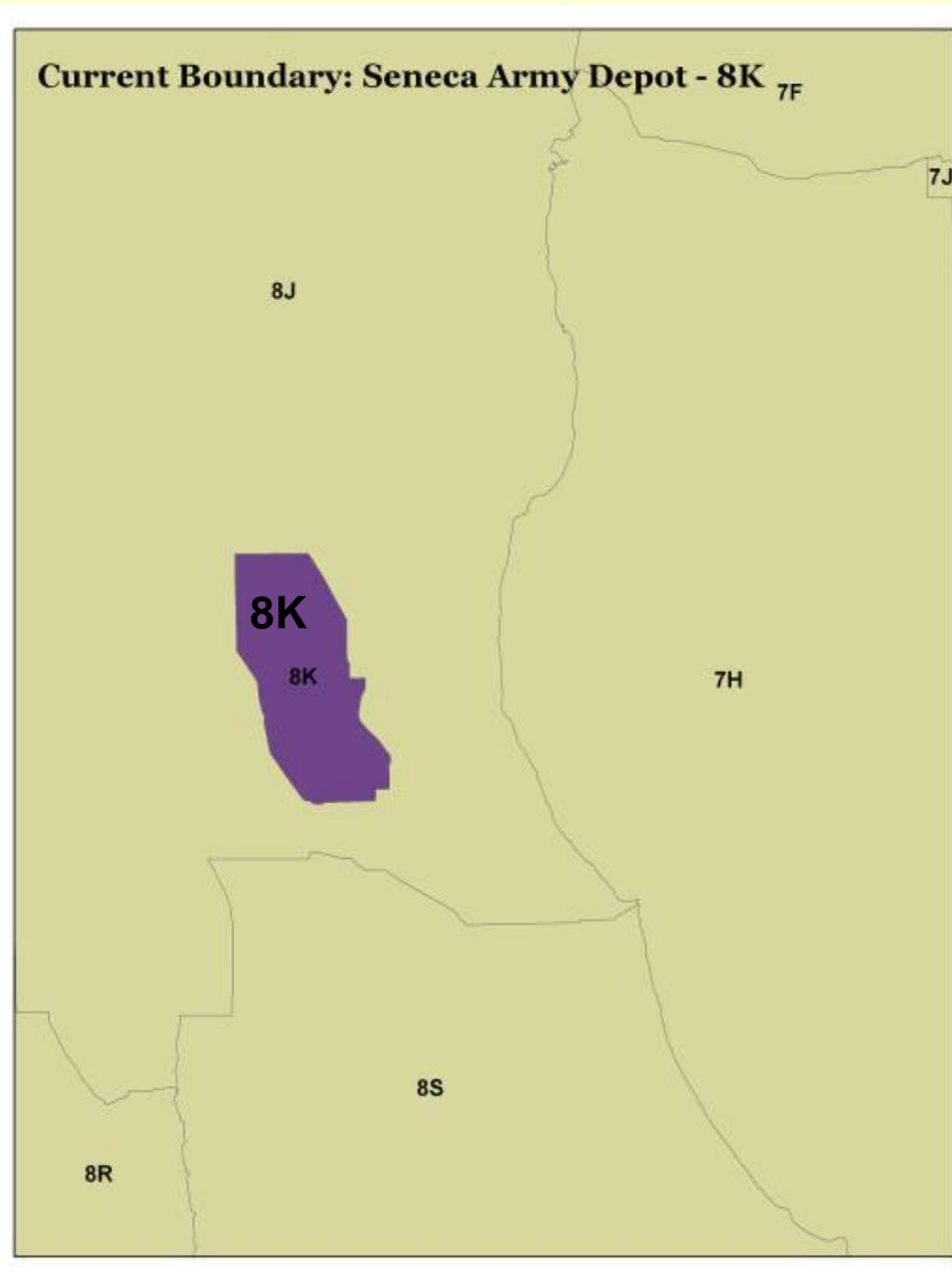
- New unit encompasses areas with well established bear populations
- Will provide flexibility for future bear management decisions (e.g., season dates) based on bear impacts ascertained through stakeholder input groups
- Will provide greater ability to align bear seasons with the likely gradient of bear populations in the Region

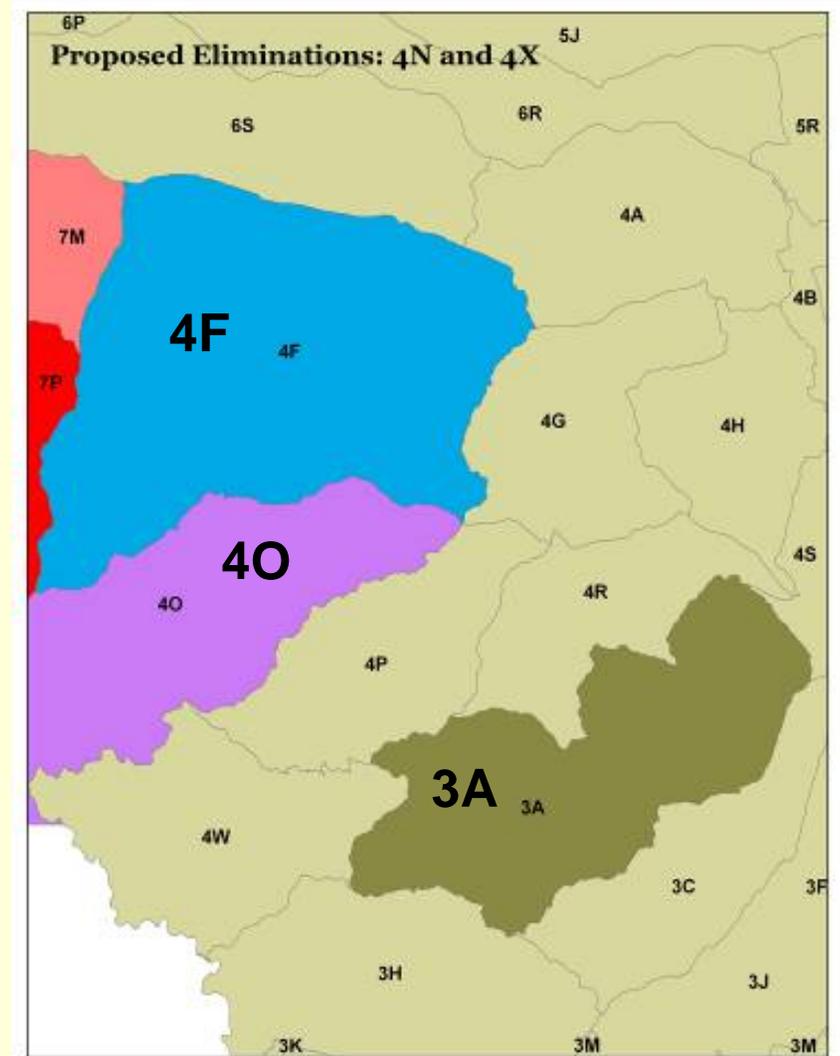
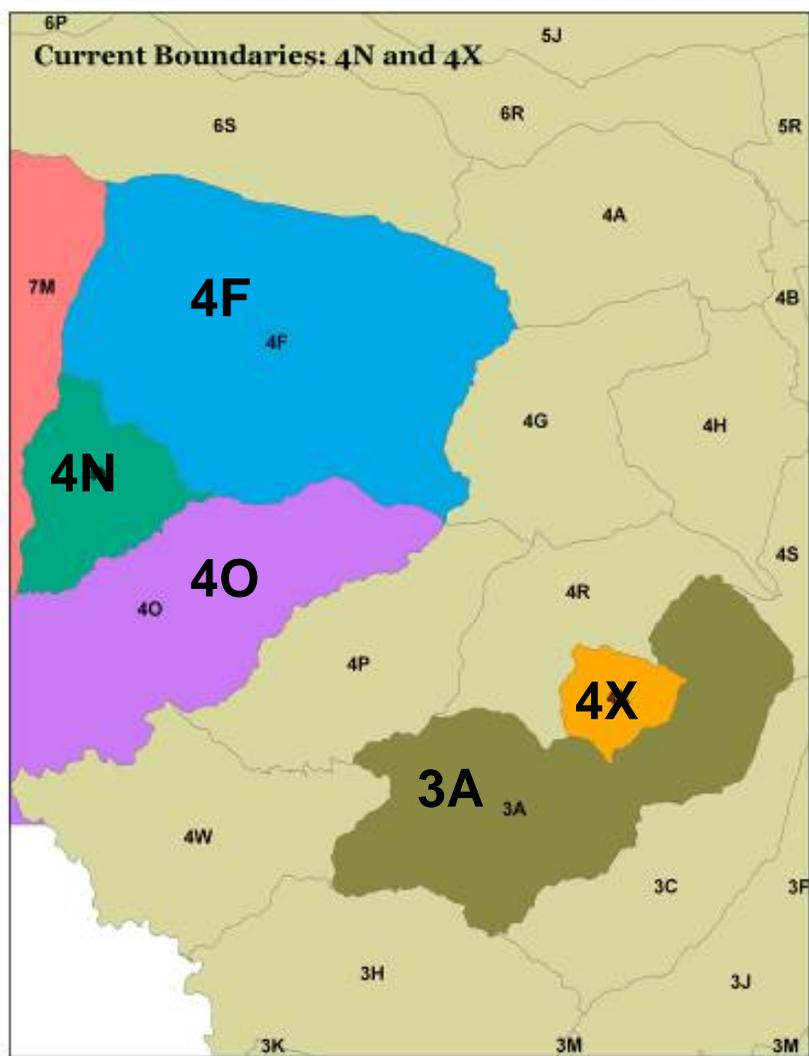
Proposed Unit 7P: Regulation Changes

- Develop deer management objectives based on a citizens task force deer population goal
- Goose line division between East Central and Southern areas currently runs along northwest side of WMU 40 and northeast side of 7S;
Southwest spur of proposed 7P crosses into southern goose area
- East central and southern goose areas will need redefinition along that portion of 7P

Eliminate WMU 8K

- Current unit encompasses Seneca Army Depot
- Access is still highly regulated
- DMAP program offers all the flexibility necessary to manage the deer in this enclosure





Other Eliminations....

- Unit 4N would be added to 4F, and 4X would be added to 3A
- Both units have habitat, land use practices, and deer management objectives similar to the units that they will be incorporated into

