

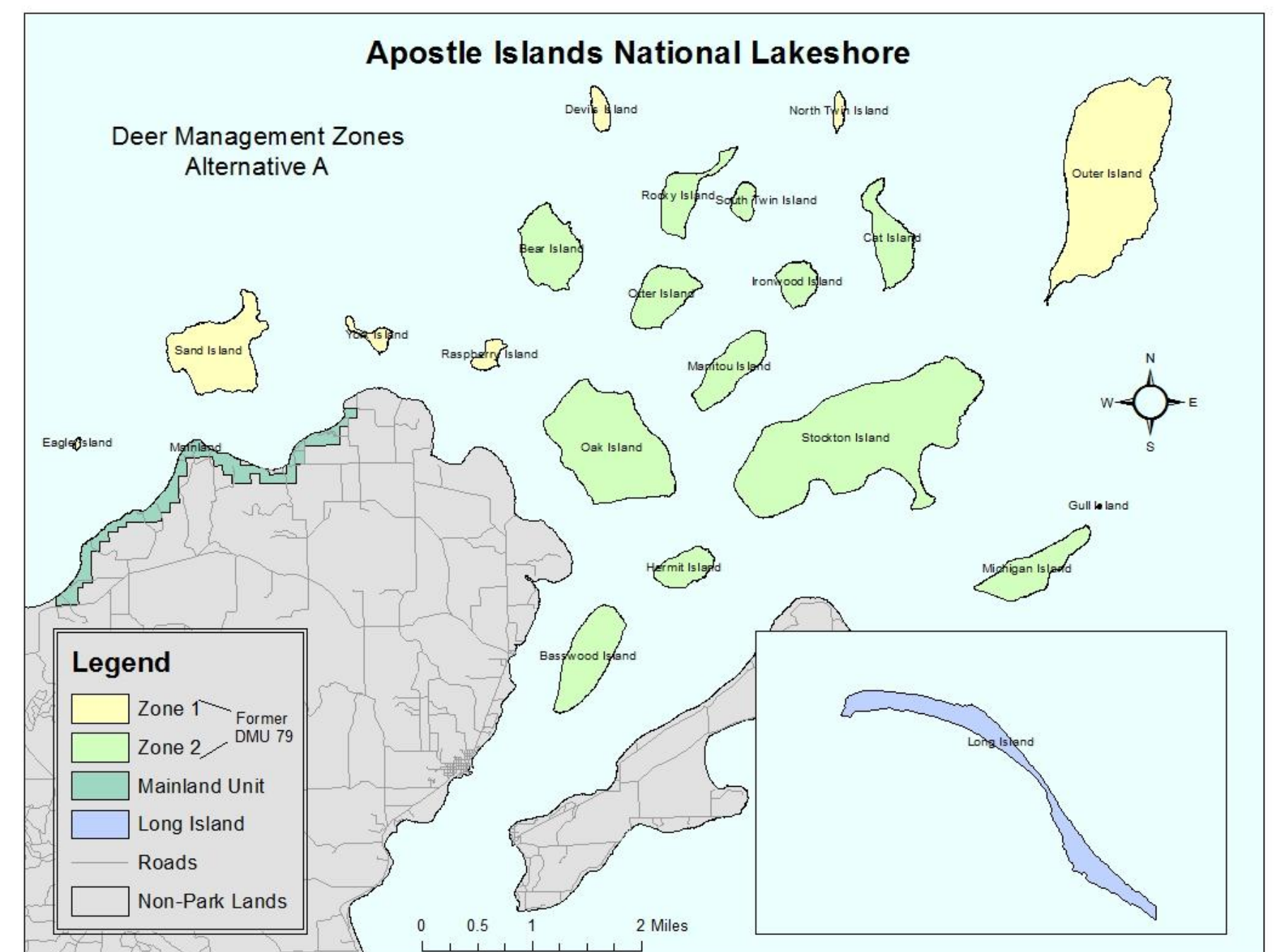


## Harvestable Species Plan and EA

### Apostle Islands National Lakeshore

#### Alternative A – No Action (continuation of current management)

- **Deer** – Special regulations for islands within the park (previous DMU 79; does not include Long) including October muzzleloader season, archery season, Apostle Islands specific tags, two management zones.
  - Zone 1 – Historically had few to no deer; goal is to keep deer numbers as low as possible
  - Zone 2 – Historically had low to high deer numbers; goal is to keep deer at or below historic levels (approx. 10/mi<sup>2</sup>)
  - Long Island and Mainland managed consistent with larger State management units.
- **Bear, furbearers, small game, waterfowl, wild turkey** – managed consistent with larger State management zones
- **Wolves** – managed consistent with current Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) emergency regulations. Under these regulations, islands within the park are not within a state wolf management zone, 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Mainland Unit is within the Red Cliff zero quota zone and Long Island is within the Bad River zero quota zone. Under Alt. A, wolf management within the park would not change if WDNR regulations change in the future.

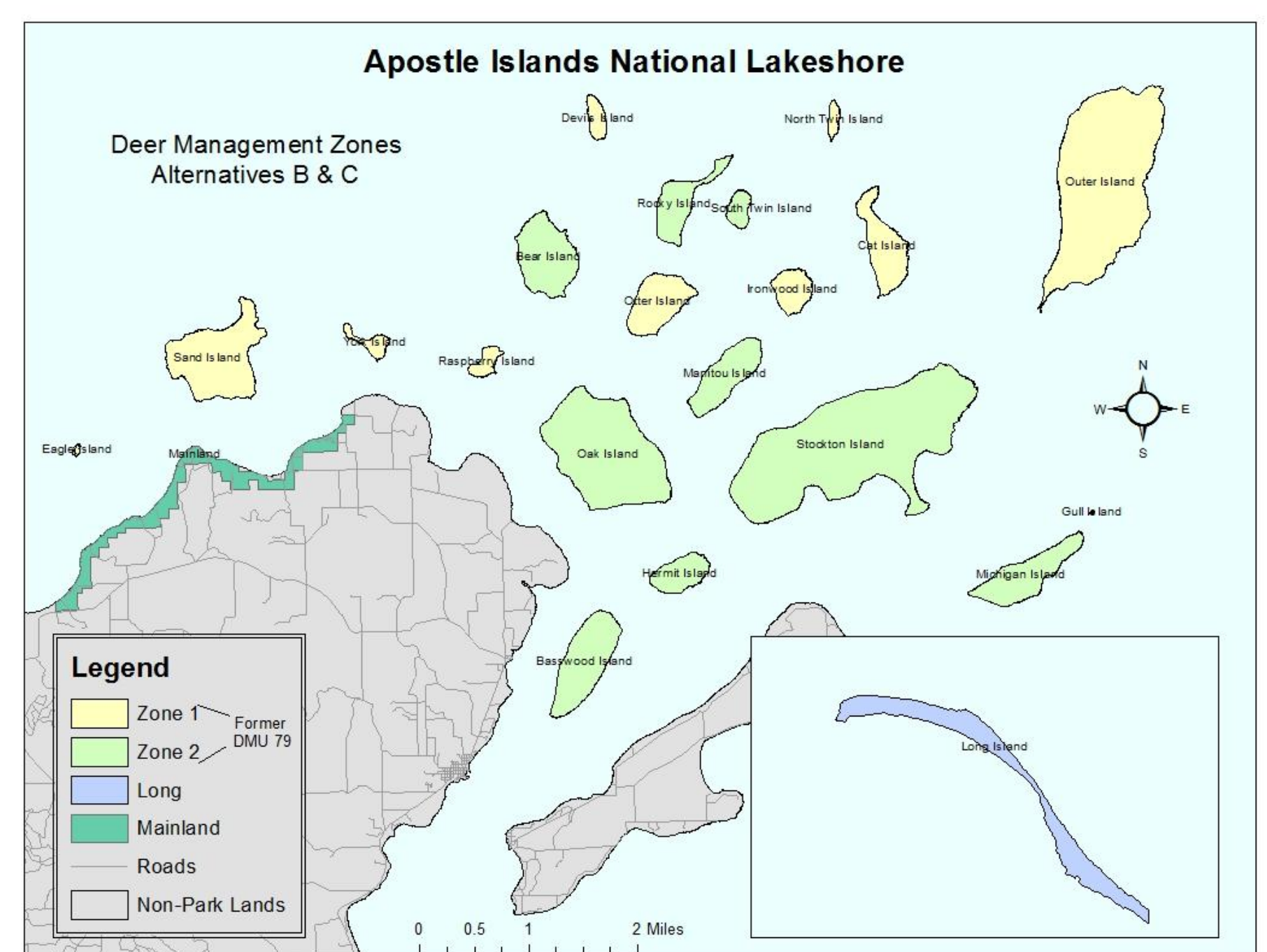


#### Alternative B – Manage for Ecological Integrity and Primitive Hunting Experiences

- **Deer** – same as Alt. A (see above), except three islands would be moved from management zone 2 to zone 1.
- **Bear, furbearers, small game, waterfowl, wild turkey** – managed consistent with larger state management zones
- **Wolves** – same as Alt. A (see above), except the entire Mainland Unit would have a zero quota.

#### Alternative C – Manage for Ecological Integrity and Diverse Hunting Experiences (Preferred Alternative)

- **Deer** – same as Alt. A (see above), except three islands would be moved from management zone 2 to zone 1
- **Bear, furbearers, small game, waterfowl, wild turkey** – managed consistent with larger State management zones
- **Wolves** – same as Alt. A (see above) except the entire Mainland Unit would have a zero quota; and if future regulations incorporate park islands within a state wolf management zone, these areas would be managed consistent with state regulations, except for Sand and Long Islands, which would have a zero quota.



#### Alternative D – No Special Seasons or Park-specific Regulations

- **Deer** – the October muzzleloader hunt and Apostle Islands specific tags would be eliminated. Deer would be managed consistent with Statewide seasons and regulations.
- **Bear, furbearers, small game, waterfowl, wild turkey** – managed consistent with larger State management zones
- **Wolves** – managed consistent with state regulations. This would not effect tribal zero quota zones on 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the Mainland Unit and Long Island.