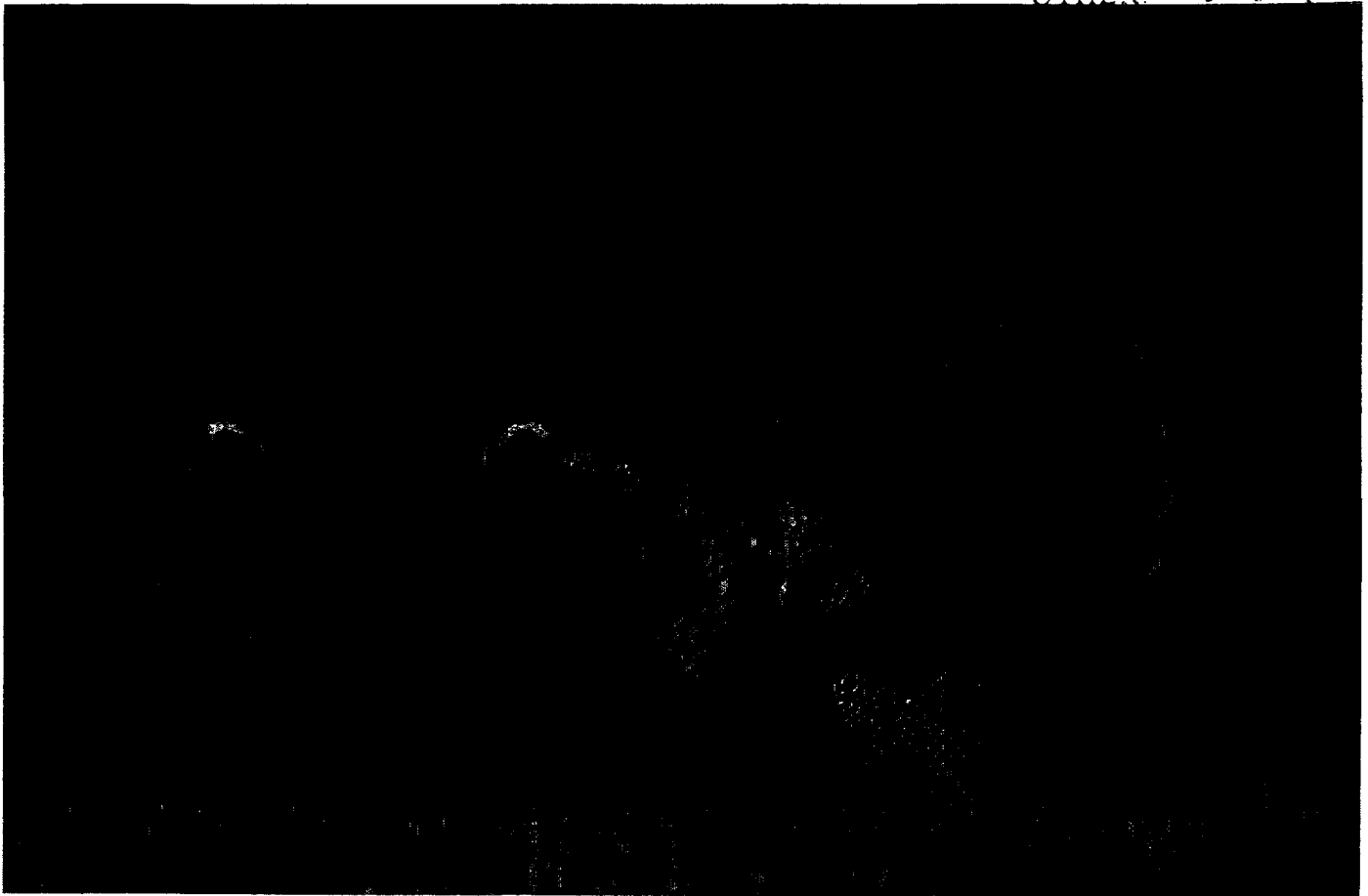


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Letter from the Director

Changes to Deer Hunting Regulations

This year we have made significant changes to Massachusetts' deer hunting regulations and it is important that sportsmen and sportswomen understand why. Our number one priority is, and always has been, the wildlife resource. Balancing the desires and needs of all people while maintaining a healthy deer population is a challenge, but one that our biologists address effectively. We in Massachusetts are fortunate to have the best database of white-tailed deer harvest information of any state in the Northeast. We have 33 years of antlerless deer permit information and 17 years of Deer Management Zone harvest data from EVERY deer harvested. Over the years several trends have emerged. First, deer hunters from eastern Massachusetts are tending to remain in the east rather than travelling to the Berkshires. Second, the portion of the total deer harvest taken by archers and muzzleloaders is increasing substantially.

This year deer hunting regulations were changed to help us achieve deer density goals, to improve the deer tagging system, to simplify the regulations and make them consistent statewide. For the first time, deer hunters must obtain a permit to harvest an antlerless deer in *any* deer season. This gives the deer biologist better information, as well as the ability to increase the deer population in northwestern Massachusetts while limiting its growth in eastern Massachusetts. Every antlerless deer permit has a tag attached to it, so your bag limit is two antlered deer (the two antlered deer tags are attached to your license), plus however many antlerless deer for which you have permits. In those Deer Management Zones where the quota of antlerless permits has not been exhausted, you will be able to purchase additional permits.

This new system allows us to give you more time to hunt. Since we have control over the female portion of the deer harvest in every zone in every season, we have been able to lengthen the archery and muzzleloading seasons. We also liberalized the type of muzzleloader you can use. No longer must the ignition be open to the elements, and scopes and sabot ammunition can now be used.

It has been our experience that each time we change regulations in this way, we achieve better control of the deer population. It is our hope to achieve deer densities in Massachusetts that provide deer hunters with ample opportunities but to also reduce roadkills and damage to crops and gardens.

Internet License Sales

Also new this year, licenses, stamps, permits, and boat registration renewals may be purchased on the Internet at www.masswildlife.org. If you buy your original license on the Internet, you may, during the year, decide to upgrade your license,



purchase a stamp or apply for a permit electronically. Persons holding traditional paper licenses must purchase permits, stamps and registrations as they have done in the past. They are not eligible for electronic stamps or permits, and certain licenses that require special documentation (i.e. youth licenses or free licenses) must still be purchased at town clerks, DFW offices or other vendors.

Regardless of how you buy your license, we are always mindful of the fact that your license, stamp and permit dollars are key to wildlife conservation. The excellent state of our wildlife is directly attributable to the willingness of our license buyers to shoulder the cost of wildlife conservation programs.

We thank you for your continuing support.

Wayne F. MacCallum
Wayne F. MacCallum, Director

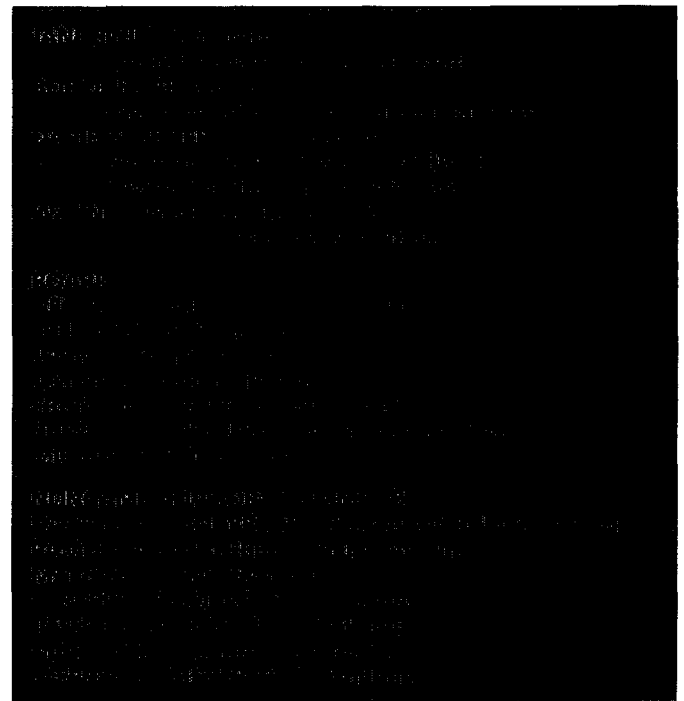
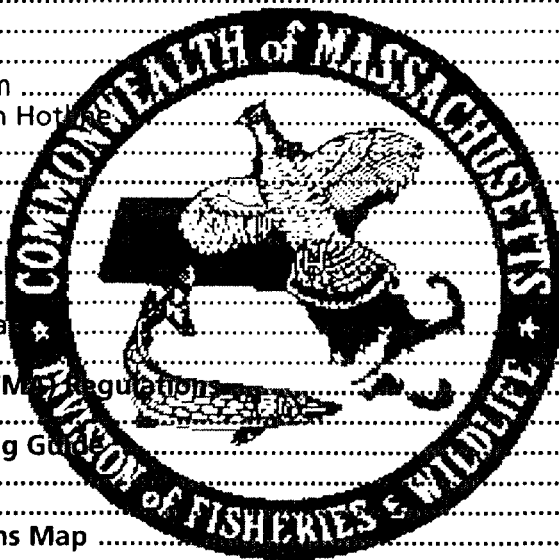


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NEW THIS YEAR:

LICENSES ON THE INTERNET: Beginning this year, licenses, stamps, permits, and boat registration renewals may be purchased on the Internet at www.masswildlife.org. Licenses are also available as in the past, through a network of license vendors. **Persons buying their original license on the Internet** may, during the year, decide to upgrade their license, purchase a stamp or apply for a permit electronically. **Persons holding traditional paper licenses** must purchase permits, stamps and registrations as they have done in the past. They are not eligible for electronic stamps or permits.

Antlerless deer permit required to harvest an antlerless deer in archery, shotgun and muzzleloader seasons. See pgs. 7 & 11.

Hunters allowed to have 2 unsealed deer in their possession statewide. See pg. 7.

The whole deer or a part thereof must be visible when possessed or transported. See pg.7.

Antlerless deer harvested in the Quabbin will not count against the statewide bag limit for antlerless deer. See. pg. 7.

Deer Management Zone 12 boundary changed to Cape Cod canal. See pgs. 8 & 9.

Archery season in DMZs 1-8 increased by 3 weeks and starts October 14, 2002. See pg. 6.

Muzzleloader season extended to December 31, 2002. See pg. 6.

Scopes, sabots and closed ignition systems allowed during muzzleloader season. See pg. 7.

These Abstracts contain a summary of the laws and regulations in place as of September 1, 2001. Any changes in law or regulation enacted after September 1 are distributed through our regular press releases to the news media, town clerk offices, and all license sales outlets. These are not the complete laws (MGL Ch.131 and 321 CMR) and are subject to change.

To obtain a License to Carry or a Firearms Identification card, contact your local police department. For a nonresident License to Carry, a permit to own or possess firearms by aliens, or for more information on the gun laws, contact the Department of Public Safety, Firearms Record Bureau, 200 Arlington St. Suite 2200, Chelsea, MA 02150, tel. (617) 660-4780. License sales outlets may sell a hunting or sporting license only after seeing proof of a previous year's hunting license, a certificate of completion of a hunter education course, or a valid FID or License to Carry, or by filling out an affidavit. **Please see pg. 11 for Massachusetts Gun Laws.**

A hunting, fishing or trapping license is not a permit to trespass on private land, posted or not. Remember, your privilege to enter on private land is a courtesy extended to you by the owner. Practice courtesy yourself if you want to continue hunting or fishing.

Hunting, fishing, sporting, and trapping licenses do not have to be displayed in a visible manner, but they must be shown on demand to any officer empowered to enforce these laws, and to landowners or lessees while on their property.

FISHING

ALL DATES INCLUSIVE

Daily Minimum*
Creel Length (In.)

Brook, Brown, Rainbow, & Tiger trout (cross between a female brown trout & a male brook trout)¹

Lakes, Ponds & Major Rivers² Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

3 —

April 1 - Sept. 10

8 —

Sept. 11 - March 31

3 —

All other Rivers and Brooks

Special Brown trout pond³
(South Pond, Brookfield, MA)

Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

1 15

Sea Run Brown trout⁴

2 —

Smelt⁵ Jan. 1 - Feb. 28
May 16 - Dec. 31

— —

— —

Lake trout

Wachusett Reservoir**

3 —

See below for lead sinker regulations.

Quabbin Reservoir**

5 Total { 4 less than 20
1 greater than 23

Lake trout at Quabbin measuring 20" - 23" (inclusive)
are protected - **NO HARVEST**.

See below for lead sinker regulations.

Landlocked salmon

2 15

Broodstock salmon
(Atlantic salmon)

2 15

The harvest of broodstock salmon (Atlantic salmon) is lawful in all inland waters of Massachusetts except in: 1) the Connecticut River and all its tributaries, and 2) the Merrimack River downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA. and all its tributaries downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA.

The possession of an Atlantic salmon (including broodstock salmon) while fishing in the Connecticut River and all its tributaries and in the Merrimack River downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA. and all its tributaries downstream of the Essex Dam in Lawrence, MA. is prohibited. (N.B. Above the dam a freshwater fishing licence is needed.)

Striped bass

For current inland regulations, call your local district wildlife office, Field Headquarters, or visit our website at: www.masswildlife.org

Other Species Jan. 1 - Dec. 31

American shad 6 —

Chain pickerel 5 15

Large and/or smallmouth bass
(aggregate total) 5 12

Northern pike 1 28

Tiger muskie 1 28

Walleye 5 14

All other species — —

*Minimum length is measured as the straight line (not curved over the body) from the tip of the snout to the tip of the tail. Forked tails may be squeezed together for the final measurement.

Opening and closing dates are set by MDC on Quabbin Reservoir (413-323-7221) and Wachusett and Sudbury Reservoirs (978-365-3272). **IMPORTANT NOTICE: The use of lead fishing sinkers including, but not limited to, split shot, bullet weights, egg sinkers, slip sinkers, bell sinkers, pinch sinkers, rubber grip sinkers, bank sinkers, pyramid sinkers, or

twist, strap or wraparound sinkers for the taking of fish in Quabbin and Wachusett Reservoirs is prohibited. Lead fishing sinkers **DO NOT** include other lead-fishing related items such as artificial lures, jigs, lead-core line, down-rigger weights, keel sinkers, torpedo casting and trolling sinkers, or weighted flies.

¹ From April 1 to September 10, no more than eight trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Tiger) may be taken daily and only three of those trout may be from lakes, ponds or major rivers. From September 11 to March 31, no more than three trout (Brook, Brown, Rainbow, and Tiger) may be taken daily.

² Major Rivers: Deerfield, Farmington, Green (Colrain), Green (Great Barrington), Ipswich, Millers, Nissitissit, North (Colrain), North (West Branch), Parker, Quaboag, Quinapoxet, Quinebaug, Seven Mile, Shawsheen, Squannacook, Stillwater (Sterling, Princeton), Swift (East Branch), Swift (Winsor Dam to Ware River, except as posted), Tully (East and West Branches), Ware, Ware (East Branch), Westfield (all branches).

³ Special brown trout waters: South Pond - Brookfield. **Total daily creel is 3 trout BUT only one may be a brown trout.**

⁴ As posted - Childs R., Coonamessett R., Jones R., Mashpee R., Parker R., Quashnet R., Santuit Cr., Scorton Creek.

⁵ Smelt may be taken by hook and line only.

BAIT: Permit required to take baitfish for purpose of sale. **Frogs** (except leopard frogs) 2-1/2" or less snout to vent may be used as bait; 10 daily, 10 in possession. May not be sold. **Baitfish** may be taken by licensed anglers at any time (except for purposes of sale) with a rectangular net not exceeding 36 square feet of net area or by a hoop or circular net not exceeding 6 feet in diameter or with a fish trap with openings not exceeding one inch. The following species may be taken for personal use as bait by licensed anglers:

American eel	Banded killifish	Bluntnose minnow
Creek chubsucker	Emerald shiner	Fallfish
Fathead minnow	Golden shiner	Mummichog
Pumpkinseed	Rainbow smelt [†]	Spottail shiner
White sucker	Yellow perch	

[†] Hook and line only. Possession or use of smelt as bait in inland waters other than during the smelt season is prohibited.

Fish Consumption Advisories: The MA Dept. of Public Health (MDPH), has issued a statewide advisory for pregnant women not to consume fish caught in fresh water due to elevated levels of mercury in fish flesh. MDPH has also issued fish consumption advisories for the general public on selected bodies of water primarily due to PCB and mercury contamination.

For more information or for a list of waters with fish consumption advisories, write or call the MDPH at 250 Washington Street, 7th Floor, Boston, MA 02108-4619; (617) 624-5757.

These fish consumption advisories do not apply to fish stocked by the Division.

CATCH & RELEASE AREAS: Artificial lures only - No bait in possession.

Nissitissit River - From the New Hampshire border to the Prescott St. Bridge. **FLY FISHING ONLY.**

Swift River - Winsor Dam to Rte. 9, catch & release **FLY FISHING ONLY** (year around); Rte. 9 to Cady Lane, catch & release July 1 - Dec. 31 (Artificial only).

Deerfield River - Fife Brook Dam to Hoosac Tunnel, and the section extending from Pelham Brook to the Mohawk Campground.

Westfield River, East Branch - Immediately below the Chesterfield Gorge parking lot in Chesterfield to the gate north of the Corps of Engineers parking lot at Knightville in Huntington.

Higgins Pond - Nickerson State Park, Brewster.

Millers River - Templeton/Athol railroad bridge to dam in Athol and from Wendell Rd. bridge in Orange to breached dam in Erving center.

Quashnet River - Between Rte. 151 Mashpee and Rte. 28 Falmouth.

INTERSTATE PONDS: Wallum Lake, Douglas: fishing permitted by persons duly licensed in Massachusetts or Rhode Island. Rhode Island regulations apply.

Lake Monomonac and Robbins Pond, Winchendon; Long Pond, Tyngsboro and Dracut; Bent Pond, Warwick; Tuxbury Pond, Amesbury: fishing permitted by persons duly licensed in Massachusetts or New Hampshire. New Hampshire regulations apply.

Colebrook Reservoir, Tolland; Perry Pond, Dudley; Muddy Pond, Southbridge; Breakneck Pond, Sturbridge; Congamond Lake, Southwick; Hamilton Reservoir, Holland: fishing permitted by persons duly licensed in Massachusetts or Connecticut. Connecticut regulations apply to Colebrook Reservoir, Breakneck Pond, Perry Pond and Muddy Pond. Massachusetts regulations apply to Congamond Lake and Hamilton Reservoir.

Sherman Reservoir, Rowe: MA regulations apply and MA license required in MA. Vermont regulations apply and VT license required in VT.

Spears, Bow and Arrows - May be used to take suckers, carp and eels only. Fishing license required.

FREE FISHING WEEKEND - No license needed June 1 & 2, 2002.

PROHIBITED

Explosives

Poisons

Rubbish in inland waters

Releasing fish or spawn into inland waters, except by permit.

Jug, toggle or trot line fishing.

More than two hooks for fishing or more than five hooks when ice fishing. **A hook is defined as:** an angling device which is attached to a fishing line and which is designed to take one fish at a time, including, but not limited to, devices commonly called spinners, spoons, bait harnesses, lead head jigs or plugs, the purpose of which is to capture the fish by enticing it to take the device into its mouth.

Sale of freshwater fish without a permit.

Snagging

Transporting live fish (except bait) without a permit.

SPORTFISHING AWARDS

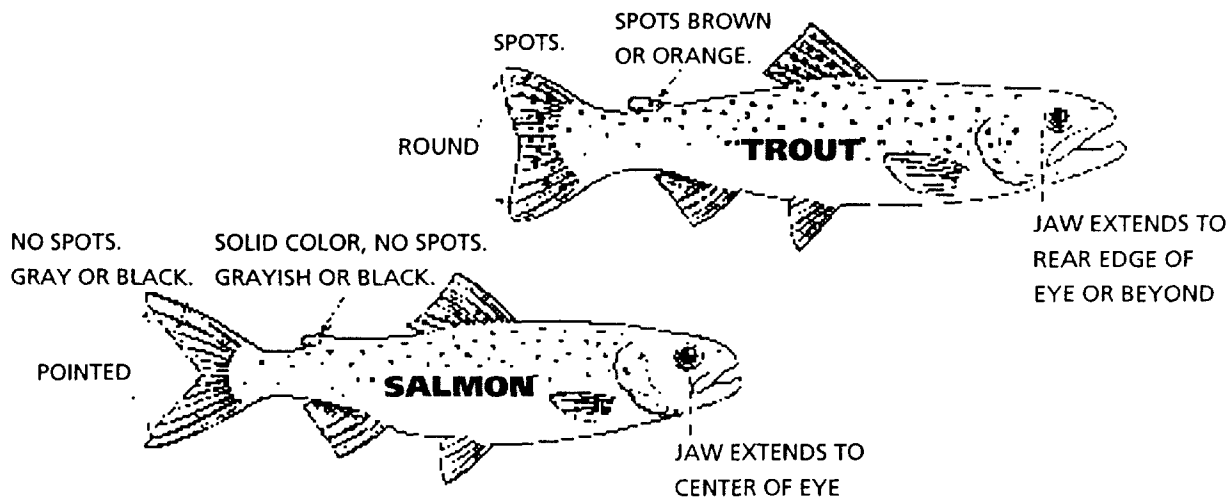
Awards for prize freshwater fish are offered in 22 categories. Each qualified entry receives a bronze pin. Largest fish in each category receives a "gold" pin and plaque. Fish must meet the following minimum weight requirements:

Brook trout	2 lbs.	Northern pike	15 lbs.
Brood salmon	10 lbs.	Rainbow trout	4 lbs.
Brown trout	6 lbs.	Shad	6 lbs.
Bullhead	1 lb. 12 oz.	Smallmouth bass	4 lbs. 8 oz.
Carp	20 lbs.	Sunfish	1 lb.
Chain pickerel	4 lbs. 8 oz.	Tiger muskie	10 lbs.
Channel catfish	6 lbs.	Walleye	5 lbs.
Crappie/Calico	2 lbs.	White catfish	4 lbs.
Lake trout	7 lbs.	White perch	1 lb. 8 oz.
Landlocked salmon	5 lbs.	Yellow perch	1 lb. 8 oz.
Largemouth bass	7 lbs. 8 oz.	Tiger trout	3 lb.

PROCEDURES: Bring qualifying fish to an official weigh station, where it will be weighed and an affidavit filled out. For the location of the nearest weigh station, phone (508) 792-7270 ext. 100. Submit signed affidavit with close-up side-view photo of fish within 30 days of catch to MDFW Field Hqtrs. in Westboro. Any fish to be considered for new state record status **must** be presented to DFW fisheries personnel or Program Coordinator in its entirety. For further information phone Richard Hartley, Awards Program Coordinator at 508-792-7270 EXT. 132.

Attention Anglers!

Many streams and rivers in the Connecticut River Basin contain young Atlantic salmon. If you catch one, you must let it go. There is no open season for Atlantic salmon. Atlantic salmon look similar to brown trout. Please use the drawing below to note the differences so that you do not take young Atlantic salmon. Your cooperation is important to the success of the restoration project.



Drawings by Robert Golder, courtesy of Trout Unlimited's Atlantic Salmon Task Force

HUNTING

OPEN SEASON (All Dates Inclusive)
NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY

Species	Open season	Daily Bag Limit	Possession Limit	Season Limit
Birds:				
Crow ¹	Jan. 1 - Apr. 10 Jul. 1 - Apr. 10, 2003	-	-	-
Pheasant ²	Oct. 19 - Nov. 30	2	4	6
Quail ³	Oct. 19 - Nov. 30	4	8	20
Ruffed Grouse ⁴	Oct. 19 - Nov. 30	3	6	15
Turkey ⁵ Spring:	Season #1: Apr. 29 - May 25 Season #2: Apr. 29 - May 11	} See Note # 5		
Fall:	Oct. 28 - Nov. 2			
Waterfowl / migratory birds (including woodcock) see migratory bird abstracts.				
Mammals:				
Black Bear ⁶	Sep. 3 - Sep. 21 Nov. 18 - Nov. 23	See Note # 6		
Bobcat ⁷	Jan. 1 - Mar. 8 Dec. 20 - Mar. 8, 2003	See Note # 7		
Cottontail Rabbit	Mainland: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Oct. 19 - Feb. 28, 2003 Dukes and Nantucket: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 15 - Feb. 28, 2003	5	10	-
Coyote ⁸	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 2003	-	-	-
Deer (archery) ⁹	Oct. 14 - Nov. 23	} See note # 9		
Deer (muzzleloader) ⁹	Dec. 16 - Dec. 31			
Deer (shotgun) ⁹	Zones 1 - 11; 14: Dec. 2 - Dec. 14 Zones 12 - 13: Dec. 2 - Dec. 7			
Fox (red or gray)	Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Nov. 1 - Feb. 28, 2003	-	-	-
Gray Squirrel ¹⁰	Eastern Zone: Oct. 19 - Jan. 2, 2003 Western Zone: Sep. 9 - Jan. 2, 2003	5	10	-
Jackrabbit ¹¹	Nov. 15 - Dec. 31	1	2	-
Opossum ¹²	Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	-	-	-
Raccoon ¹²	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2003 Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	3	-	-
Snowshoe Hare ¹³	Oct. 1 - Jan. 31, 2003 Eastern Zone: Jan. 1 - Feb. 5 Oct. 19 - Feb. 5, 2003 Western Zone: Jan. 1 - Feb. 28 Oct. 19 - Feb. 28, 2003 Dukes and Nantucket: Jan. 1 - Feb. 5 Nov. 15 - Feb. 5, 2003	2	4	-
Reptiles and Amphibians:				
Bullfrog & Green frog ¹⁴	Jul. 16 - Sep. 30	12	24	-
Snapping Turtle ¹⁴	Jan. 1 - Dec. 31	-	-	-

Seasons CLOSED during shotgun deer season — ALL hunting seasons except waterfowl are closed from Dec. 2 to Dec. 14 in deer zones 1-11 & 14 and from Dec. 2 to Dec. 7 in deer zones 12-13.

The following species may be taken by licensed hunters with no daily or seasonal bag limit: English sparrow, starling, chipmunk, flying squirrel, red squirrel, weasel, porcupine, skunk, woodchuck.

Closed season throughout the year on all birds and mammals not mentioned herein or in Massachusetts migratory bird regulations.

Hunter harassment is against State law. Report violations to D.L.E. 1-800-632-8075 or State or local police and prepare to provide a description of violators.

Hunting hours are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset on each day of open season except for: (A) spring turkey, raccoon and opossum (see notes below) and (B) WMA REG #10 (pg. 12) which states that no person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset on any WMA where pheasant or quail are stocked during the pheasant or quail season (Oct. 19 to Nov. 30) except for the hunting of raccoons and opossums between 9P.M. and 3A.M. (C) Hunting for rabbit, hare, fox and coyote closes at midnight.

LISTING OF FURBEARER CHECK STATIONS: Check stations are located at all Wildlife District Headquarters, Sunderland and Montague State Fish Hatcheries, Martha's Vineyard State Forest, and Newbury WMA Hqtrs. and Westboro Field Headquarters (Mon. - Fri. excluding holidays). Call check station prior to bringing pelts for sealing.

¹Crow - May be hunted only on Friday, Saturday and Monday during the open season. Hunting hours close 1/2 hr. after sunset except as noted in WMA Reg #10 (See hunting hours above).

²Pheasants - Zone from the New Hampshire border south on I-95 to I-495 south to I-95, north on I-95 to I-93/128, east on I-93/128 to Route 3, south on Route 3 to Route 228, north on 228 to the Hull town line. Cocks and hens west of zone line and on all Wildlife Management Areas. Cocks only east of zone line including Hull and in Dukes and Nantucket counties. See WMA Reg. #10 under hunting hours above.

³Quail - Season limited to Nantucket, Dukes, Barnstable, Plymouth and Bristol counties. See WMA Reg #10 under hunting hours above.

⁴Ruffed Grouse - see WMA Reg. #10 under hunting hours above.

⁵Turkey - Permit required. Official safety sticker must be adhered to firearm in such a manner as to be visible when hunter is sighting down the barrel. **SPRING SEASON #1:** April 29 to May 25 (no splits). Berkshire, Essex, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, Middlesex, and Worcester Counties. **SPRING SEASON #2:** April 29 to May 11. Barnstable, Bristol, Norfolk, and Plymouth Counties. **FALL SEASON:** Berkshire, Dukes, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and that portion of Worcester County west of a line from the New Hampshire border southward along Rte. 32 to Rte. 67 to Rte. 148 to I-90 and west on I-90 to the Hampden County line.

Spring hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon. **Fall hunting hours:** 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset except as noted in WMA Reg #10 (See hunting hours above). **Bag limit:** (a) 2 bearded birds in spring season (1 per day) with NO fall bird allowed, OR (b) 1 bearded bird in spring season, and 1 bird of either sex in fall season. Hunting only with shotguns no larger than 10 gauge and restricted to shot sizes #4 - #6, or with bows 40 lbs. pull or greater. Electronic calls, dogs, bait, driving prohibited. Successful hunters must tag bird immediately and prior to moving it with tag attached to permit and bring bird to an official checking station within 48 hours.

⁶Bear - Permit required - apply to Boston office MDFW prior to season opening. Zones include Berkshire, Franklin, Hampden, Hampshire, and Worcester Counties ONLY. Hunting only with rifle .23 caliber or larger, muzzleloader .44 - .775 caliber, bows with 40 lb. pull or greater, or revolvers .357 Magnum or .40 caliber or larger. Handguns permitted in September season only. **SHOTGUNS PROHIBITED.** Dogs prohibited for hunting and training (See: **Hunting Dogs**, page 10). Hunting hours close 1/2 hr. after sunset except as noted in WMA Reg #10 (See hunting hours above). Successful hunters must tag bear immediately and prior to moving it with tag attached to permit and bring bear to an official checking station within 48 hours. **Limit 1 bear per year.**

⁷Bobcat - Hunting hours close 1/2 hour after sunset. Hunting limited to areas west of Rte. 31. All bobcats taken must be checked within 4 working days of date of harvest. Carcass must accompany the pelt. No pelt will be tagged unless the carcass is turned in. The Director will close the season when the total harvest reaches 50 animals.

⁸Coyote & Fox - Hunting hours end at midnight. Pelts must be tagged within 4 working days of the end of the season. Rifles chambered to take larger than .22 caliber long rifle rimfire ammunition, pistols and revolvers larger than .38 caliber between the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise are prohibited. Weapons other than shotguns and bows and arrows are prohibited on WMAs stocked with pheasant or quail during the pheasant and quail season. Possession or use of any rifle chambered larger than .22 long rifle in any place where birds

or mammals may be found in Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Plymouth, and Nantucket counties is prohibited, November 1 - March 31.



Photo by Irving Colby

⁹Deer-

Hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise and close 1/2 hr. after sunset except as noted in WMA Reg #10 (See hunting hours pg.6).

Antlered deer- any deer with at least one antler 3 inches long measured on a straight line from the center of the anterior (front) base of the antler burr to the tip.

Antlerless deer- a permit is required to harvest antlerless deer during any season in all zones. Only one application per person. Applications must be postmarked no later than **July 16th**. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted. Additional permits may be available in certain zones (see page 11 for details). Permits are accompanied by a tag and are valid in any season.

Tagging requirements- Immediately upon killing a deer and prior to moving it (during any deer season), the tag portion must be separated from the license or antlerless deer permit, filled out, and attached to the deer in a conspicuous manner. The deer must be taken to an official checking station by the person who killed it within **48 hours** after killing it, for validation by a Division of Fisheries and Wildlife representative. At that time the paper tag will be collected and a metal tag affixed. This constitutes the official report of kill as required by law. Deer taken on Nantucket, Martha's Vineyard or Cuttyhunk must be tagged on the island where shot. Deer must not be possessed, transported, or under a person's control unless the deer, or a part of the deer, is open to view. However, after the deer has been tagged with an official metal seal, the deer may be concealed.

After killing 2 deer (except for persons with unused valid deer tags) a person shall not hunt for any bird or mammal other than deer, during the remainder of the shotgun deer season. This does not apply to hunting waterfowl on coastal waters.

Daily bag: the daily bag limit is determined by the number of valid tags a hunter possesses. Hunters possessing one deer may take an addi-

tional deer before presenting the first deer at an official check station. However, all deer must be taken to a check station within **48 hours** of being killed.

Seasonal bag: 2 antlered deer, and as many antlerless deer as the hunter has valid permits for, **PROVIDED:**

(A) Hunters may purchase an unlimited number of antlerless deer permits for **zones 10 - 14**, subject to an overall quota in each zone. (See p. 11 for antlerless deer permit regulations.)

(B) Hunters may take a maximum of two (2) deer in the Quabbin Reservation, both of which may be antlerless, provided the hunter obtains a second antlerless deer permit after checking their first antlerless deer at a check station. **Antlerless** deer taken in the Quabbin are not considered part of the statewide bag limit. **Antlered** deer taken in the Quabbin are part of the statewide bag limit.

No person shall kill an antlerless deer unless he or she possesses on his or her person a permit from the director to do so.

During shotgun season hunters may use shotguns not larger than 10 gauge, bows and arrows, or muzzleloaders, including modern muzzleloaders, muzzleloaders with telescopic sights, and sabot rounds in muzzleloaders.

During shotgun and muzzleloader seasons all deer hunters must wear a minimum of 500 square inches of "hunter orange" on their head, chest, and back. This includes archers hunting during either season (see page 10).

The possession of rifles, **handguns**, or **dogs** in any woodland or field, on any highway, or use of same on any game, is **prohibited** during the shotgun deer season except that the use of dogs is lawful for hunting waterfowl on coastal waters.

Driving deer is lawful.

Quabbin Controlled Hunt: Contact MDC (413-323-7221) in June for information. Must apply by August 15.

Muzzleloader Season - Limited to shoulder-fired muzzleloaders .44 to .775 caliber; barrel length 18" or more with only one barrel operative. In-line ignition systems permitted providing rifle loads from muzzle, and has a non-opening breech. Single projectile only (no buckshot). Sabot rounds are legal. Powder limited to black powder or approved substitutes. Firearm is considered unloaded when cap or pan powder is removed. Stamp required. **An antlerless deer permit is required by muzzleloader hunters in order to take an antlerless deer.** Archers may hunt during the muzzleloader firearms season but must purchase a primitive firearms stamp and wear at least 500 square inches of hunter orange on head, back and chest. Permit required for antlerless deer.

Paraplegic Season: There is a special deer hunt for paraplegic sportsmen. Contact Field Headquarters for information (508)792-7270.

10 Gray Squirrel - Zones are divided by the eastern boundary of Worcester County. Rifles and handguns permitted in the western zone; prohibited in the eastern zone. No person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset on WMA where pheasant or quail are stocked during the open season on pheasant or quail (Oct. 19 to Nov. 30) except for the hunting of raccoons between 9PM and 3AM (WMA Reg #10, pg. 12). No person shall hunt by any means other than shotgun or bow and arrow during the pheasant and quail season on areas stocked with pheasant or quail except for hunting raccoons between 9PM and 3AM (WMA Reg. #9, pg.12).

11 Jackrabbit - Season limited to Nantucket County.

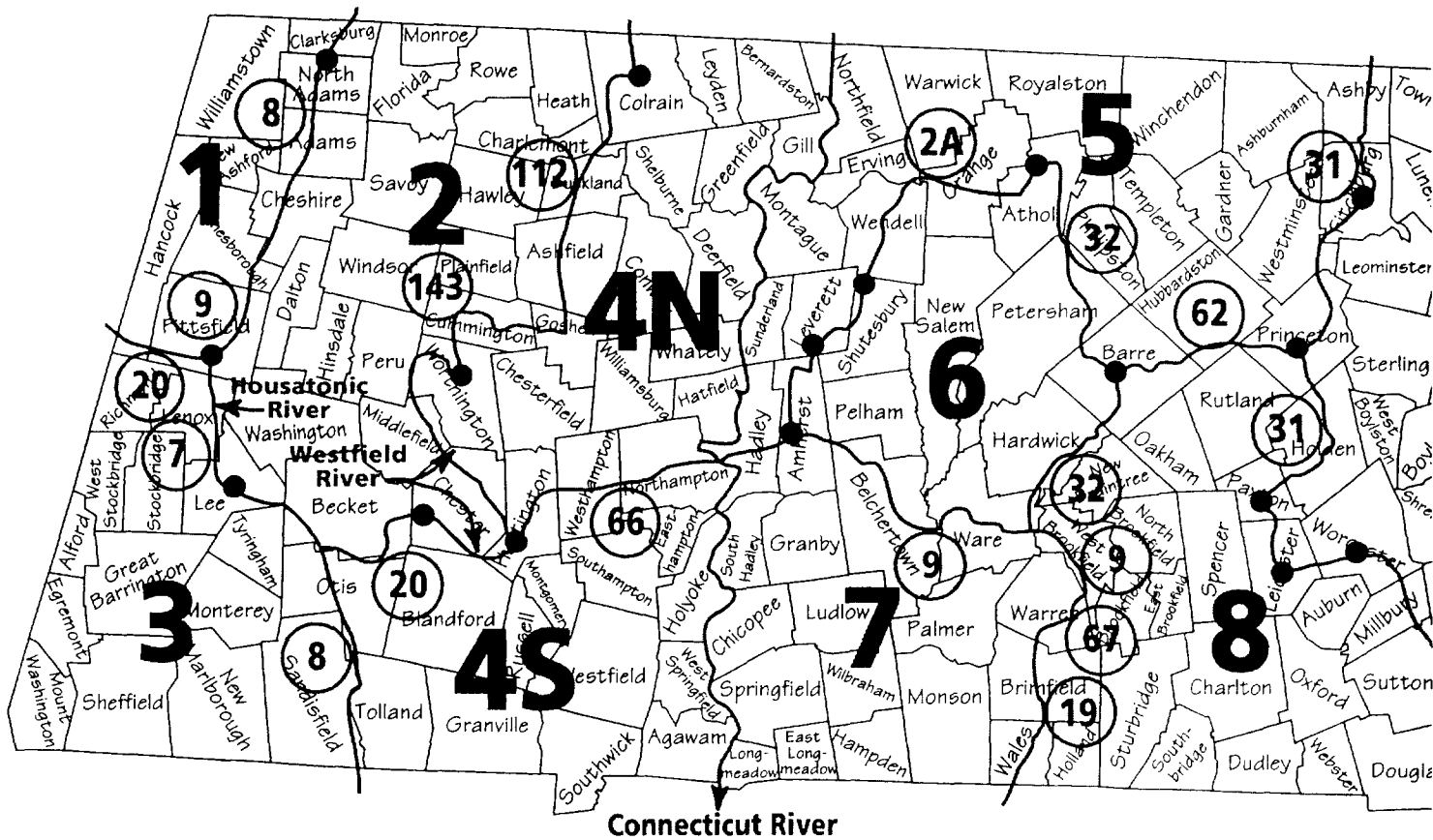
12 Raccoon & Opossum - Limit of 3 raccoon from sunset of one day to sunset of following day by one person; 6 by two or more persons hunting in same group. No limit on opossum. Night hunting on Wildlife Management Areas (except Delaney and Flint Pond WMAs) is permitted from sunset to sunrise excepting from Oct. 19 to Nov. 30 on areas stocked with pheasant or quail, when raccoon and opossum may be hunted only from 9PM to 3AM.

13 Snowshoe Hare - Zones are divided by the west bank of the Connecticut River.

14 Bullfrog, Green frog, Snapping Turtle - No license required. Minimum size for frogs 3" snout to vent.

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Deer Management Zones



Zone 01 - Northerly by the Vermont border; westerly by the New York border; southerly by a line running along Rte. 20 to the junction with Rte. 7 in Pittsfield; north on Rte. 7 to Rte. 9 and east on Rte. 9 to the junction of Rte. 8; and easterly by a line running from the Vermont border south along Rte. 8 to Rte. 9 in Pittsfield.

Zone 02 - Northerly by Vermont border; westerly by zones 01 and 03; southerly by the Mass. Turnpike (I-90) from the intersection with the Housatonic River in Lee, east to the intersection (dead end) with Bonny Rigg Hill Road in Becket; and easterly by a line running from the Vermont border south along Rte. 112 to Rte. 143 in Worthington, along Rte. 143 west to the intersection with the middle branch of the Westfield River, then south along the middle branch of the Westfield River to the intersection with the East branch of the Westfield River, south along the East branch of the Westfield River to Rte. 20 in Huntington, west along Rte. 20 to Bonny Rigg Hill Road in Becket, south on Bonny Rigg Hill Road to the intersection with the Mass. Turnpike.

Zone 03 - Northerly by zones 01; westerly by the New York border; southerly by the New York and Connecticut borders; and easterly by a line running south along the Housatonic River from the junction with Rte. 9 in Pittsfield to the junction with Rte. 20 in Lee, east along Rte. 20 to the junction with Rte. 8 in West Becket, and south on Rte. 8 to the Connecticut border.

Zone 04 North - Northerly by the Vermont border; westerly by zone 02; southerly by a line running north from the intersection of Rte. 20 and the East branch of the Westfield River in Huntington along the East branch of the Westfield River to the intersection with Rte. 66, along Rte. 66 to the intersection with Rte. 9 in Northampton, to the intersection with the Connecticut River at the Northampton/Hadley town line; and easterly by the Connecticut River.

Zone 04 South - Northerly by zones 02 and 04N; westerly by zone 03; southerly by the Connecticut Border; and easterly by the Connecticut River.

Zone 05 - Northerly by the New Hampshire border; westerly by the Connecticut River; southerly by a line running from the intersection of the Connecticut River and Rte. 9 at the Northampton/Hadley line east along Rte. 9 to Rte. 116 in Hadley, north along Rte. 116 to Rte. 63 in North Amherst, east along Rte. 63 and Pine Street to State Street, northeast along State Street and East Leverett Road to Cushman Road, along Cushman Road to Shutesbury Road in East Leverett, east on Shutesbury Road and Leverett Road to Wendell Road in Shutesbury Center, north

along Wendell Road to Locks Pond Road, north on Locks Pond Road to Lake View Road, northeast on Lake View Road to Locks Village Road, north along Locks Village Road to Depot Road in Wendell, north on Depot Road to Rte. 2A in Wendell Depot, east on Rte. 2A to Rte. 32 in Athol, south on Rte. 32 to Rte. 62 in Barre, and east on Rte. 62 to the intersection with Rte. 31 in Princeton.

Zone 06 - Northerly by zone 05; westerly by zone 05; southerly by a line running from the intersection of Rte. 9 and Rt. 116 in Hadley, east along Rte. 9 to the intersection with Rte. 32 in Ware; and easterly by a line running from the intersection of Rte. 32 and Rte. 62 in Barre, south along Rte. 32 to the intersection with Rte. 9 in Ware.

Zone 07 - Northerly by zones 05 and 06; southerly by the Connecticut border; easterly by a line running from the intersection of Rte. 9 and Rte. 32 in Ware, east along Rte. 9 to the intersection with Rte. 67, southwest along Rte. 67 to the intersection with Rte. 19 in Warren, and south along Rte. 19 to the Connecticut border.

Zone 08 - Northerly by zone 05; southerly by the Connecticut and Rhode Island borders; easterly by the following: Rte. 31 in Princeton south to Rte. 56 in Paxton, Rte. 56 south to Rte. 9 in Leicester, Rte. 9 east to Cambridge Street in Worcester, Cambridge Street east to Rte. 146, Rte. 146 southeast to the Rhode Island border, westerly by zones 06 and 07.

Zone 09 - Northerly by the New Hampshire border; southerly by the Rhode Island border; easterly by the following: Rte. 3 from New Hampshire southeast to Rte. I-495 south to Rte. 121 in Wrentham, 121 southwest to the Rhode Island border; westerly by zones 05 and 08.

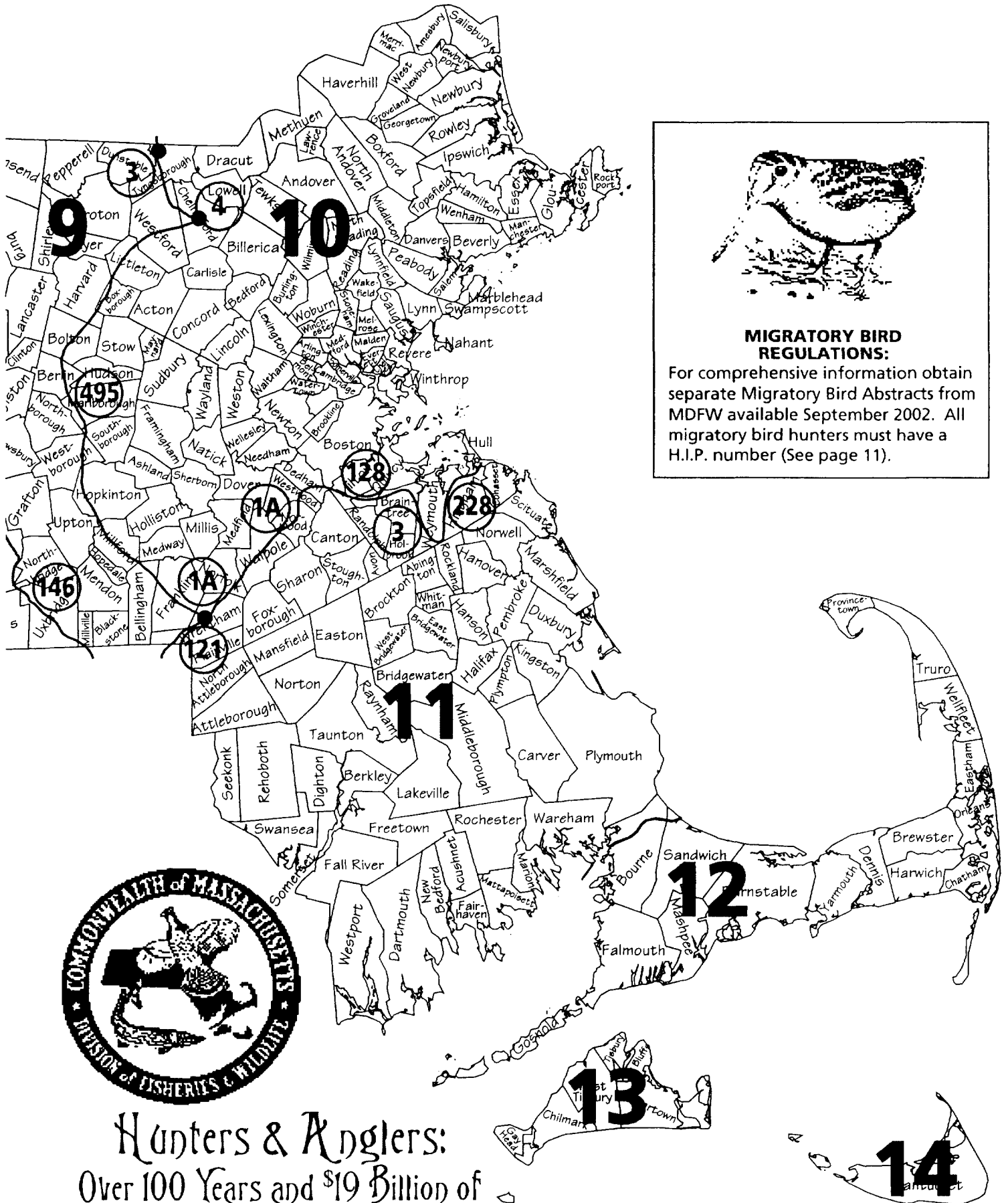
Zone 10 - Northerly by the New Hampshire border; southerly by the following: Rte. 1A northeast from Walpole to Rte. 128, Rte. 128 east to Rte. 228, Rte. 228 north to the Atlantic Ocean; easterly by the Atlantic Ocean; westerly by zone 09.

Zone 11 - Northerly by zones 09 and 10; southerly by Buzzard's Bay and the Cape Cod Canal; easterly by the Atlantic Ocean; westerly by the Rhode Island border.

Zone 12 - Northerly, southerly and easterly by the Atlantic Ocean; westerly by zone 11.

Zone 13 - Dukes County.

Zone 14 - Nantucket.



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HUNTING REGULATIONS

Accidents - All hunting injuries or deaths **MUST** be reported to state or local police.

Archery - Poisoned arrows, or explosive tips or bows drawn by mechanical means are prohibited. Mechanical releases permitted. Arrows used on deer, bear or turkey must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades not less than 7/8 of an inch in width. Recurve or long bows for deer, bear or turkey hunting must have at least 40 lbs. pull at 28" or at peak draw weight for compound bows. No arrows may be released within 150 feet of, or across, any state or paved highway and hunting is prohibited within 500 feet of any dwelling or building in use, unless authorized by owner or occupant thereof.

Archery Stamp Required. Antlerless deer permit required to take antlerless deer in any zone during archery deer season (Oct. 14 - Nov. 23), in addition to a hunting or sporting license. Archers, while hunting deer, shall not possess firearms on their person or use dogs. (See daily and seasonal bag limit pg.7 and new antlerless deer permit pg. 11.) Archers may hunt with a bow and arrow during the shotgun season and muzzleloader season but must comply with the shotgun or muzzleloader season regulations. **Crossbows** may be used by **permit only** by paraplegics or persons disabled due to cerebral palsy. Contact DFW, (508) 792-7270.

Hunter Orange - No person shall hunt during the pheasant or quail season on public shooting grounds or Wildlife Management Areas where pheasant or quail are stocked without wearing a "hunter orange" cap or hat except while night-hunting for raccoons or while hunting waterfowl from a blind or boat.

During the period when it is legal to hunt deer with a shotgun, all hunters, except waterfowl hunters hunting within a blind or from a boat, must wear, in a conspicuous manner on chest, back, and head, a minimum of 500 square inches of "hunter orange" clothing or material. During the muzzleloader season deer hunters only must comply with the hunter orange requirement.

Hunting Dogs - May be trained at any time (except during the shotgun season on deer) provided no firearms other than pistol or revolver and blank cartridges are used or possessed. No sporting or hunting license necessary. During the shotgun season on deer, dogs may be used for waterfowl hunting on coastal waters only. Hunting bear or bobcat with dogs, or training dogs on those species, is prohibited.

Reptiles and Amphibians - No open season on 25 species: hunting, taking, possessing alive prohibited. Regulations available from MDFW. Possession limit of 2 on all others except bullfrog, green frog, or snapping turtle.

Tree Stands - Must have written permission of landowner to construct or use any tree stand held in place with nails, bolts, etc., or in place for more than 30 days.

PROHIBITED

Artificial Lights for hunting any bird or mammal except raccoon and opossum.

Baiting wild birds, bear or deer.

Careless or negligent use of firearms.

Choke Traps, Leghold Traps or Nets for taking any bird or mammal.

Decoys for hunting deer.

Discharge of any Firearm or release of any arrow upon or across any state or hard-surfaced highway, or within 150 feet of any such highway, or possession of a loaded firearm, discharge of a firearm or hunting on the land of another within 500 feet of any dwelling or building in use, except as authorized by the owner or occupant thereof.

Electronic Calls for hunting migratory game birds, wild turkey, or deer.

Ferretting, possession of non-vaccinated / unneutered ferrets / fitches without permit.

Hunting on Posted Land without permission.

Hunting on Sunday.

Importation, transportation, liberation or possession of any live vertebrate protected under Chapter 131 of the General Laws except under permit from the Director.

Intoxication and Drugs - No person under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs shall hunt, target shoot, carry a firearm, bow and arrow or other weapon.

Loaded Shotgun or rifle in or on any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle (including snowmobiles), aircraft or motor boat, except as stated in the Migratory Bird Hunting Abstracts.

Machine Guns, fully-automatic firearms, any crossbow, any tracer or incendiary ammunition for hunting. Crossbows allowed for certain handicapped persons only (see Archery).

Motor Vehicles, Recreational Vehicles (including Snowmobiles), Aircraft for hunting any bird or mammal.

Possession of any protected wildlife and/or wild plants, dead or alive, taken from the wild, except by permit.

Power or Sailboats for hunting birds except when beached or tied to blind or for retrieving injured birds.

Removal of any mammal from walls, holes in trees, ground or logs.

Rifles chambered to take larger than .22 caliber long rifle rimfire ammunition, pistols and revolvers larger than .38 caliber between the hours of 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise. Weapons other than shotguns and bows and arrows are prohibited on WMAs stocked with pheasant or quail during the pheasant and quail season. Possession or use of any rifle chambered larger than .22 long rifle in any place where birds or mammals may be found in Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Plymouth, and Nantucket counties November 1 - March 31, except during daylight hours on target ranges and except for the use of rifled caplocks or flintlocks during primitive firearms deer season, or rifled barrel shotguns during the shotgun deer season.

Sale of all species of mammals and birds or parts thereof, except heads, hides and hooves of deer.

Shotgun Ammunition - Except during the prescribed open season when deer may be hunted lawfully with a shotgun, a person shall not have in his possession a shotgun shell loaded with a rifled slug, single ball, buckshot of any size, BB shot or air rifle shot in any place where birds or mammals may be found except on a skeet, trap or target range between sunrise and sunset, or **except** as specified in Migratory Bird Hunting Abstracts.

Swivel or Pivot Guns for hunting any bird.

Taking Nests, destroying or disturbing eggs or nests of birds protected by law.

Target Shooting on Sunday except on one's own property or on a recognized range.

Traps for taking birds except under MDFW permit. All traps except cage or box traps and common mouse or rat traps are unlawful for the taking of fur-bearing mammals.

Vandalism or damage to property or livestock.

LICENSES & PERMITS

Licenses are valid from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31 of the calendar year (except limited term licenses).

Licenses are issued by: most city and town clerks, all Division offices and selected other outlets. Application may be made in person or by mail, or by agent of applicant. NOTE: City and town clerks **MUST** add an additional One Dollar (\$1.00) and other sales agents **MAY** add up to an additional One Dollar and Fifty Cent (\$1.50) service fee to the price of each license sold. There is **NO SERVICE FEE** charged for the purchase of licenses at offices of the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife.

Licenses, stamps, permits, and boat registration renewals are now available over the Internet (www.masswildlife.org). Anyone holding an electronic license may, subsequently, purchase stamps, permits or boat registration renewals over the Internet. Persons holding traditional licenses must purchase permits, stamps and licenses at license sales outlets in the traditional way.

Licenses are required for all persons 15 years of age and over for fishing (inland waters) and hunting (any bird or mammal). Trapping license 12 years and over. License must be shown on demand to any officer empowered to enforce these laws and to landowners, or lessees while on their property. No F.I.D. card needed if 12 to 14 years of age, or for bowhunting. Face of license must not be obscured. **NOTE:** No one may buy a hunting or sporting license unless he shows the issuing agent a previous year's hunting or sporting license (from any state), a certificate of competency issued by the Hunter Education Bureau (or the Department of Public Safety), a License to Carry, or a F.I.D. card.

Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.) provides the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service with migratory game bird harvest estimates for ducks, geese and other migratory game birds. Hunter cooperation is a critical part of gathering this information and managing game bird populations. Woodcock, rail, coot, snipe and waterfowl hunters must have a Harvest Information Permit (H.I.P.) number. This number can be obtained annually by calling 1-800-WET-LAND, and completing a seven question survey. There is no charge for the permit.

Waterfowl Consumption Advisory: The MA Department of Public Health has issued a waterfowl consumption advisory for the Housatonic River due to PCBs. For information call the MDPH at (617) 624-5757.

Bear Permit - \$5.00 fee **MUST** accompany each completed application. Apply to Boston office MDFW after May 1.

Wild Turkey Permit - Application is on the duplicate slip of hunting / sporting license. Apply by March 15 for spring season & Sept. 15 for fall season to ensure entry in the permit system. **\$5.00 fee MUST accompany application.** One fee covers both seasons.

Antlerless Deer Permit is required to take antlerless deer during shotgun, archery and muzzleloader seasons in all zones. (Application is on hunting / sporting license.) **DO NOT send fee with application.** Selection is by random drawing. Applications must be submitted by July 16. Successful applicants will be notified and assessed a \$5.00 fee. **If available after drawing,** additional permits will be issued at all District Offices and Westboro (in person only): Zones 1-9, one permit only per year; Zones 10-14, two permits per day -- until the overall quota for each zone is reached. Applicants must have original hunting license and \$5.00 fee for each permit requested. (In addition to in person, permits for zone 13 and 14 may be requested by mail from the Westboro office. Include a copy of the current year license and \$5.00 fee for each permit requested. Zone 13 and 14 permits may also be obtained at check stations on each island.) **NOTE:** A fifteen dollar (\$15) fee will be charged for all returned checks.

STAMPS:

Archery Stamp required to hunt deer with a bow (Oct. 14 - Nov. 23). (\$5.10 each)

Primitive Firearms Stamp required to hunt deer with a muzzleloader or with archery equipment Dec.16 - 31. (\$5.10 each)
(NOTE: Archery and primitive firearms stamps must be signed across the face in ink and attached to the rear of the license.)

Mass. Waterfowl Stamp - required in addition to Federal Stamp. Stamps shall be signed across the face in ink and in possession while hunting waterfowl. (Not needed for Woodcock, Snipe, or Rails)...\$5.00

Residency Requirement -To obtain a resident license applicant must reside in Mass. for 6 consecutive months immediately prior to purchase.

Nonresidents - A big-game license is required to hunt deer, bear and turkey. Aliens must obtain a permit from the Dept. of Public Safety for possession of firearms prior to obtaining a hunting license.

Minors 15 to 17 inclusive, must have written consent of parent or guardian to obtain a sporting or hunting license. Said minor must also produce one of the following: (1) a written statement that said minor

shall be accompanied at all times while hunting or target practicing, other than on a duly recognized range, by an adult 18 years or older; (2) a certificate of competency with firearms as provided by the Hunter Education Bureau or the Department of Public Safety; (3) valid FID card. Minors between 12 and 14 inclusive may participate in hunting when accompanied by a duly licensed adult, provided that a single bag limit shall be observed and only one firearm/bow is possessed by the two. Only one minor per adult is permitted.

Special Licenses or Permits are necessary for possession or release of certain wildlife and for dealers, propagators, problem animal control agents & wildlife rehabilitators, taxidermists and/or fur buyers. Apply to Boston office, MDFW, Permit Section, 617-626-1570.

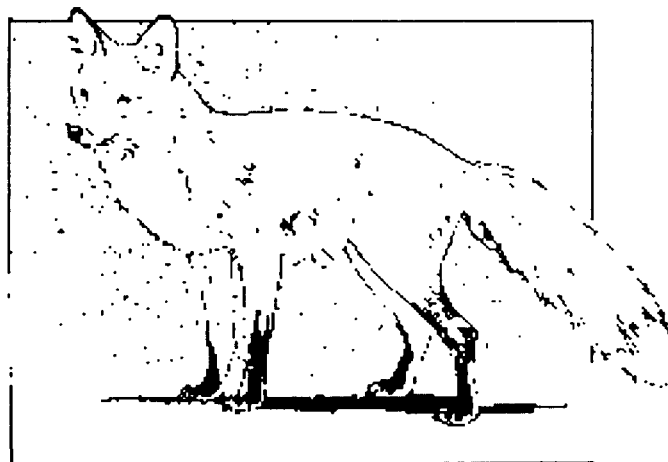
No license is required by any legal resident of the Commonwealth or member of his immediate family for hunting, fishing or trapping on land owned or leased by him which is used principally for agriculture, if he is or they are actually domiciled thereon.

Penalties - License revoked for one year in addition to other penalties and fines and restitutions of up to \$1,000 and/or 1 year in jail. Careless and negligent use of firearms - fines of up to \$500 and/or 6 months imprisonment and loss of license for 5 years.

Massachusetts Gun Law: State law requires that whenever a gun is not under your direct control, it must be kept in a locked container or equipped with a tamper resistant mechanical lock. Muzzleloaders are exempt from this requirement. Loaded rifles, shotguns, and muzzleloaders may not be carried in or on motor vehicles, nor may they be carried on public ways unless they are unloaded and in an enclosed case, or the person is lawfully engaged in hunting.

No License to Carry (L.T.C.) or Firearms Identification (F.I.D.) Card is needed by bow hunters, nor by minors 12-14 years old hunting with a duly licensed adult, nor for the carrying or possession of so-called black powder (muzzleloader) rifles, shotguns or their ammunition. However, a L.T.C. or F.I.D. Card is required to purchase all ammunition, including black powder and Pyrodex. For hunting, resident citizens ages 15 and over must have a F.I.D. Card to possess a non-large capacity rifle or shotgun, or a L.T.C. to possess large capacity rifles, shotguns and all handguns. Non-residents with a valid Massachusetts non-resident hunting license do not need a L.T.C. or F.I.D. Card to possess or carry a rifle or shotgun, but must carry their firearms unloaded and in a case while traveling in their vehicles. Non-residents may not purchase guns or ammunition in Massachusetts.

TRAPPING: For comprehensive trapping information obtain separate Trapping Abstract from MDFW available September 2002.



WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA REGULATIONS

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife holds 112 Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and 13 wildlife sanctuaries. Maps are available from MDFW Westboro.

1. No person shall possess any alcoholic beverage except under permit or dump or discard any can, bottle or rubbish.
2. No person shall remove vegetation, soil or stones from any WMA except under permit.
3. No person shall use excessive speed in driving a vehicle.
4. No person, unless under permit, shall drive or possess any vehicle except on roads or trails maintained for public traffic.
5. No person shall deface or tamper with any sign, building or equipment.
6. No person shall build or maintain a fire without written permission from the Director of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MDFW) or his designee.
7. No person shall camp within any WMA without written permission from the Director of the MDFW or his designee.
8. No person shall engage in target practicing without written permission from the Director of the MDFW or his designee.
9. No person shall use any means other than shotgun or bow and arrow during the pheasant and quail season on areas stocked with pheasant or quail except for hunting raccoons between 9PM and 3AM.
10. No person shall hunt before sunrise or after sunset on any WMA where pheasant or quail are stocked during the open season on pheasant or quail, Oct. 19 to Nov. 30, except for the hunting of raccoons between 9PM and 3AM.
11. No person shall hunt during the pheasant or quail season on wildlife management areas where pheasant or quail are stocked without wearing a "hunter orange" cap or hat except while night hunting for raccoons or while hunting from a blind or boat.
12. No person, except under permit, shall dig or disturb any artifact or archaeological remains.
13. The Director may make special regulations to handle special situations peculiar to any WMA. Controlled hunts are in effect at certain times on Burns, Delaney and Ludlow WMAs. Contact District Supervisor for details.

Any landowner permitting use of his property for recreation without charging a fee is **not liable** for injuries to recreational users or their property except in cases of willful, wanton or reckless conduct by the owner.

(Chapter 21, Section 17C MGL)

The Massachusetts Wildlife Viewing Guide & The Critters of Massachusetts

The *Massachusetts Viewing Guide* is 96 pages of wonderful trips to see wildlife and their habitats, from the summit of Mt. Greylock to the depths of Stellwagen Bank. \$8.95 at any MassWildlife office, or send \$8.95 plus \$2.00 for postage and handling to the Westboro Field Headquarters, One Rabbit Hill Rd. Westboro, Ma. 01581. *Critters* is for kids. Basic info on animals, birds and reptiles. Available at any MassWildlife office or send \$5.00 plus \$1.50 p&h to above address.

HAVE A QUESTION? VISIT OUR WEBSITE www.masswildlife.org

or call the MassWildlife Information Directory:

For questions regarding conflicts with wildlife, stocking of fish or gamebirds, or other **regional** issues contact your nearest District Wildlife Supervisor. For the district locations and phone numbers please see page 13.

For question regarding the following programs please call the listed numbers:

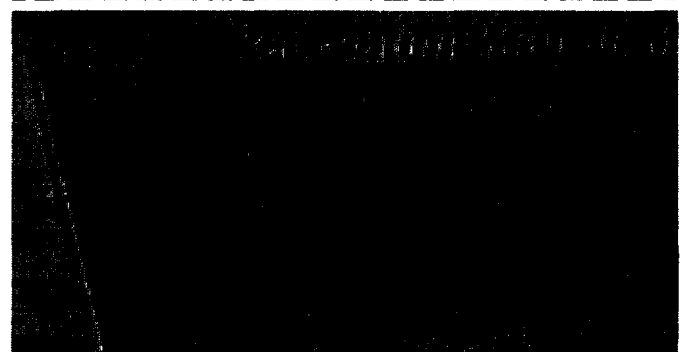
Art Contest, Stamps	(508) 792-7270
Aquatic Resource Education	(508) 792-7270
Becoming an Outdoorswoman	(508) 792-7270
Hunter Education	(617) 727-3623 or (508) 792-7434
Mass. Jr. Conservation Camp	(508) 792-7270
Project WILD	(508) 792-7270
Mass. Wildlife Magazine	(508) 792-7270
Publications	(508) 792-7270
Fishing/Hunting Information	(508) 792-7270
Licenses	(617) 626-1590 or (508) 792-7270
Sportfishing Awards	(508) 792-7270
Tags 'N' Trout	(508) 792-7270
Trapping	(508) 792-7270
Waterfowl	(508) 792-7270
Wildlife Lands	(617) 626-1590
Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program	(508) 792-7270
PERMITS:	
(Non-hunting): Permit Section	(617) 626-1590
Bear Permits	(617) 626-1590
Turkey / Antlerless Deer	(508) 792-7270

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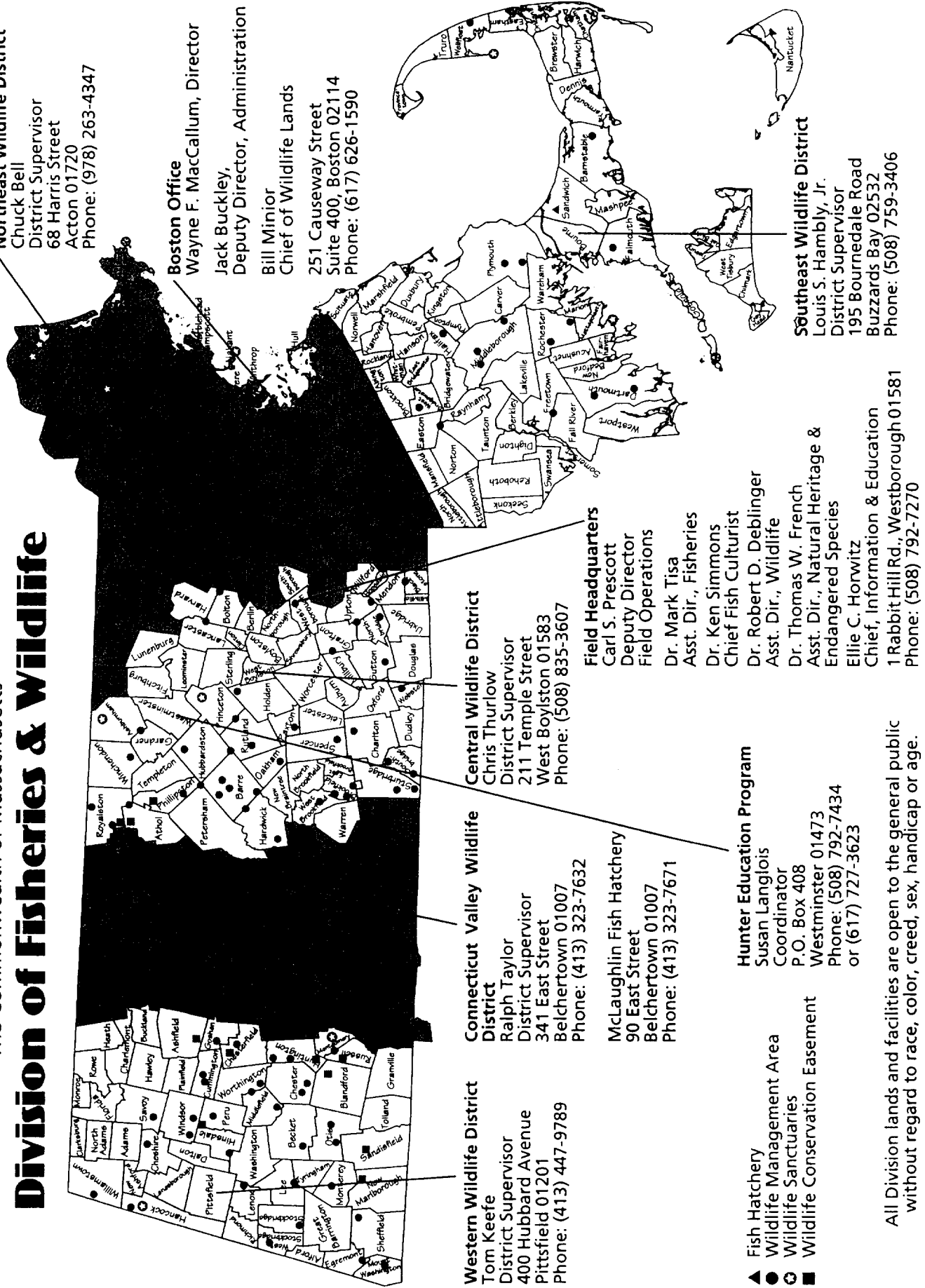
Mass. Public Access Board
Dept. of Fisheries, Wildlife & ELE
1440 Soldiers Field Road
Brighton, MA 02135



A new *Outdoor Recreation Map* jointly published by DEM, DFW&ELE's Public Access Board and *MassWildlife* features maps and grids with information on Wildlife Management Areas, State Forests and Parks, and Boat Access sites statewide. Copies can be obtained from a number of DEM and DFW locations.

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All Division lands and facilities are open to the general public without regard to race, color, creed, sex, handicap or age.

Division of Law Enforcement

To Report Violations Call: 1-800-632-8075

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ROAD-KILLED DEER may be kept by Massachusetts driver or passenger of vehicle killing deer if reported to Law Enforcement at **1-800-632-8075** immediately and then tagged at MDFW or at a Division of Law Enforcement office within 24 hours and free permit issued.



Have any questions regarding regulations pertaining to the harvesting of salt water fish species? Call the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries information hotline: (617) 626-1520.

For Boat Registration Information
phone: (617) 626-1610.

From September 15 to May 15 all canoe or kayak occupants must wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Flotation Device.

FEDERAL WILDLIFE LAW INFORMATION

It is a violation of **FEDERAL LAW** to transport illegally taken fish or wildlife across state lines. For additional information contact the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, Phone: (617) 242-7874.

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Wildlife Education Programs

The Division of Fisheries and Wildlife offers a wide range of educational programs ranging from curriculum supplements to special programs. With suitable lead time, these programs can be adapted to the needs of virtually any group.

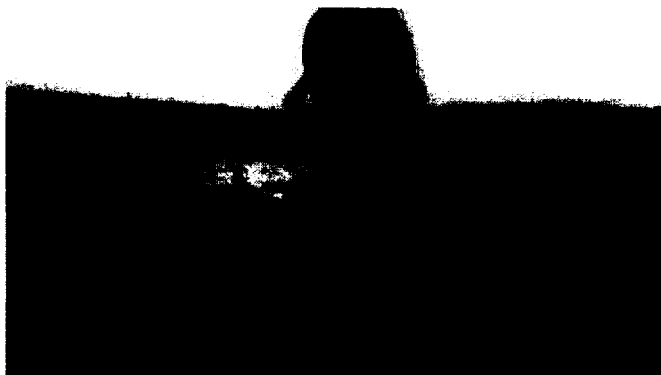
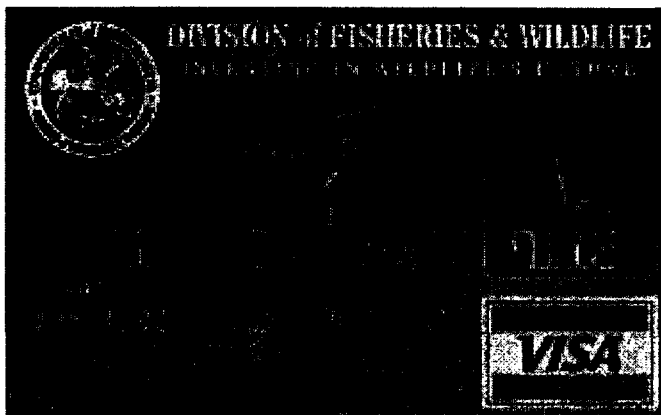


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Angler Education — The Angler Education Program (AEP) teaches people of all ages, especially children, about the relationships between fish and their environment. The program teaches freshwater fishing skills, basic safety techniques, outdoor ethics and aquatic ecology through workshop sessions and/or through family fishing festivals.

Hunter Education Program — provides courses in the safe handling of firearms, and other outdoor activities related to hunting and firearm use. Designed for novices, courses in Basic Firearms Safety, Bowhunter Safety,



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Trapper Education, Muzzleloader Education and Map & Compass are offered statewide throughout the year. Certificates in certain courses satisfy hunting license requirements for Massachusetts as well as other states and Canadian provinces.

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman — This special weekend and occasional one-day programs offer women of all ages an opportunity to sample a variety of outdoor activities from archery to wildlife photography and from kayaking to fly fishing. Sessions are designed for novices.

Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program — Information highlighting rare and endangered species, their habitats and protection strategies is available in the form of fact sheets, newsletters, a biodiversity report, a guide to invasive plants, wetlands atlas, vernal pool certification packet, posters and coloring book.

Project WILD — Emphasizes wildlife, people and the environment which they share. Six hour workshops are available for people who work with children in grades K - 12. Participants receive either the Project WILD or Aquatic WILD activity guide. PDPs are available.

Watershed Education Project — The Watershed Education Project provides secondary school teachers with materials, guidelines and a network to help students study their home watershed and combine their efforts with those of other schools in the watershed in a cooperative learning venture.



In addition to these programs the Information and Education Section offers special programs on a wide variety of topics and participates actively in the operation of:

Massachusetts' Junior Duck Stamp Program: Students participate in a state-wide duck stamp contest that combines art with wetlands and waterfowl information. Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Wildlife Federation and Ducks Unlimited.

Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp: A two week summer program for campers 13 to 17 years old. The program stresses all aspects of fisheries and wildlifemanagement and recreational sports such as fishing, hunting, and boating in a fun setting. Co-sponsored by the Massachusetts Sportsmen's Junior Conservation Camp, Inc., the Division of Forests and Parks, the Division of Law Enforcement, and the Gun Owner's Action League.

Youth Hunts: Youth Upland Game Bird Hunt and Youth Upland Waterfowl Hunt are both held in late September. Each consists of a seminar and a field experience. For more information call the Northeast Wildlife District (978) 263-4347.

For information on any of these programs call the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (508) 792-7270.

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F1	Resident Fishing	\$27.50
F2	Resident Minor Fishing (Age 15-17)	11.50
F3	Resident Fishing (Age 65-69)	16.25
F4	Resident Fishing (Age 70 or over or paraplegic, blind, mentally retarded)	FREE
F6	Non-resident Fishing	37.50
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F10	Quabbin One Day Fishing (Quabbin only) (no land stamp required; sold by MDC & C. V. District)	5.00
H1	Resident Citizen Hunting	27.50
H2	Resident Hunting (Age 65-69)	16.25
H3	Resident Hunting, Paraplegic	FREE
H4	Resident Alien Hunting	27.50
H5	Non-resident Hunting, Big Game	99.50
H6	Non-resident Hunting, Small Game	65.50
H7	Non-resident Commercial Shooting Preserve (1 day)	10.00
H8	Resident Minor Hunting (Age 15-17)	11.50
H9	Resident Commercial Shooting Preserve (1 day)	10.00
S1	Resident Sporting	45.00
S2	Resident Sporting (Age 65-69)	25.00
S3	Resident Sporting (Age 70 or over)	FREE
T1	Resident Trapping	35.50
T2	Resident Minor Trapping (Age 12-17)	11.50
T3	Resident Trapping (Age 65-69)	20.25
DF	Duplicate Fishing	2.50
DH	Duplicate Hunting	2.50
DS	Duplicate Sporting	2.50
DT	Duplicate Trapping	2.50
M1	Archery Stamp	5.10
M2	Waterfowl Stamp	5.00
M3	Primitive Firearms Stamp	5.10
W1	Wildlands Stamp, Resident	5.00
W2	Wildlands Stamp, Non-resident	5.00

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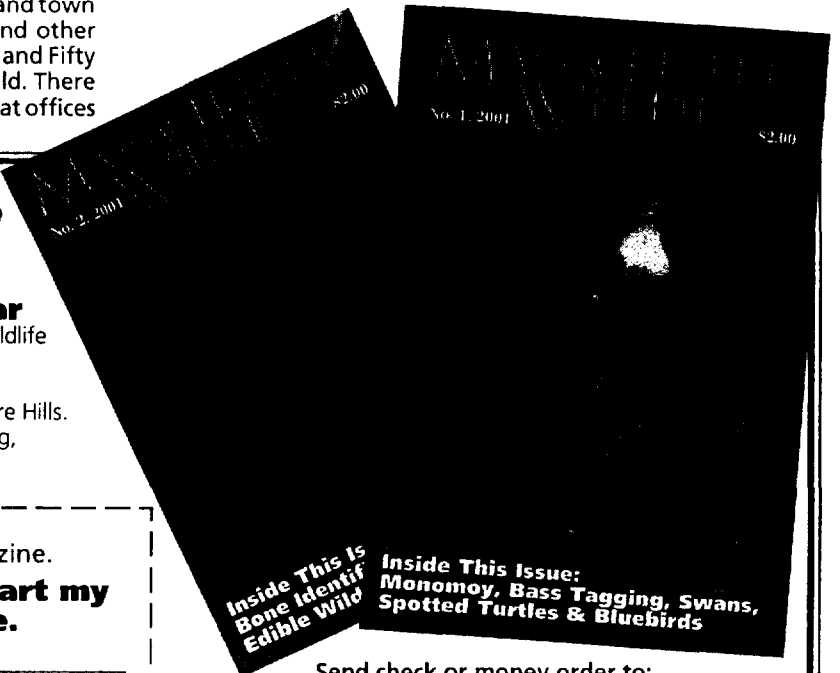


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