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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

321 CMR 3.02(2)

In accordance with the Mass. Gen. Laws, Ch. 131, Sec. 5, and Ch. 30A, Sec. 2, NOTICE is hereby given that the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 2:30 p.m., at Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Field Headquarters, Richard Cronin Building, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, off North Drive, Westborough, Massachusetts, on proposed regulatory amendments to 321 CMR 3.02(2) Migratory Game Bird Regulations in Massachusetts. The proposed amendments will set the dates and bag limits for the 2024-2025 migratory game bird seasons.

Interested persons can attend the hearing and provide oral comments either in person or via a Zoom video webinar. The Hearing Officer, MassWildlife staff, and Board members will be present at the physical meeting location given above. Note that the hearing, which will begin at 2:30 p.m., will be held in the same webinar as the March monthly business meeting (begins at 12:30 p.m.). Attendees can enter and exit the webinar at any time. Instructions for how to join can be found at Mass.gov/MassWildlife/FWBoard.

The proposed regulatory amendments relative to 321 CMR 3.02(2) are posted at Mass.gov/MassWildlife/Hearings so that interested persons can review them and provide written comments prior to the hearing and oral comments during the public-comment portion of the hybrid hearing. The instructions to join the webinar are also contained in the draft regulations document posted on the public hearings page above. Written public comments will be accepted before the hearing, until Wednesday, April 16, 4:00 p.m.

Please note: If you have a disability or medical condition and would like to request special accommodation or if you will require language interpretation services, please contact Susan Sacco via email at your earliest convenience: susan.sacco@mass.gov.

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Small Business Impact Statement

(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A §§ 2, 3 & 5)

321 CMR 3.00: Hunting 321 CMR 3.02(2): Migratory Game Bird Regulations

Estimate of the Number of Small Businesses Impacted by the Regulation: 0

Select Yes or No and Briefly Explain

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to create, file, or issue additional reports?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to implement additional recordkeeping procedures?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to provide additional administrative oversight?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Will small businesses have to hire additional employees in order to comply with the proposed regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does compliance with the regulation require small businesses to hire other professionals (e.g. a lawyer, accountant, engineer, etc.)?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to purchase a product or make any other capital investments in order to comply with the regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are performance standards more appropriate than design/operational standards to accomplish the regulatory objective? (Performance standards express requirements in terms of outcomes, giving the regulated party flexibility to achieve regulatory objectives and design/operational standards specify exactly what actions regulated parties must take.)
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Do any other regulations duplicate or conflict with the proposed regulation?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to cooperate with audits, inspections or other regulatory enforcement activities?

Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation require small businesses to provide educational services to keep up to date with regulatory requirements?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>deter</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Is the regulation likely to <i>encourage</i> the formation of small businesses in Massachusetts?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation provide for less stringent compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Does the regulation establish less stringent schedules or deadlines for compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Did the agency consolidate or simplify compliance or reporting requirements for small businesses?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Can performance standards for small businesses replace design or operational standards without hindering delivery of the regulatory objective?
Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Are there alternative regulatory methods that would minimize the adverse impact on small businesses?