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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 321 CMR 3.02(2)

In accordance with M.G.L., Ch. 131, Sec. 5 and 63, and Ch. 30A, Sec. 2, NOTICE is hereby given that the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife will hold a public hearing on proposed regulatory amendments to 321 CMR 3.02(2) Migratory Game Bird Regulations in Massachusetts on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at 1:00 p.m., via a Zoom video webinar with the Hearing Officer and MassWildlife staff, with the public joining via computer or phone line. The proposed amendments will set the dates and bag limits for the 2025-2026 migratory game bird seasons.

Join from PC, Mac, iPad, or Android:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85910998891?pwd=VFPOurdZcePHf0MoxNwk3qXKtUZ9sT.1>

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Join by phone: [\(929\) 205-6099](tel:9292056099)

Webinar ID: 859 1099 8891

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The proposed regulatory amendments relative to 321 CMR 3.02 and the link to join the Zoom webinar are also posted at [Mass.gov/MassWildlife/Hearings](https://mass.gov/MassWildlife/Hearings), so that interested persons can review the proposed regulations and provide written comments prior to the hearing or oral comments during the virtual hearing.

Written public comments will be accepted only before the hearing, until Monday, April 28, 2025, at 4:00 p.m., via an [online comment form](#); a link to the form can also be found in the notice on the public hearings page above. Written comments may also be submitted by mail, to MassWildlife, Attn: Susan Sacco, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581. Please note that, due to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's requirements for filing these regulations, the Fisheries and Wildlife Board must vote immediately following the close of the hearing. Therefore, there will be no written comment period after this public hearing.

MassWildlife is committed to providing equitable access to its public meetings, hearings, and events. American Sign Language (ASL) and Communication Access Realtime Translation (CART) captioning, as well as live interpretation, including in Español, Português, 中文, Kreyòl Ayisyen, and Tiếng Việt, will be provided automatically for attendees who wish to use it. We will also make every effort to provide other languages as requested. Please contact Susan Sacco at susan.sacco@mass.gov to request interpretation in another language by 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 2025.

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Small Business Impact Statement*(As required by M.G.L. c. 30A, §§ 2, 3 & 5)***CMR No.: 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?