



DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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LEASH & WASTE DISPOSAL REGULATIONS PROPOSED

Public Hearing February 6, 2018

MassWildlife is proposing leash and waste disposal regulations for dogs on Wildlife Management Areas (WMA). A public hearing will be held February 6, 2018 at 7 PM at the MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, 01581.

Dogs are still welcome on WMAs under this proposal.

MassWildlife took this action due to repeated complaints about negative and unsafe encounters with dogs and dog waste on WMAs.

Proposal Summary:

1. Requires leashing dogs and other domestic animals on WMAs. Dogs may be off-leash only when hunting or hunt training with licensed hunters or at permitted field trials. Leashing dogs decreases conflicts with both people and other dogs, resulting in a safer and more positive experience for everyone.
2. Requires picking up dog waste and disposing of it off site. Removing dog waste reduces nuisance and health risks for other dogs, people and wildlife.

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