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Extended Archery Deer Season Proposed ***Public Hearing Scheduled March 7, 2018***

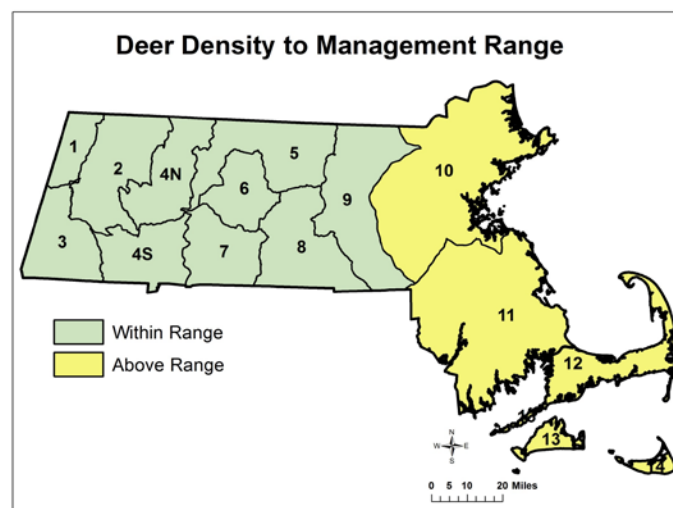
A Public Hearing before the Fisheries and Wildlife Board to extend the archery deer season in eastern Massachusetts will be held March 7, 2018 at 7 PM at the MassWildlife Field Headquarters, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA. The proposal is to open the archery deer season two weeks earlier in eastern Massachusetts (Wildlife Management Zones 10–14). Further information on the public hearing and proposed regulatory language is posted on MassWildlife’s website at Mass.gov/masswildlife-public-hearings.

The current archery deer season opens across the state six weeks before Thanksgiving and closes the Saturday after the holiday. The proposed change opens the archery deer season in WMZs 10–14 eight weeks before Thanksgiving. In WMZs 1–9, the archery deer season would remain the same opening six weeks before Thanksgiving. The proposed season change will increase hunting opportunities in a region where deer numbers are above the statewide management range of 6-18 deer per square mile. No changes were recommended for WMZs 1–9. Deer numbers in those zones are within management range. [Click here](#) to learn more about deer management.

The Fisheries and Wildlife Board will accept written public comment on the proposal at any time prior to the public hearing. Written and oral comments are accepted at the public hearing. Written comments are also accepted for an additional two weeks after the hearing. Comments (both oral and written) must focus on the proposed regulation. Written comments can be mailed to:

Chairman, Fisheries and Wildlife Board, c/o MassWildlife Director
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Public Comments by e-mail may be sent to Susan.Sacco@state.ma.us, Attn: Fisheries & Wildlife Board



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