



Restoring loons in Massachusetts

MassWildlife is working with partners to bring Common Loon chicks from neighboring New England states to Lakeville, MA to help strengthen and restore loon populations there.

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Fall trout stocking

Over 60,000 rainbow trout will be stocked across Massachusetts this fall. Stocking will likely begin the last week of September, depending on water conditions.

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September marks start of hunting

The return of cooler weather means many Massachusetts sportsmen and women will head to the woods for hunting. Find out when and where hunting may be taking place and how to stay safe.

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Join the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture for a Legislative Hearing on hunting and fishing bills, September 18 in Westborough. [Learn more.](#)

Recap: Summer fisheries surveys

Each summer, MassWildlife fisheries biologists visit select waterbodies and gather information on fish species found at each location to evaluate fishing opportunities and monitor ecosystem health.

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Father and son tie for state record

David Souza (left) and Jake Souza (right) each caught a trophy bowfin out of the Taunton River just two days apart. Both fish weighed 8 lb. 1 oz., creating a tie for the new bowfin state record.

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Free family fun at the Big MOE

With 45+ activity stations, there's something for everyone at the Massachusetts Outdoor Expo, such as fishing, shooting, kayaking, and crafts. This free event is 9/17, 9am-4pm, at the Hamilton Rod & Gun Club.

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Over 110 young adults graduated from Massachusetts Junior Conservation Camp this August. [Learn more.](#)

Upcoming Events

Sept. 1 - 30: Junior Duck Stamp Traveling Art Exhibit, Athol
Sept. 5: Statewide Early Canada Goose Season Opens
Sept. 7 - 10: Franklin County Fair, Greenfield
Sept. 7 & 14: Adult Learn to Fish Class, Longmeadow
Sept. 8 & 15: Adult Learn to Fish Class, Billerica
Sept. 9: Berkshire Natural Resources Council Celebration, Dalton
Sept. 9: Hooked on Scouting Family Fishing Festival, Russell
Sept. 9: Harold Parker State Forest Family Fishing Festival, Andover
Sept. 14: Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Advisory Committee Meeting, Westborough
Sept. 17: Massachusetts Outdoor Exposition (Big MOE), Sturbridge
Sept. 18: Legislative Hearing, Westborough
Sept. 19: Fisheries and Wildlife Board Meeting, Pepperell
Sept. 20 - Oct. 30: Junior Duck Stamp Traveling Art Exhibit, Easthampton
Sept. 30: Friends of Fearing Pond Family Fishing Festival, Plymouth

[See Calendar of Events...](#)

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Who we are

The Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife) is the state agency responsible for the conservation of all freshwater fish and wildlife in the

Commonwealth, including endangered species. MassWildlife restores, protects, and manages land for wildlife to thrive and for people to enjoy.

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