



## MASSWILDLIFE MONTHLY

### July 2017



### Open House Draws Thousands

MassWildlife held its 2nd Open House on Saturday, June 10. Over 2,000 visitors experienced the wide range of MassWildlife programs through interactive displays, activities, and demonstrations.

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### Fish & Game Commissioner Retires

Commissioner George N. Peterson, Jr. announced his retirement in early July and added, "I will cherish the time I spent working directly with the professional staff on the issues I deeply care about." Ron Amidon of Templeton was appointed to replace Peterson later this month.

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## Rare Second Bald Eagle Nesting

A pair of Bald Eagles has built a new nest and hatched eggs after an early spring storm destroyed their original nest and eggs. This successful second nesting is the first ever recorded in Massachusetts.

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## Antlerless Deer Permit Reminder

The deadline to apply for an antlerless deer permit is July 16, 2017. There is no fee to apply; a \$5 is charged only if you are awarded a permit during the Instant Award Period, which begins August 1.

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## Bird Island Restoration Celebrated

Bird Island hosts critical nesting habitat for endangered Roseate and Common Terns. Recently, MassWildlife and partners completed a stabilization and habitat restoration project on Bird island.

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**Report turkey sightings this summer. [Learn more.](#)**

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## Register: Women in the Outdoors

2017 WITO will be held on July 29 in Auburn. WITO features nearly 30 instructional classes including wilderness survival, birdwatching, game processing, beekeeping, fishing, and archery. Space is limited.

[Register now and see full class list...](#)



## Learn to Hunt Waterfowl Workshop

Join MassWildlife for a free, one-day workshop on August 19 at Carver Sportsmen's Club to learn and practice waterfowl hunting skills including shooting, decoy placement, calling, gear, and safety.

[Space is limited- apply by July 6...](#)



## Apply now for 2017 Quabbin Controlled Deer Hunt.

## Report Fish Kills This Summer

As lakes and ponds warm up this summer, fish kills may occur. The sight of dead fish can prompt concerns about pollution. However, the vast majority of summer fish kills reported are natural events.

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## Upcoming Events

**July 1-31:** Junior Duck Stamp Traveling Art Exhibit, Newburyport

**July 13:** Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Advisory Committee, Westborough

**July 16:** Taunton River Watershed Association Family Fishing Festival, Berkley

**July 18:** Fisheries and Wildlife Board Meeting, Plymouth

**July 19:** Family Fishing Clinic, Billerica

**July 22:** Fishing Clinic at Neponset RiverFest, Dorchester

**July 26:** Tour Bird Island, Marion

**July 29:** Houghtons Pond Family Fishing Festival, Milton

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

## MASSWILDLIFE

### 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.

### Connect with us

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