Online Deer check FAQ

FAQ for Online Deer Check via the MassFishHunt System

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To check your harvested deer online, you must first log into the MassFishHunt system by going to http://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt. Also, refer the online deer check tutorial for detailed instructions.

Please Note: All deer harvested during shotgun season MUST be checked at a traditional check station. Online checking will NOT be available during this time (December 2 – 14, 2013). Click here to find a checkstation.
Q: How do I log in to check my harvested game online?

You’ll need your customer ID number and your last name to log into the MassFishHunt system. Customer ID numbers are found at the top left corner of hunting/sporting licenses and permits. Enter that 6 or 7 digit number and your last name to log into the MassFishHunt system. You can also log in using your first name, last name, date of birth, and zip code.

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Q: I attempted to check my deer during shotgun season. Why did I get this message: “Sorry, there are no Harvest Reports available to you in this category?”

All deer harvested during shotgun season MUST be checked at a traditional check station. Online checking will NOT be available during this time (December 2 – 14, 2013). Reporting deer at check stations during these 2 weeks allows MassWildlife biologists to collect valuable data needed for deer management. The MassFishHunt system will not allow online checking of deer during shotgun deer season. Click here to find a checkstation.

Q: What if I can’t write the confirmation number on my harvest tag?

Regulations require that, after checking your deer online, the unique confirmation number must be written on the harvest tag, which must remain on the deer until it is processed for food or delivered to a taxidermist. This means the harvest tag must remain in good condition during transport from the field. Without protection, wet and/or dirty conditions may cause the tag to deteriorate. Prevent this by protecting the tag (e.g., place in a sealable plastic bag or license holder). Also, plan ahead on how you will attach the tag to the deer; some options include a large safety pin, twist tie, or string. If you absolutely cannot write the confirmation number of the tag, write the confirmation number on a separate piece of paper and attach it to the original tag on the deer.

Q: I made a mistake entering information while checking my deer online but can’t fix the mistake because it was already submitted. What should I do?

Once all the information is submitted and confirmed, hunters cannot go back and edit the information. If you believe you made a mistake and submitted inaccurate information, please contact MassWildlife at 508-389-6300 from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday-Friday.
Q: I entered all my harvest information, but did not receive a confirmation number, what now?

If you submitted your checked your game through the MassFishHunt but did not receive a confirmation number, please contact MassWildlife at 508-389-6300 from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM Monday-Friday. If it is outside of those hours, please contact the Environmental Police at 1-800-632-8075.

Q: How long will I be able to view my submitted online reports?

Submitted reports will always be available to view in your inventory.