



DIVISION OF FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DIVISION OF FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE BOARD MARCH BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the February monthly business meeting
2. Chair's comments: explanation of cancellation of governance meeting and upcoming Environmental Bond bill; letter from constituent regarding crossbows; impact of changes in federal funding on MassWildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; constituent request: future funding from non-hunting users of Wildlife Management Areas; zebra mussel identification and treatment authority, oversight, and responsibilities in lakes and ponds; annual Berkshire County League of Sportsmen's Silvio O. Conte dinner: April 5, 2025, 5:00 p.m., Cheshire Rod and Gun Club
3. Director's updates for the Board, including on recent and upcoming hearings, meetings, and events; MassWildlife staff activities; and status of projects
4. Commissioner's updates, including on recent and upcoming meetings and events, activities of the Department and the other divisions, and status of projects
5. Law Enforcement updates on MEP personnel and operations, current hunting and other recreational seasons, and examples of fish-and-wildlife-related calls for service in the previous month
6. Personnel report (supervisory staff)
 - a. Approvals
 - i. New hire: Erin Carpenter; Central District Wildlife Technician; West Boylston
 - ii. Promotion: Cynthia Pratt; Procurement and Contracting Supervisor; Westborough
7. Hitting the mark: MassWildlife's temporary archery ranges (Astrid Huseby and Todd Olanyk)
8. Confirm April business meeting date, April 16, 2025, and set meeting time, at the MassWildlife Field Headquarters and in a Zoom webinar. Other upcoming meetings are May 14 and June 18, 2025, meeting times TBD.
9. Members' comments
 - a. Matthew Sisk: report on local events attended in the previous month, including with Trout Unlimited
 - b. Sasha Dyer: recent MassWildlife turkey-calling classes/discussion panel and the National Wild Turkey Federation's calling contest; upcoming seminar for youth and adults on preserving the turkey tail to commemorate a successful harvest; praise for MassWildlife's Freshwater Sportfishing Awards event and spotlight on local youth angler Kyler Leslie; rainbow trout stocking on the Deerfield River

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- c. Emma Ellsworth: fish and pheasant stocking as valuable engagement tools; rainbow trout stocking on the Deerfield River
- 10. Adjourn

MassWildlife Field Headquarters
1 Rabbit Hill Road
Westborough, Massachusetts; and in a Zoom webinar
March 26, 2025; 1:15 p.m.

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