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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE 801 CMR § 4.00

Pursuant to the notice and public comment requirements of M.G.L. c.30A, § 2 and under the authority of M.G.L. c. 7 § 3B, NOTICE is hereby given that the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (MassWildlife), on behalf of the Executive Office of Administration and Finance (ANF), has scheduled three (3) public hearings, June 22, 23, and 24, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., to accept oral comments on ANF's draft regulations at 801 CMR § 4.00 to increase the fees for some fishing, hunting, and trapping licenses, stamps, and permits and to establish a new pheasant and quail permit. The hearings will be held via Zoom video webinars by the Hearing Officer and MassWildlife staff, with the public joining via computer or phone line.

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The Zoom link and the full text of the proposed regulations are available at <u>mass.gov/masswildlife-</u> <u>public-hearings</u>. Printed copies of the draft regulations can be obtained from Susan Sacco, <u>susan.sacco@mass.gov</u>, or 508-389-6342. Oral comments are only accepted at the hearings; please do not call MassWildlife to submit comments.

A written comment period will open upon the issuance of this notice and will extend 2 weeks after the close of the last of the 3 hearings, ending at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 8, 2021. Interested persons are invited to visit <u>mass.gov/masswildlife-funding</u> for background information, a table of the proposed fees, and to comment online using a convenient webform. Written comments may also be submitted by mail, Attn: License Fee Changes, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581.

On March 10, 2020, the Baker-Polito Administration announced new guidance for Executive Branch employees in order to prevent and mitigate the spread of COVID-19, including virtually holding required meetings hosted by Executive Branch agencies involving external parties.

Thank you for your cooperation and support as the Commonwealth works to address this public health issue.

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| | | <u>2022</u> | <u>2023</u> | <u>2024</u> | <u>2025</u> | 2026 and thereafter | |
|------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------------|--------|
| (1) | Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing License Resident Citizen Fishing License - 65-69 | \$26 | \$29.50 | \$33 | \$36.50 | \$40 | annual |
| (2) | years of age | 13 | 14.75 | 16.50 | 18.25 | 20 | annual |
| (3) | Non-resident Citizen/Alien Fishing License | 36 | 39.50 | 43 | 46.50 | 50 | annual |
| (4) | Resident Citizen/Alien Three-day Fishing License Non-resident Citizen/Alien Three-day Fishing | 10 | 12.50 | 15 | 17.50 | 20 | 3-day |
| (5) | License Non-resident Citizen/Alien Minor Fishing | 20.90 | 23.30 | 25.70 | 28.10 | 30.50 | 3-day |
| (6) | License | 6.80 | 7.10 | 7.40 | 7.70 | 8 | annual |
| (7) | Resident Citizen Trapping License | 32 | 34 | 36 | 38 | 40 | annual |
| | Resident Citizen Trapping License - 65-69 | | | | | | |
| (8) | years of age | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | annual |
| (9) | Resident Citizen Hunting License | 26 | 29.50 | 33 | 36.50 | 40 | annual |
| | Resident Citizen Hunting License - 65-69 | | | | | | |
| (10) | years of age | 13 | 14.75 | 16.50 | 18.25 | 20 | annual |
| (11) | Resident Alien Hunting License | 26 | 29.50 | 33 | 36.50 | 40 | annual |
| (12) | Non-resident Citizen/Alien Big Game Hunting License Non-resident Citizen/Alien Small Game | 98 | 101.50 | 105 | 108.50 | 112 | annual |
| (13) | Hunting License | 64 | 67.50 | 71 | 74.50 | 78 | annual |
| (14) | Resident Citizen Commercial Shooting Preserve License Non-resident Citizen/Alien Commercial | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 1-day |
| (15) | Shooting Preserve License | 8 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 | 1-day |
| (16) | Resident Citizen Sporting License | 47 | 54 | 61 | 68 | 75 | annual |
| | Resident Citizen Sporting License - 65-69 | | | | | | |
| (17) | years of age | 23.50 | 27 | 30.50 | 34 | 37.50 | annual |

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| (18) | Archery Stamp - Two Categories: | | | | | | |
| | Resident | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | \$10 | annual |
| | Non-resident | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | annual |
| (19) | Waterfowl Stamp - Two Categories: | | | | | | |
| | Resident | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | annual |
| | Non-resident | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | annual |
| (20) | Primitive Firearm Stamp - Two Categories: | | | | | | |
| | Resident | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | annual |
| | Non-resident | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | annual |
| (21) | Pheasant & Quail Permit - Two Categories: | | | | | | |
| | Resident | 4 | 8 | 12 | 16 | 20 | annual |
| | Non-resident | 6 | 12 | 18 | 24 | 30 | annual |
| (22) | Antlerless Deer Permit - Two Categories: | | | | | | |
| | Resident | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | annual |
| | Non-resident | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | annual |
| (23) | Bear Permit - Two Categories: | | | | | | |
| | Resident | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | annual |
| | Non-resident | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | annual |
| (24) | Turkey Permit - Two Categories: | | | | | | |
| | Resident | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | annual |
| | Non-resident | 10 | 15 | 20 | 25 | 30 | annual |
| (25) | Non-resident Trapping Permit | 203 | 206 | 209 | 212 | 215 | annual |
| (26) | Resident Fur Buyer | 33 | 36 | 39 | 42 | 45 | annual |
| (27) | Non-resident Citizen/Alien Fur Buyer | 93 | 96 | 99 | 102 | 105 | annual |
| (28) | Trap Registration | 8 | 11 | 14 | 17 | 20 | biennial |
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The following schedule of fees shall apply to licenses effective on and after January 1, 2010.

| (1)(29) Resident Citizen Minor Hunting License | \$6.50 annual |
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| (2) Resident Citizen/Alien Fishing License | <u>22.50 annual</u> |
| (3) Resident Citizen Hunting License | <u>22.50 annual</u> |
| (4) Resident Citizen Sporting License | <u>40 annual</u> |
| (5) Resident Citizen Trapping License | 30.50 annual |
| (6) Resident Citizen/Alien three-day Fishing License | 7.50 3-day |
| (7) Resident Alien Hunting License | <u> 22.50 annual</u> |
| (8) Resident Citizen Minor Fishing License | <u>6.50 annual</u> |
| (9) Resident Citizen Hunting License - 65-69 years of age | <u>11.25 annual</u> |
| (10)(30) Resident Citizen Minor Trapping License | 6.50 annual |
| (11) Resident Citizen Fishing License - 65-69 years of age | <u>11.25 annual</u> |
| (12) Resident Citizen Sporting License - 65-69 years of age | 20 annual |
| (13) Resident Citizen Trapping License - 65-69 years of age | <u>15.25 annual</u> |
| (14) Non-resident Citizen/Alien three-day Fishing License | 18.50 3-day |
| (15) Non-resident Citizen/Alien Small Game Hunting License | <u>60.50 annual</u> |
| (16) Non-resident Citizen/Alien Big Game Hunting License | <u>94.50 annual</u> |
| (17) Non-resident Citizen/Alien Fishing License | <u> 32.50 annual</u> |
| (18) Nonresident Trapping Permit | \$200 annual |
| (19) Antlerless Deer Permit | <u> </u> |
| (20) Bear Permit | <u> </u> |
| (21) Turkey Permit | <u> </u> |
| (22) Archery Stamp | <u> </u> |
| (23) Primitive Firearm Stamp | <u> </u> |
| (24) Waterfowl Stamp | <u> </u> |
| (25) Trap Registration | <u> </u> |

| (26)(31) Class III Aquaculture License | 100 | annual |
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| (27)(32) Class IV Propagators License - Three Categories: | | |
| Animal Aid to Handicap | 0 | annual |
| Commercial | 50 | annual |
| All Other | 25 | annual |
| (28)(33) Class VI Dealers License | 25 | annual |
| (29) Permit to Take Shiners for Bait | -30 | annual |
| (30)(34) Game Tags | 0.10 | per tag |
| (31)(35)-Fish Tags | 0.05 | per tag |
| (32)(36) Posters and Signs | 0.50 | per item |
| (33)(37) Importation Permit - Two Categories: | | |
| One time | 25 | each |
| Annual/Single Source | 50 | per source |
| (34)(38) Taxidermist License | 25 | annual |
| (35) License Duplicate | -2.50 | |
| (36) Nonresident/Alien Fur Buyer License | -90 | annual |
| (37)(39) Class I Private Waters License | 15 | annual |
| (38) Nonresident Citizen/Alien Minor Fishing License | 6.50 | annual |
| (39)(40) Ferret Breeding Permit | 1,000 | annual |
| (40)(41) Endangered Species Propagation Permit | 25 | annual |
| (41) *Resident Citizen Commercial Shooting Preserve License | _5 | -per day |
| (42) *Nonresident Citizen/Alien Commercial Shooting Preserve | _ | |
| License | -5 | per day |
| (43)(42) Class VIII Quail License | 10 | annual |
| (44)(43) Class IX Falconry License | 25 | annual |
| (45)(44) Class X Raptor Breeding License | 25 | annual |
| (46)(45) Problem Animal Control Permit - Two Categories: | | |
| Municipal | 0 | annual |
| Commercial | 100 | annual |
| (47)(46) Bird Banding Permit | 10 | annual |
| (48)(47) Field Trial Permit | 25 | each |
| (49)(48) Mounting Permit | 10 | each |
| (50)(49) Salvage Permit | 10 | annual |
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| (51)(50) Scientific Collecting Permit - Two Categories: | | |
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| Government/Nonprofit | \$0 | annual |
| Commercial | 100 | annual |
| (52) Commercial Permit for Taking and Sale of Snapping Turtles | | annual |
| (53)(51) Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit | 10 | annual |
| (54)(52) Permit to Use Poisons on Unprotected Species - Two Categorie | | |
| Individual | 0 | each |
| Commercial | 25 | each |
| (55)(53) Commercial Shooting Preserve Permit - Two Categories: | 20 | cuen |
| Class A: Commercial | 100 | annual |
| Class B: Club | 50 | annual |
| (56) Commercial Permit for Taking and Sale of Carp and Suckers | <u> </u> | -annual |
| (57) Resident Fur Buyers License | <u> </u> | annual |
| (57) (57) Resident Full Buyers Electrice (58)(54) Permit to Trap and Kill Unprotected Birds | 5 | annual |
| (59)(55) Letter Permit | 0 | annual |
| (60)(56)–Fish Liberation Permit | 0 | each |
| (61)(57) Game Liberation Permit | 0 | each |
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| (62) Commercial Permit for Taking and Sale of Eels | \$25 | annual |
| (63)(58) Road-killed Deer Salvage Permit | 0 | each |
| (64)(59)—Farmer/Landowner Antlerless Deer Permit | 0 | annual |
| (65)(60) Farmer/Landowner Turkey Permit | 0 | annual |
| (66)(61) Class XI Raptor Salvage License | 1 | annual |
| (67)(62) Information requests | \$50 | |
| (68)(63) Environmental Review of projects | | |
| (a) less than 5 acres of disturbance | 300 | |
| (b) $5 \text{ to } 20 \text{ acres}$ | 1,800 | |
| (c) greater than 20 acres | 4,000 | |
| (d) linear projects | 4,000 | |
| (69)(64) Conservation and Management Permits | ., | |
| (a) less than 5 acres of disturbance | 600 | |
| (b) 5 to 20 acres | 4,000 | |
| (c) greater than 20 acres | 6,000 | |
| (d) linear projects | 7,500 | |
| (70)(65) Reconsideration | 150 | |
| (71)(66) Adjudicatory Hearings | 500 | |
| (72)(67) Utility Plan Review | 3,000 | |
| (73)(68) Vegetation Management | 3,000 | |
| (74)(69) Voluntary Assessment | -) | |
| (a) less than 15 acres | 500 | |
| (b) 15 to 30 acres | 750 | |
| (c) more than 30 acres | 1,000 | |
| Renewal Period | 3 | years |
| (75) Resident Minor Sporting License | | -annual |
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| (4) | Resident Citizen/Alien Three-day Fishing License | 10 | 12.50 | 15 | 17.50 | 20 | 3-day |
| (5) | Non-resident Citizen/Alien Three-day Fishing License | 20.90 | 23.30 | 25.70 | 28.10 | 30.50 | 3-day |
| (6) | Non-resident Citizen/Alien Minor Fishing License | 6.80 | 7.10 | 7.40 | 7.70 | 8 | annual |
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| (9) | Resident Citizen Hunting License | 26 | 29.50 | 33 | 36.50 | 40 | annual |
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| (11) | Resident Alien Hunting License | 26 | 29.50 | 33 | 36.50 | 40 | annual |
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| (25) | Non-resident Trapping Permit | 203 | 206 | 209 | 212 | 215 | annual |
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| | 30) Resident Citizen Minor Trapping License | | | | 5.50 | annual | |
| | 31) Class III Aquaculture License 22) Class IV Propagators License Three Catag | orios | | 100 | | annual | |
| (.: | 32) Class IV Propagators License - Three Category Animal Aid to Handicap | UTIES: | | 0 | | annual | |
| | Commercial | | | 5 | 0 | annual | |
| | All Other | | | 2 | 5 | annual | |

| All Other | 25 | annual |
|--|-------|------------|
| (33) Class VI Dealers License | 25 | annual |
| (34) Game Tags | 0.10 | per tag |
| (35) Fish Tags | 0.05 | per tag |
| (36) Posters and Signs | 0.50 | per item |
| (37) Importation Permit - Two Categories: | | |
| One time | 25 | each |
| Annual/Single Source | 50 | per source |
| (38) Taxidermist License | 25 | annual |
| (39) Class I Private Waters License | 15 | annual |
| (40) Ferret Breeding Permit | 1,000 | annual |
| (41) Endangered Species Propagation Permit | 25 | annual |
| (42) Class VIII Quail License | 10 | annual |
| (43) Class IX Falconry License | 25 | annual |
| (44) Class X Raptor Breeding License | 25 | annual |
| (45) Problem Animal Control Permit - Two Categories: | | |
| Municipal | 0 | annual |
| Commercial | 100 | annual |
| (46) Bird Banding Permit | 10 | annual |
| (47) Field Trial Permit | 25 | each |
| (48) Mounting Permit | 10 | each |
| (49) Salvage Permit | 10 | annual |
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| (50) Scientific Collecting Permit - Two Categories: Government/Nonprofit | \$ 0 | annual |
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| Commercial | 100 | annual |
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| Individual | 0 | each |
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| (53) Commercial Shooting Preserve Permit - Two Categories: | | |
| Class A: Commercial | 100 | annual |
| Class B: Club | 50 | annual |
| (54) Permit to Trap and Kill Unprotected Birds | 5 | annual |
| (55) Letter Permit | 0 | annual |
| (56) Fish Liberation Permit | 0 | each |
| (57) Game Liberation Permit | 0 | each |
| (58) Road-killed Deer Salvage Permit | 0 | each |
| (59) Farmer/Landowner Antlerless Deer Permit | 0 | annual |
| (60) Farmer/Landowner Turkey Permit | 0 | annual |
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| | | |
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| (63) Environmental Review of projects | | |
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| (a) less than 5 acres of disturbance | 600 | |
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| (65) Reconsideration | 150 | |
| (66) Adjudicatory Hearings | 500 | |
| (67) Utility Plan Review | 3,000 | |
| (68) Vegetation Management | 3,000 | |
| (69) Voluntary Assessment | | |
| (a) less than 15 acres | 500 | |
| (b) 15 to 30 acres | 750 | |
| (c) more than 30 acres | 1,000 | |
| Renewal Period | 3 | years |

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