



## LESSON 2 HUNTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

### STUDENT EXERCISE WORKSHEETS

### *INSTRUCTOR'S ANSWER SHEET*

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Use the Massachusetts Guide to Hunting, Freshwater Fishing, and Trapping Laws as a reference to find the pertinent information for the fields below:

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#### **Bowhunting Deer in Zone 10 during the Primitive Arms Season**

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**Permits & or Stamps:** Primitive Firearms Stamp required. Antlerless permit needed to take antlerless deer.

**Hunting Season Dates & Hours:** Check abstracts annually; Season begins on the Monday following the close of Shotgun Deer Season, ends on the last day of the year; hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

**Hunter Orange:** Must conspicuously wear on head, chest, and back a minimum of 500 square inches of “blaze orange” clothing. (A cap and vest will suffice)

**Bowhunting Implements and Other Methods:** Bows must have a draw weight of at least 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw; Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8” cutting diameter. Poisoned arrows, explosive tips, and bows drawn by mechanical means **are prohibited**. Crossbows may be used by certain permanently disabled persons by permit only. Also cannot possess any firearm except a primitive firearm.

**Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking:** Annual limit for antlered deer is two; Annual limit for antlerless deer is limited by the number of permits obtained; Daily possession of unreported deer is two (except for zones 13 & 14 where it is four). No dogs, baiting, decoys, or electronic calls allowed.

**Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements:** Each hunting license has two antlered “deer tags”; each antlerless permit has one “antlerless tag”. Upon killing a deer the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the “deer tag” in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours the person who killed the deer must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official game check station. Until reported, deer must remain visible during transport.



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#### **Bowhunting Wild Turkey in the spring in Zone 3**

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**Permit &/or Stamp requirements:** Turkey hunting permit is required. Official green safety sticker must be adhered to a firearm but not archery equipment in such a manner as to be visible when hunter is sighting down the barrel.

**Hunting Season and Hours:** Check Abstracts annually; Four week season begins on the last Monday in April; hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 12:00 noon.

**Hunter Orange requirement:** None required, but recommended when entering and exiting the woods.

**Bowhunting Implements and Other Methods:** Bows must have a draw weight of at least 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw; Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8" cutting diameter. Poisoned arrows, explosive tips, and bows drawn by mechanical means **are prohibited**. Crossbows may be used by certain permanently disabled persons by permit only.

**Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking:** Annual limit and possession limit is two birds; spring season limit is two bearded birds (only one bird/day); or if one bearded bird is taken in the spring then one of either sex can be taken in the fall. Use of electronic calls, bait, dogs, and driving turkeys is prohibited.

**Tagging, Transportation, and reporting requirements:** Two tags provided with permit. Upon killing a turkey, the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the "tag" in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours the person who killed the turkey must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official check station. No transporting requirements.



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#### **Bowhunting Black Bear during the Shotgun Deer Season**

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**Permit &/or Stamp requirements:** Black bear hunting permit is required

**Hunting Season Dates & Hours:** Check abstracts annually; 12 Day season begins on the Monday after Thanksgiving and ends on the second Saturday thereafter; hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

**Hunter Orange:** Must conspicuously wear a minimum of 500 square inches of “blaze orange” clothing on head, chest, and back.

**Bowhunting Implements and Other Methods:** Bows must have a draw weight of at least 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw; Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8” cutting diameter. Poisoned arrows, explosive tips, and bows drawn by mechanical means **are prohibited**. Crossbows may be used by certain permanently disabled persons by permit only.

**Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking:** Annual limit is one black bear per calendar year, of any sex, age, or size. Baiting and use of dogs is prohibited.

**Transportation & Reporting: Tagging, Transportation, and reporting requirements:** A “bear tag” is attached to each permit. Upon killing a bear the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the “tag” in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours, the person who killed the bear must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official check station. Bear must remain visible during transport until reported.



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#### **Bowhunting Deer in October within 500' of a dwelling in use**

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**Permits & or Stamps:** Archery Stamp required. Antlerless permit needed to take antlerless deer.

**Landowner Permissions/Authorizations:** Need authorization by owner or occupant thereof to release an arrow from a bow within 500' of a dwelling in use.

**Hunting Season and Hours:** Check abstracts annually; Six week season begins on the sixth Monday prior to Thanksgiving, and continues through the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except on WMA's stocked with pheasant/quail during the pheasant/quail season when hunting hours are sunrise to sunset.

**Hunter Orange requirement:** None, except on WMA's stocked with pheasant/quail during the pheasant/quail season where an orange hat or cap is required.

**Bowhunting Implements and Other Methods:** Bows must have a draw weight of at least 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw; Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8" cutting diameter. Poisoned arrows, explosive tips, and bows drawn by mechanical means **are prohibited**. Crossbows may be used by certain permanently disabled persons by permit only. Also a person shall not use/ have in his possession a rifle, a shotgun, or a firearm of any kind.

**Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking:** Annual limit for antlered deer is two; Annual limit for antlerless deer is limited by the number of permits obtained; Daily possession of unreported deer is two (except for zones 13 & 14 where it's 4). No dogs, baiting, decoys, or electronic calls allowed.

**Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements:** Each license has two antlered "deer tags"; each antlerless permit has one "antlerless tag". Upon killing a deer the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the "deer tag" in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours the person who killed the deer must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official game check station. Until reported, deer must remain visible during transport.



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#### **Bowhunting Deer during Shotgun season from a Treestand**

**Permit &/or Stamp requirements:** Antlerless permit needed to take antlerless deer.

**Permissions/Authorizations to use a treestand:** Written permission of the landowner is required on private or public lands to fasten a hunting platform or structure to a tree by nails, bolts, wire, or other that go through the bark into the wood or to emplace a platform that is fastened or erected in any manor for a period exceeding 30 days.

**Hunting Season Dates & Hours:** Check abstracts annually; 12 Day season begins on the Monday after Thanksgiving and ends on the second Saturday thereafter; hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

**Hunter Orange:** Must conspicuously wear on head, chest, and back a minimum of 500 square inches of "blaze orange" clothing. (A cap and vest will suffice)

**Bowhunting Implements and Other Methods:** Bows must have a draw weight of at least 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw; Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8" cutting diameter. Poisoned arrows, explosive tips, and bows drawn by mechanical means **are prohibited**. Crossbows may be used by certain permanently disabled persons by permit only. Also a person shall not hunt with or have in possession a rifle, revolver or pistol.

**Bag Limits/Other Restrictions on Taking:** Annual limit for antlered deer is two; Annual limit for antlerless deer is limited by the number of permits obtained; Daily possession of unreported deer is two (except for zones 13 & 14 where it's 4). No dogs, baiting, decoys, or electronic calls allowed. Also a person shall not hunt with or have in possession a rifle, revolver or pistol.

**Tagging, Transportation, and Reporting requirements:** Each hunting license has two antlered "deer tags"; each antlerless permit has one "antlerless tag". Upon killing a deer the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the "deer tag" in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours the person who killed the deer must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official game check station. Until reported, deer must remain visible during transport.



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#### **Bowhunting Turkey during the Fall Season on a Wildlife Management Area**

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**Permit &/or Stamp requirements:** Turkey hunting permit is required. Official green safety sticker must be adhered to a firearm but not archery equipment in such a manner as to be visible when hunter is sighting down the barrel.

**Hunting Season Dates & Hours:** Hunting hours begin ½ hour before sunrise and end ½ hour after sunset. Except on WMAs stocked with pheasant or quail during the pheasant or quail season, hunting hours are sunrise to sunset.

**Hunter Orange:** Not required, except on WMA's stocked with pheasant/quail during the pheasant/quail season where an orange hat or cap is required.

**Bowhunting Implements and Other Methods:** Bows must have a draw weight of at least 40 lbs. at 28 inches or at peak draw; Arrows must have well-sharpened steel broadhead blades with at least 7/8" cutting diameter. Poisoned arrows, explosive tips, and bows drawn by mechanical means **are prohibited**. Crossbows may be used by certain permanently disabled persons by permit only

**Bag Limit & Other Restrictions** Annual limit is two birds; During the fall season, the bag limit and possession limit is one bird of either sex, provided, that two turkeys were not taken during the spring season.

**Tagging, Transportation, & Reporting:** Two tags provided with permit. Upon killing a turkey, the hunter must immediately fill out and attach the "tag" in a conspicuous manner. Within 48 hours the person who killed the turkey must report it online or present the entire carcass to an official check station. No transporting requirements.