



## 2019 QUABBIN CONTROLLED DEER HUNT SUMMARY

After 50 years without hunting, in 1991 Quabbin Reservation was opened to limited, controlled public deer hunting. This action was in response to growing concern about the impacts of deer browsing on forest regeneration and the potential long-term consequences of those impacts on water quality. The hunt is held during the 2-week shotgun season.

This was the 29<sup>th</sup> successful season of the Quabbin Deer Management Program. The results below for **Petersham** are *preliminary numbers*. This data will be finalized and published in the report: *Quabbin Reservation White-Tailed Deer Impact Management Program: Results from 2019*. Overall, there were **18** deer harvested during the 2019 season in Petersham. The harvest sex ratio was **9 bucks** to **9 does**. The largest deer harvested at Quabbin this year was a **151 lb., 8-pointer on December 12<sup>th</sup>** (pictured below).

### December 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> 2019



#### **Petersham: 18 total deer harvested**

##### *December 12, 2019*

- Number Harvested: 14
- Sex Ratio: 7 male/ 7 female
- Largest Buck: 151 lbs. (3.5 yrs, 8pt)
- Largest Doe: 102 lbs. (2.5 yrs)

##### *December 13, 2019*

- Number Harvested: 4
- Sex Ratio: 2 male/ 2 female
- Largest Buck: 108 lbs. (2.5 yrs, 6pt)
- Largest Doe: 107.5 lbs. (2.5 yrs)

\*Note: Only Petersham was hunted during the 2-day controlled hunt in 2019. Hardwick, Prescott, and New Salem were closed to hunting. Quabbin park was proposed, but not hunted. Pelham was open for the 2-week shotgun season.

Locations and photos of the deer harvested this year can be found here:

<https://eoeea.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=a3dc11382135430f8166b14422da969c>

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