

Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.
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Meeting for October 3, 2021 at 9:03am held via ZOOM by President John Kellstrand

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Roll Call – quorum

President's Comments - MCA is meeting every other week. Smaller group meetings with Bay State Strategies. The Fisheries & Wildlife Board voted to approve the new Pheasant/Quail Regulations on Sept. 28th. Dues notices are in process.

Bills to Support:

- S.546 current part of the current budget will make it law.
- S.547 Outdoor Heritage consolidation bill
- S.991 Crossbow bill
- H.1029 Shotgun ammo for Hunting
- H.914 Sunday Hunting

Bills to Oppose:

- H.2487 Liability for gun owners
- H.965 Prohibit sale of Fur Products
- H.1002 Increase Protection of WMA's
- S.507 Noise Issue for Coastal Dwellings
- H.2874 State Excise Tax on Guns & Ammo

Communication - A Certificate of Appreciation from the Sportsmen's Alliance was received. Smith & Wesson is moving a large part of their Springfield operation to Tennessee in 2023. NWTF Calendars are selling fast. Guns for Everyone event in Hyannis.

Legislation - The updated Watch List is posted on the website.

Hunter Ed – There was a request to have a presentation to the Board on Hunter Ed.

Ware River Watershed – Meeting canceled due to pandemic related issues

Quabbin Watershed Advisory – No report available

Marine Fisheries – Commercial stuff only. Increase wanted in the outflow pipe into the CC Canal near the Mass Maritime Academy.

Forrest and Parks – No major announcements. Closure of Mt. Sugarloaf Observation Tower in South Deerfield. No information for the Blue Hills Hunting.

Unfinished Business – Deer/Bear Damage Report got a response from Furbearer Biologist.

1. Used actions outlined in Chapter 131 Section 37
2. Landowners can open their property to hunters
3. Farmers/Landowners can apply for additional permits from Fisheries & Wildlife
4. Utilize Barriers or Fencing

New Business - There was a news story in the Globe about the F&W Fee Increases. The MCA had a meeting and updates made to the fund raising for the Lobbying Efforts. Watch for a press release, a web site, and a donation web site.

Shows – Standish:	Coverage by Barnstable Co team
Boxboro:	Coverage by John and Peter
Big E:	Coverage by John, Peter, Dwayne, Lori

Super Raffle 2022 – Commitment on prizes need from member organizations.

Beach Buggy has canceled their fall banquet/meeting.

Updates made to the MSC Website

Bristol County Banquet on April 22, 2022 at White's of Westport

Adjournment – 10:42 am

Next Meeting – November 7th at Century Sportsmen's Club in Auburn.