**Massachusetts Sportsmen’s Council, Inc.**

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Meeting for June 1, 2025 at 9:53 am held via ZOOM,

by President John Kellstrand

Minutes are posted on the MSC website.

**President’s Comments –**

# Communication – Texas Governor Abott is expected to sign a new bill to simplify the way Texas recognizes handgun carry permits from other states. US Senator Schiff replacing Dianne Feinstein as the ‘Ban them all’ congress person from California. Sen Schiff has filed SB706 ‘Assault Weapon Ban of 2025’. The Connecticut House of Reps passed a bill against the firearms industry (manufacturers, distributors, sellers) who fail the “reasonable controls” and more restrictions on getting a pistol permit. Dir. National Intelligence declassified a Biden statement that labels gun owners as “potentially dangerous individuals” . ATF regulations change. A letter was sent to the F&W Board requesting to change the season for Coyote. They denied the change request.

**Legislation -** SenateBudget amendment to add $500K to Trailside Museum – this will go to the conference committee, reimburse to the Inland Fish Game Fund regarding licenses failed in the Senate so this will go to the conference committee**,** the change the reimbursement in statue failed**.** F&W operations nearly the same in both, Commissioners office got $40k in the House versus the Senate.So now the Budget is in the Conference Committee now.Public Hearings on Chapter 135 Act of 2024 for Registration, Serialization, and Live Fire was held. Another hearing will be June 4th for Live Fire. If you have a Lg Cap Feeding device – it must be unloaded when being transported.

**Hunter Ed / Fisheries & Wildlife –** As of May 7thThe new MASSFISHHUNTsite is in place. You need a MYMASSGOV login to access the site.

**Ware River Watershed –** Next meeting for July is TBDdue to changes in the hours for the Rutland Library.

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory –** No update available.

**Marine Fisheries –**  Shark fishing from shore, size limits for False Albacore, Bonito, you cannot sell, be in possession or sell Lugg Worms. The method to measure Stripers has changed make sure you do it correctly! EPO’s looking for volunteer’s to teach the boating course.

**Forrest and Parks –** More traffic restrictions posted.

**Super Raffle 2025 –** Tickets drawing

1. Henry Big Boy, .44 mag R. Lawson

2. Henry Golden Boy J.Watson

3. Ruger 10/22 with scope Anthony

4. $250 Bass Pro / Cabela’s Gift Card P. Snell

5. Athlon 20-60x80 Spotting Scope R. French

6. $150 Bass Pro / Cabela’s Gift Card E. Powers

7. 2026 Spring Turkey Hunt Mike D.

8. 7’ Boat Rod & Case D. Tetreault

9. Traditions Drop Breach Muzzleloader M. Meninno

10. Compound/Crossbow archery target block T. Hill

11. SIG Sauer M17 Air Pistol S. Finck

12. Cabela’s Blind T.Parker

13. LL Bean Knife K.Willis

**New Business –** Nominating Committee for 2026 (Mark G, Donald G, Dwayne P).

Franklin Co requesting to pursue an extension of Turkey season to the first weekend in June.

**Old Business -** Secretary Bernard represented the Council at the NWTF Tri-County Strutters banquet.

**Deer/Bear Damage Report –** The F&W Board voted and passed the bear season change proposal.

**Good of the order –** Hampden Co League is meeting on June 26th to continue their reorganization – come to the meeting. Marc Cohen will be awarded Outstanding Achievement Award and membership to the MSC Hall of Fame

**Adjournment – 12:17pm**

**Next Meeting –** Sept 7th in person in Auburn.