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Meeting for May 5, 2024 at 9:04am held online via ZOOM,

by President John Kellstrand

Minutes are posted on the MSC website.

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**President’s Comments –** Moment of Silence for Clem Carryopolis, Berkshire County League delegate, passed away. Susan Murray from SEMAP not available for this month’s meeting. Our donation for Share the Harvest is on hold because the MA Outdoor Hertiage Foundation is closing. Watch List has been updated and will be posted online shortly. The CMR’s are now available online on the Commonwealth website. Trapper Survey from the Assocication of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is coming out, if you receive it, please complete it.

# Communication – Quabbin Region with the MWRA is trying to expend usage. More issues with the machine gun range at Joint Base Cape Cod. The conference committee for the gun bill have gone silient. Still place your

**Legislation -** Budget items: Reimbursement to Fish & Wildlife Board Members increase, Fisheries & Wildlife $17.5M for admin, 41.5M for land, Marine Fisheries $9.2M . Fourteen House and three senate members not running for re-election.

**Hunter Ed / Fisheries & Wildlife – Notice to post courses**

**Ware River Watershed –** No update

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory –** The last meeting wasMarch 18th meeting. Gate 8 work on the road, gate 43 reimbursement for paving starting soon, possibly three week duration. There s a lawsuit because you cannot use cash for fees at Quabbin. The next meeting is June 3rd.

**Marine Fisheries –**  Hearings on King and Spanish Mackeral, May 24 scup-sea bass-flounder meeting.

**Forrest and Parks –** No update

**New Business –** American Chestnut Foundation and Somerset Sportsman’s Club is working on a planting of 40 tree’s for habitat restoration. If your club has open property please think about planting trees.

**Old Business** – Stocking of Quail at Cape Cod National Seashore is still being discussed. Dir. Mark Tisa will be meeting with the Cape Code National Seashore Superintendent. Adding Chukar to the late season special hunts has support of the biologist.

**Super Raffle Prizes –** The Drawing is June 2nd at Century Sportsman’s Club in Auburn.

**MSC Banquet** – TBD

**Deer/Bear Damage Report –** Franklin Co Farm Bureau discussed damage. No change from Fisheries and Wildlife since the problem was mentioned in February 2022. Asking for a letter be sent to the Board asking what’s up with changes. A letter from the Farm Bureau would help too.

**Good of the order –** NWTF for Tri County Strutters banquet is 5/18 in Foxboro. The MCA raffle will be drawn on 5/19 at Monument Beach. R3 meeting on 5/19.

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**Adjournment –** 11:40 am

**Next Meeting –** June 2nd, Century Sportsman’s Club in Auburn