

**Massachusetts Sportsmen's Council, Inc.**  
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Meeting for May 1, 2022 at 9:06 am held via Zoom, by President John Kellstrand

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**Roll Call** – quorum

**President's Comments** - Mike Moss is recovering from back surgery in rehab in Charlton. F&W board on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Sub-committee on Bear/Deer Damager with meet at 9:30. Migratory Bird hearing was held. No word on appointments to board. New Deputy Commissioner, to be announced this coming week. Report on the banquet finances. Consistant name needed for files for the minutes on the website.

**Communication** – Registration is now available for the Civilian Marksmanship Program's (CMP) annual New England Games and Highpower Rifle Matches! The outdoor event is set to be held Sept. 18-25, 2022, at the Camp Ethan Allen National Guard Training Site. There will be Rifle and Pistol events.

According to Rasmussen, 51 percent of likely voters don't believe the attack that left 29 people injured, including ten with gunshot wounds, would have been prevented by stricter laws. The poll was conducted April 12-13 and released April 14, revealing only 38 percent believe tougher gun laws would help prevent mass shootings.

Maine Senate voted "ought not to pass" on Legislative Document 1068, a gun confiscation measure that carried over from last year. The bill said a court could issue orders or consent agreements for protection from harassment, and authorizes the surrender of firearms.

The ATF is undergoing a major shakeup. Acting Director Marvin Richardson is being demoted, and US Attorney Gary Restaino will take over his position. [a recent New York Times article](#) featuring complaints from gun-control activists which labeled Richardson "an industry-friendly subordinate pumping the brakes" on President Biden's aggressive gun-control initiatives.

**Legislation** - An Email sent by the council to all House Members on the Budget amendments and got 5 responses. Richard Haggerty would support H.545Budget, four others said they would support the others. Bad news that all of our sportsmen's Budget amendments failed. We can try again in the Senate Budget.

AG Healy has a proposal on timber for [her administration](#).

S.546, reimbursement, is in Senate Ways & Means. Reported to be in Supplementary Budget from the Govenor.

F&W did OK in the House Budget.

**Hunter Ed** – Nothing new to report

**Ware River Watershed** – No report

**Quabbin Watershed Advisory** – No report

**Marine Fisheries** – Recreational Cod and Haddock Regulations Unchanged for Start of Fishing Year 2022 2022 Fishing Year. Reminder: Trap Gear and Gillnet Closures to Remain in Effect Until May 15<sup>th</sup>. Changes to Commercial Black Sea Bass limits. Changes to Commercial Summer Flounder limits. DMF Extends Small Vessel Speed Restriction in Cape Cod Bay to Protect Right Whales.

Notice of Virtual Public Hearings and Public Comment Period on 2022 Adjustments to Certain Recreational Fishing Limits.

**Forrest and Parks** – Quabbin is open for fishing. Blue Hills area will be divided into grids that are one sq mile.

**Unfinished Business** - Super Raffle – Keep selling. The drawing in next month.

**New Business** - Jack Coughlin was in a news clip regarding Earth Day on Channel 22. Rewards Program reporting cards and need to be advertised more. President Kellstrand will sit down with the Colonel Santos of EPO to discuss. Discontinued Pheasant Stocking on CCNS according to the EIS next year will be the last year. The DFG will not push the Feds.

**MSC Banquet 2022** – Short story, we made a few dollars. Tentatively reserved the Tuttle Post for next year. The meal cost was more than expected. Next year the cost will have to be increased. Attendees that had their photos taken need to keep their eyes open and mouths closed.

**Deer/Bear Damage Report** – F&W Sub-committee will meet on May 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am.

**Good of the Order** – The MCA Raffle was drawn on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment** – 11:05 am

**Next Meeting** - June 5th at Century Sportsmen's Club in Auburn at 9am.