



August 21, 2023

Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife  
ATTN: Fisheries and Wildlife Board  
1 Rabbit Road  
Westborough, MA 01581

Dear Chairman Stephen A. Sears:

On behalf of Safari Club International (SCI), I write to you in support of the proposed amendments to 321 CMR 3.02 Hunting of Particular Game in Massachusetts that would extend the archery hunting season for whitetail deer in Wildlife Management Zones 1-9 by two weeks.

This proposed expansion is a welcomed addition to a significant area of land that would greatly expand access for sportsmen and women as well as allow for increased deer management by the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife. In addition, due to Sunday hunting restrictions, local firearm discharge restrictions, and other town-specific barriers to access, this proposed change would provide a much needed 12 additional days for archery opportunities in zones 1-9. Further, this change allows for season uniformity across the state along with the additional economic activity associated with more hunter days-afield.

SCI is dedicated to protecting the freedom to hunt promoting wildlife conservation worldwide. Our organization, along with active members in Massachusetts, strongly support this important measure that would dramatically increase access and opportunities sportsmen and women.

Sincerely,

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CEO – Safari Club International/Foundation