MassWildlife to hold public hearing for proposed pheasant and quail hunting regulation changes

MassWildlife is holding a public hearing on September 28. Proposed regulations would establish a pheasant/quail permit, eliminate seasonal bag limits, remove rooster-only restrictions, and eliminate registration for pheasant hunting at Martin Burns WMA.

A public hearing will be held virtually via a Zoom video webinar at 9:30 a.m. on September 28 following the monthly business meeting of the Fisheries and Wildlife Board. The proposed regulatory amendments relate to 321 CMR 3.02(6) and 3.03(2). The proposed regulations would establish a pheasant/quail permit, eliminate the seasonal bag limit for pheasant and quail, remove rooster-only restrictions, and eliminate the hunter registration process for pheasant hunting at Martin Burns WMA. The full hearing notice, including the text of the proposed regulations, is available on MassWildlife's Public Hearings page.

To join the public hearing from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device, click here and use passcode: tirQM3. To join by phone, dial: (312) 626-6799 and use webinar ID: 869 9911 0010 and passcode: 476480 when prompted.

Please note: Due to filing requirements, the Fisheries and Wildlife Board must vote on the proposed regulatory amendments at the close of this hearing. Therefore, there will be no written comment period after this public hearing. To submit written comments prior to the hearing, please email susan.sacco@mass.gov to the attention of the Fisheries and

Wildlife Board, or mail comments to Chairman, Fisheries and Wildlife Board, c/o Director of MassWildlife, Mass. Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough, MA 01581.