



MCA DFW Fee Increase Survey

Questions Responses 1,093

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MASS Conservation Alliance - MA Division of Fish and Wildlife Fee Increase Survey



This survey is from the MASS Conservation Alliance (MCA) and its purpose is to gather feedback from MA resident sportsmen about their level of support for MA Division of Fish and Wildlife (DFW) proposed fee increases.

The survey has 29 questions, many are quick and fast to answer. Please set aside 5- 7 minutes to complete the survey. Your voice and recommendations are important! The time allotment assumes you are familiar with the current fees and the proposed fee increase schedule.

MCA will share results with MCA members. Summarized results of the survey may be part of future discussions and feedback to MA DFW. Individual surveys and any individual details will not be shared beyond the MCA survey team. To learn more about the full MA DFW Fee Increase Proposal, please visit this website <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/masswildlife-funding> and view this presentation <https://www.mass.gov/doc/masswildlife-proposed-fee-schedule/download> .

To learn more about MCA visit <https://www.facebook.com/MassConservationAlliance/> or <https://massconservationalliance.com/>

The organization behind this survey





Do you support any fee increase by MA DFW for its licenses or stamps *

- Yes , proceed to provide fee increase recommendations, survey sections 2-5
- No, proceed to tell us more about yourself and recommendations, survey sections 4-5

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Your Support for a Fee Increase - How Much ✕ ⋮

The following series of questions will ask for your recommendations on the amount of a fee increase for a license, permit, or stamp. These questions are limited to the one's DFW has identified for being new or existing ones having a proposed increase. There have been suggestions to create other new stamps (e.g. trout, WMA access for non-hunters); there is a section at the end of the survey to share your opinions and recommendations.

Currently the MA Fishing License Fee is \$22.50. The suggested new fee is \$40.00 . Please indicate the fee amount you recommend that is closest to the amount listed below. *

- \$25.00
- \$30.00
- \$35.00
- \$40.00 , DFW Proposal



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Currently the MA Sporting License (Hunting and Fishing) Fee is \$40.00. The suggested new fee ^{*} is \$75.00 . Please indicate your recommended discount of the fee amount that is closest to the amount listed below. The current discount is \$5 and the future proposed discount is \$5 off the sum of the two licenses

- no discount
- \$5.00 discount as suggested with DFW Proposal
- \$7.50 ; based on a rationale of increased license fees should have larger discount
- \$10.00; based on a rationale of increased license fees should have larger discount

Currently sportsmen of ages 65-69 receive a 50% discount for their hunting and fishing license. ^{*} For example, the current sportsmen's license is \$40; a person in this age range pays \$20 . The same discount amount of 50% is recommended in the new proposal, Please indicate your recommended discount.

- 50% discount of the suggested fee \$75 would be \$37.50 ; fee to pay would be \$37.50 ; this is the DFW Pro...
- no discount ; if fee is \$75, then pay \$75
- 10%; discount amount would be \$7.50 if the fee was \$75; fee to pay would be \$67.50
- 25% discount amount would be \$18.75 if the fee was \$75 ; fee to pay would be \$56.25
- 75% discount amount would be \$56.25 if the fee was \$75 ; fee to pay would be \$18.75



The Archery Stamp is \$5 today; The DFW recommended new fee is \$20. Please recommend your increased amount you would pay. *

- no increase, remain at \$5
- \$7.50
- \$10.00
- \$15.00
- \$20.00, this is the DFW Proposal

The State's Waterfowl Stamp is \$5 today; The DFW recommended new fee is \$20. Please recommend your increased amount you would pay. (Federal Duck Stamp is a separate fee and not affected by DFW) *

- no increase, remain at \$5
- \$7.50
- \$10.00
- \$15.00
- \$20.00, this is the DFW Proposal

The Primitive Firearm Stamp is \$5 today; The DFW recommended new fee is \$20. Please recommend your increased amount you would pay. *

- no increase, remain at \$5
- \$7.50



\$15.00

\$20.00, this is the DFW Proposal

There is a new Pheasant/Quail Stamp being recommended. The DFW recommended new fee is \$20. Please recommend your amount you would pay. *

I recommend no new stamp be created

\$5

\$7.50

\$10.00

\$15.00

\$20.00, this is the DFW Proposal

The Antlerless Deer Permit is \$5 today. The DFW recommended new fee is \$20. Please recommend your amount you would pay. *

\$5

\$7.50

\$10.00

\$15.00

\$20.00 , this is the DFW Proposal

The Bear Permit is \$5 today. The DFW recommended new fee is \$20. Please recommend your *



- \$5
- \$7.50
- \$10.00
- \$15.00
- \$20.00, this is the DFW Proposal

The Turkey Permit is \$5 today. The DFW recommended new fee is \$20. Please recommend your amount you would pay. *

- \$5
- \$7.50
- \$10.00
- \$15.00
- \$20.00, this is the DFW Proposal

The Non-Resident Stamps and Permit Fees are \$5 each currently today. The DFW recommended new fee is \$40 each. Please recommend the amount of an increase for each Non-Resident Stamp and Permit. *

- Non-Resident increase should be identical to MA resident increase
- \$7.50
- \$10.00
- \$15.00
- \$20.00



- \$30.00
- \$40.00, this is the DFW Non-Resident proposed increase
- Other...

The Non-Resident Hunting Big Game License is \$94.50 today (\$72 more than the MA Resident License Fee \$22.50). The DFW recommended new Non-Residential License fee is \$112. Please recommend the amount of an increase. *

- Non-Resident Fee increase should be identical to MA Resident Fee increase
- \$95.00
- \$100.00
- \$105.00
- \$112.00, this is the DFW new proposed Non-Resident Fee
- More than \$112.00

The Non-Resident Fishing License is \$32.50 today (\$10.00 more than the Resident \$22.50). The DFW recommended new Non-Resident License fee is \$50. Please recommend the amount of an increase. *

- Non-Resident Fee increase should be identical to MA Resident Fee increase
- \$35.00
- \$40.00
- \$45.00
- \$50.00, this is the DFW new proposed Non-Resident Fee
- More than \$50.00



Do you trap *

- Yes, go to next section to answer trapper fee questions
- No, skip over trapper section, go to next section

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Questions for Trappers



The following list of questions are for trappers

Trapping license fee proposal is to increase from \$30.50 to \$40.00 . Which increase do you support *

- DFW Proposed increase to \$40.00
- Some increase, raise to \$35.00
- No increase

New Trapping Number Registration is proposed to increase from \$5 to \$20 ; Number Registration Renewals are proposed to increase from \$5 to \$20. Please indicate the amount of increase you support. *

- No change, keep at \$5 and \$5
- DFW Proposal, raise to \$20 and \$20
- Some increase, raise to \$10 and \$10



MA Fur Buyer Permit fee increase proposal is to raise from \$30 to \$45 *

- No change, keep at \$30
- DFW Proposed fee increase to \$45
- Some increase, raise to \$35
- Some increase, raise to \$40

After section 3 Continue to next section 

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How Would Fee Changes Affect Your Budget

Everyone has a personal set of priorities and a budget for living life. The next several questions is to understand how a MA fee increase would affect your continuing activities to be a sportsman/woman and knowing if your pursuits and or donations would change.

Donation: Today, some MA sportsmen purchase all the licenses, stamps, and permits - even if * they do not pursue a specific season or game. Some view it as a good donation to a good cause

- I buy all the licenses, stamps, permits today - with a fee increase I would continue to do so
- A fee increase would cause me to only buy the licenses, permits, and stamps I need
- I only buy what I need today and would continue to do so in the future
- Other...



- I buy the licenses, stamps, permits I need today - a fee increase does not effect me - I will continue to buy...
- I buy what I need today - a fee increase would cause me to buy less ; I may no longer hunt a season or gam...
- Other...

A fee increase may affect my sporting budget in these ways. Please select all that apply to your sporting budget. *

- I would rather hunt out of state and no longer in MA; fees would be too high
- I would reduce the number of clubs I belong to
- I would stop hunting out of state; can't afford all the licenses
- I would buy less sporting equipment and supplies
- I would change how much I spend on raffles, donations, and other fund raisers
- None of these apply to me
- Other...

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Tell us some more about yourself



Please share some more details about yourself and preferences.

How many consecutive years have you purchased MA fishing, hunting, and or sportsman's licenses *



- 1-5
- 6-15
- 16-25
- 25-40
- more than 40

What is your age range *

- Under 18
- 18-30
- 31-45
- 45-64
- 65-69
- Over 70
- prefer to not say

Do you support any of these changes in MA state law, DFW regulations that affects DFW funding and expanded options for hunting. Please select all you support *

- Allow cross-bow hunting for everyone; no longer restricted to those with medical conditions
- Change archery setbacks from 500 feet to 250 feet
- Allow hunting on Sundays



State general fund - funds DFW for all license discounts and free licenses

No changes are needed at this time

Other...

Which MA sporting clubs and organizations do you belong to today . If you don't belong to any, do enter. None. *

Long answer text

Which counties, Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), bodies of water do you hunt or fish in today. *

Long answer text

Which other states do you fish in today and purchase out of state licenses. If none, state none *

Long answer text

Which other states do you hunt in today and purchase out of state licenses. If none, state none *

Long answer text

Do you have any friends/relatives living out of state that come here to hunt or fish with you here in MA, whereby they purchase MA Out-of-state licenses; if yes, please list the state(s); if none, state none. *

Long answer text



Have you or will you fill out a DFW Fee Proposal Fee Increase Feedback form , visit <https://bit.ly/DFW-feedback-form> *

Yes

No

Maybe

Is there anything else you want to share with MCA about fishing, hunting, MA DFW, current and future laws/regulations, DFW programs you find valuable, other ideas for fees, etc. If nothing to share, state none. *

Long answer text

