



## 2015 QUABBIN DEER HUNT SUMMARY

After 50 years without hunting, Quabbin Reservation was opened in 1991 to limited, controlled public deer hunting. This action was in response to growing concern about the impacts of deer browsing on forest regeneration and the potential long-term consequences of those impacts on water quality. The hunt is held during the 2-week shotgun season.

2015 was the 25<sup>th</sup> successful season of implementation of the Quabbin Deer Management Program. The results below for **Prescott, New Salem, Hardwick and Petersham** are *preliminary numbers*. This data will be finalized and published in the report: *Quabbin Reservation White-Tailed Deer Impact Management Program: Results from 2015*. Overall, there were **48** deer harvested during the 2015 season. The harvest sex ratio was **27 bucks to 21 does**. The largest deer harvested at Quabbin this year was a **180.5 lb, 8-pointer** from Hardwick.

### First Week: December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>

#### **Hardwick: 11** total deer harvested

*December 3, 2015*

- *Number Harvested:* 8
- *Sex Ratio:* 5 male/ 3 female
- *Largest Buck:* 185.5 lbs (3.5yrs, 8 pts)
- *Largest Doe:* 131 lbs (3.5yrs)

*December 4, 2015*

- *Number Harvested:* 3
- *Sex Ratio:* 0 male/ 3 female
- *Largest Buck:* No bucks harvested
- *Largest Doe:* 130.5 lbs (3.5 yrs)

#### **Petersham: 9** total deer harvested

*December 3, 2015*

- *Number Harvested:* 8
- *Sex Ratio:* 5 male/ 3 female
- *Largest Buck:* 137 lbs (2.5 yrs, 6pt)
- *Largest Doe:* 114 lbs (2.5 yrs)

*December 4, 2015*

- *Number Harvested:* 1
- *Sex Ratio:* 1 male/ 0 female
- *Largest Buck:* 88 lbs (button buck)
- *Largest Doe:* No females harvested

### Second Week: December 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>

#### **New Salem: 10** total deer harvested

*December 10, 2015*

- *Number Harvested:* 6
- *Sex Ratio:* 5 male/ 1 female
- *Largest Buck:* 124 lbs (2.5 yrs, 6 pt)
- *Largest Doe:* 119 lbs (2.5 yrs)

*December 11, 2015*

- *Number Harvested:* 4
- *Sex Ratio:* 2 male/ 2 female
- *Largest Buck:* 143 lbs (3.5 yrs, 8 pt)
- *Largest Doe:* 119 lbs (2.5 yrs)

#### **Prescott: 18** total deer harvested

*December 10, 2015*

- *Number Harvested:* 10
- *Sex Ratio:* 7 male/ 3 female
- *Largest Buck:* 180 lbs (3.5 yrs, 11pt)
- *Largest Doe:* 139lbs (3.5 yrs)

*December 11, 2015*

- *Number Harvested:* 8
- *Sex Ratio:* 2 male/ 6 female
- *Largest Buck:* 113 lbs (1.5 yrs, spike)
- *Largest Doe:* 136lbs (3.5 yrs)

