

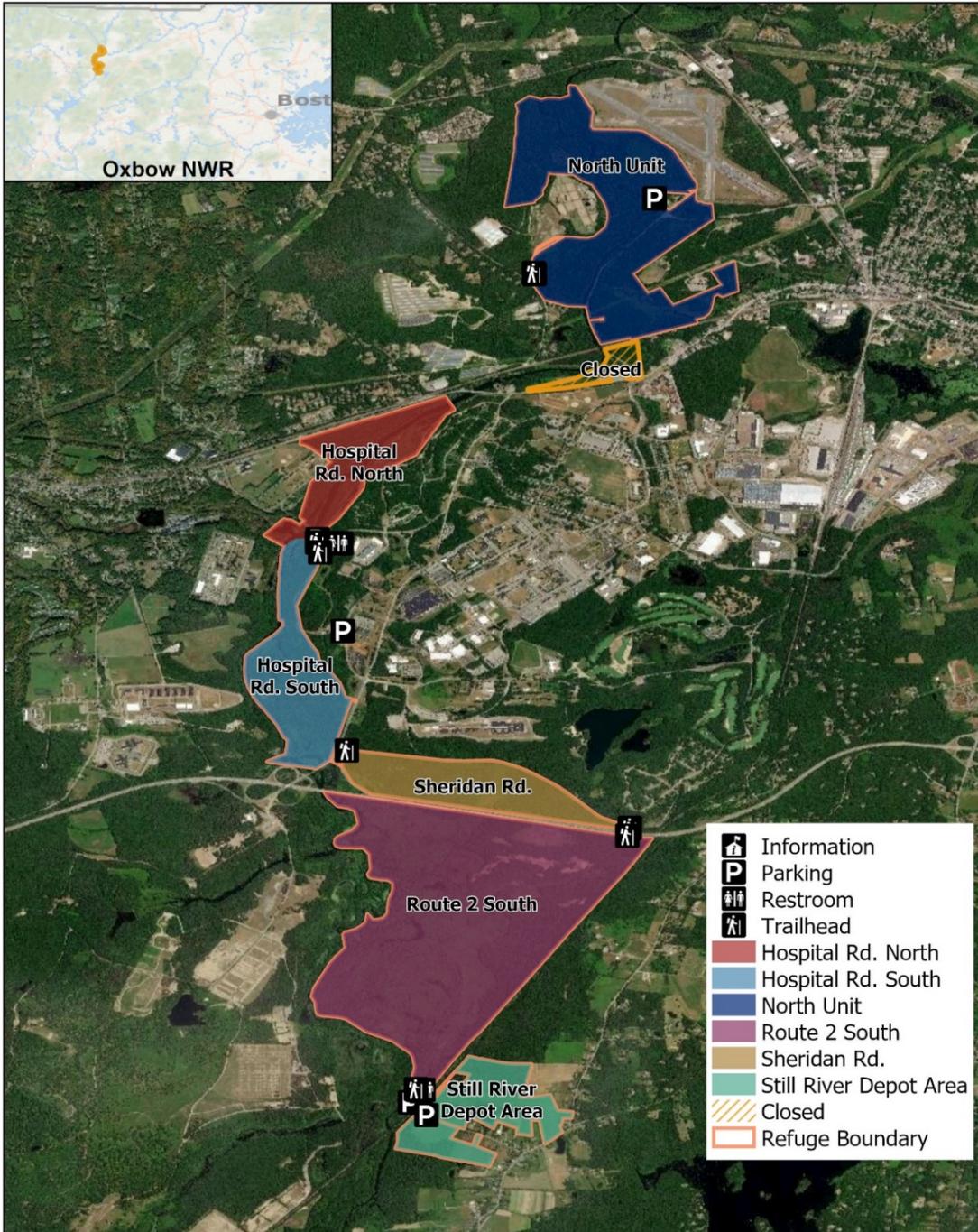
# 2020-21 Hunting & Fishing Plan Summary

## Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge

Comparisons of proposed changes for 2020-2021 seasons w/ State Regulations  
 Oxbow Wildlife Refuge is located Wildlife Management Zone 9



### U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge



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## Oxbow NWR Summary of Changes by Hunt Units and Species

C= Currently Opened for Species      X= New Opportunity

**\*NOTE:** All hunters are still required to follow the 500ft setbacks per Massachusetts hunting regulations for occupied dwellings and 150ft setbacks for roads. The acres listed below, may not reflect the total acre available to hunt after allowing for required setbacks. Hunters can use mobile apps such as OnX to determine if an areas is open to hunting.

Hunt Unit C= Currently Opened X= New Opportunity	Acres	Bear	Deer	Turkey	Coyote	Fox	Grouse	Rabbit	Snipe	Squirrel	Waterfowl	Woodcock
North Unit	392	X	C	C	X	X	C	C		C	X	C
Hospital Rd. North (Archery Only)	128	X	X	X	X	X						
Hospital Rd. South	169	X	C	C	X	X	C	C		C	X	
Sheridan Rd.	142	X	C	C	X	X	C	C		C		C
Still River Depot Area (Archery Only)	126	X	C	C	X	X						
Route 2 South	714	X	C	C	X	X	C	C	C	C	C	C
Closed	24											
<b>Total Acres</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>1671</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>714</b>	<b>1417</b>	<b>1275</b>	<b>1248</b>

## Oxbow NWR Summary of Proposed Changes by Species

\* Refuge wide hunting prohibition of Rifle and handguns

Species	Hunt Unit	Method of take	Additional Refuge Regulations (Dates Approximate)	MA Regulations (For Comparison)
Bear (New Species)	North Unit Route 2 South Sheridan Rd. Hospital Rd South	Archery & Shotgun Only	No Rifles and Handguns	<b>MA Season</b> 1st Season: 9/2-9/21 2nd Season: 11/4-11/23 3rd Season: 12/2-12/14
	Hospital Rd North Still River Depot	Archery Only		
Coyote (New Species)	North Unit Route 2 South Sheridan Rd. Hospital Rd South	Corresponding Method of take for deer season no rifle & handguns	Only concurrent w/ deer season (10/17-12/31) No baiting No night hunting No Rifles and Handguns	<b>MA Season: 10/17-3/8</b> (following year) <b>Baiting is legal</b> <b>Hours of Hunt:</b> 1/2 hr before sunrise to Midnight
	Hospital Rd North Still River Depot	Archery Only		
Fox (New Species)	Hospital Rd North Still River Depot	Archery Only (No rifles, handguns, or shotguns)	Only concurrent w/ deer season (11/2-12/31) No baiting No night hunting No Rifles and Handguns	<b>MA Season: 11/2-2/27</b> (following year) Season closed during shotgun deer season <b>Baiting is legal</b> <b>Hours of Hunt:</b> 1/2 hr before sunrise to Midnight
	North Unit Route 2 South Sheridan Rd Hospital Rd South	Corresponding Method of take for deer season; no rifle & handguns		
White-tailed Deer	Hospital Rd North Still River Depot	Archery Only	Hunters can hunt all 3 season w/ Archery equipment NA	<b>MA Seasons:</b> Archery (10/5-11/28) Shotgun (11/30-12/12) Muzzleloader (12/14-12/31)
	North Unit Route 2 South Sheridan Rd. Hospital Rd South	Align w/ State		

Species	Hunt Unit	Current/Proposed Method of take	Notes & Additional Refuge Regulations (Dates Approximate)	MA Regulations (For Comparison)
Grouse	North Unit Route 2 South Sheridan Rd. Hospital Rd South	Align w/ State	N/A	<b>MA Season:</b> 10/17-11/28
Rabbit	North Unit Route 2 South Sheridan Rd. Hospital Rd South	Shotgun & Archery Only	No rifles and handguns No night hunting	<b>MA Season:</b> 10/17-2/27 (Following Year)
Turkey	North Unit Route 2 South Sheridan Rd. Hospital Rd South	Align w/ State	N/A	<b>MA Season</b> Spring: 4/27-5/25 Fall: 10/19-11/28
	Hospital Rd North Still River Depot	Archery Only	N/A	
Waterfowl	North Unit Hospital Rd South Route 2 South	Align w/ State	N/A	<b>MA Season:</b> Season dependent on Species Earliest: 9/2, Latest: 2/15
Woodcock	North Unit Sheridan Rd Walker Road	Align w/ State	NA	<b>MA Season:</b> 10/1-11/21
Squirrel	North Unit Route 2 South Sheridan Rd. Hospital Rd South	Shotgun & Archery Only	No rifles and handguns No night hunting	<b>MA Season:</b> 9/14-1/2 (following year) <b>Method of take:</b> archery, shotgun, rifles, and handguns