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### **Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge Seeking Public Input for Connecticut and Massachusetts Hunting and Fishing Plan**

Silvio O. Conte National Fish and Wildlife Refuge has released the Connecticut and Massachusetts hunting plan, Environmental Assessment (EA) and compatibility determination for lands owned by the refuge. The hunting plan, EA and compatibility determination is being released for a comment period ending May 26<sup>th</sup>. The Refuge is seeking public input on issues and concerns related to the EA and compatibility determination. The refuge is proposing to open hunting for big game, small game and migratory birds to provide the public with high quality, wildlife-oriented recreation.

The hunt plan, compatibility determination, and environmental assessment is available for review at [https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Silvio\\_O\\_Conte/what\\_we\\_do/resource\\_management.html](https://www.fws.gov/refuge/Silvio_O_Conte/what_we_do/resource_management.html). Or hard copies are available upon request.

The public is encouraged to submit written comments to Attn: Hunt Plan, Silvio O. Conte NFWR, 103 E. Plumtree Road, Sunderland, MA 01375. Comments can also be emailed to [david\\_sagan@fws.gov](mailto:david_sagan@fws.gov). Comments will be accepted until May 26, 2019.

*The Conte Refuge is a national model for conserving wildlife at a landscape scale. It was established in 1991 to protect the diversity of native species of plants, fish and wildlife and their ecosystems with the Connecticut River Watershed. The natural environment of the 7.2 million acre watershed is extremely diverse and expansive. Refuge lands are managed to support wildlife habitat conservation concerns, such as federal listed species, migratory birds and fish and wetlands. The vast natural area also provides for an array of outdoor recreational opportunities for the public.*