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Refuge Releases Details for 2014 Drive-On Fishing Permit Process

Those interested in applying for a 2014 Drive-On Fishing Permit at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge may do so from Monday July 14 through Friday, August 1st (inclusive). The specific number of permits to be issued this year will be 85.

Permit applicants must provide all of the following information on a 3"x 5" card either in person or via mail: name, address, email address, a good daytime phone number. Applicants must also provide their Massachusetts Saltwater License number OR the number of a saltwater license that was issued to them by a state that has a reciprocity agreement in place with the State of Massachusetts (NH, RI, CT). Applicants must also provide a copy of their 4x4 vehicle registration which cannot be used for multiple applicants. If selected keep in mind that permits are not transferable.

Complete applications must be received at Refuge Headquarters no later than 4:30pm on Friday August 1st. Permits will be awarded by lottery selection. Selectees will be notified by email or phone no later than Thursday, August 7th. All successful applicants must pick up their permit, have their vehicle inspected, and pay the appropriate fee at the Parker River NWR headquarters by Friday, August 15th. If any permits remain unclaimed, alternates will be notified by August 18th and must pick up their permit, have their vehicle inspected, and pay the appropriate fee by August 23rd. Additional information will be provided to successful applicants. Inspection times will be weekdays 8:30 am to 4:00pm and Saturday Aug. 9, 9:00 to noon.

Applications can be mailed to: Parker River NWR, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA, 01950. Applications can also be dropped off at the same location during normal business hours, Monday thru Friday, 8:00am – 4:00 pm.

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