

# News Release

## *Parker River National Wildlife Refuge*

**For Immediate Release**

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### **Deer Hunt Scheduled for Parker River NWR**

A controlled white-tailed deer hunt has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2013, at Parker River National Wildlife Refuge in Newburyport, Massachusetts. As an integral part of a comprehensive Refuge Wildlife Management Program, this annual hunt helps maintain the deer population at a level commensurate with available habitat while providing recreational opportunities for the hunting public.

The hunt is by Refuge permit only with a maximum of 35 hunters, including up to 4 paraplegic hunters and 15 standbys, to be selected by public lottery on Tuesday, October 8, 2013 at 4:00 pm at the Refuge Headquarters. The hunt zone will consist of approximately 1400 acres on the Plum Island section of the Refuge. To ensure public safety, the entire Plum Island section will be closed to all other activities for the day of the hunt.

To apply for a permit, send a single 3" x 5" card containing your complete name, address, daytime phone number, and Massachusetts deer hunting license number to the Refuge Headquarters. For two people to hunt together on the same day, both may apply on the same single 3" x 5" card that contains the required information of both applicants.

Only one Paraplegic hunter is required for a buddy team to qualify for the paraplegic hunt lottery. The paraplegic hunter may have an assistant who is not allowed to hunt and whose name and other information should not be included on the application. The paraplegic hunter should note "paraplegic" on his/her application card to ensure entry into the paraplegic hunt lottery. Only one application is permitted per party.

For all applications, a self-addressed stamped envelope should be submitted, one for each hunter, with the application. **All applications must be received by COB, Friday October 4, 2013.** Please send applications to:

Parker River NWR Headquarters  
6 Plum Island Turnpike  
Newburyport, MA 01950

The lottery winners will be charged a \$20 permit fee to participate in the Refuge hunt with the fee reduced to \$10 for holders of valid Golden Age or Access Passports. All successful applicants must attend a one hour Refuge Hunter Safety & Orientation Program scheduled for the morning of Saturday, November 23 at 9:00 am or the make-up orientation on Monday, November 25 at 6:30 pm. Both sessions will be held at the Refuge Headquarters. In addition, scouting days are available on November 23, 24, and 30.

For further information, contact the Refuge Headquarters located at 6 Plum Island Turnpike Newburyport, MA 01950, or phone 978-465-5753. Office hours are Monday – Friday, 8 am – 4:30 pm, excluding federal holidays.