

HUNTING ON LAND BANK PROPERTIES

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The Martha's Vineyard land bank commission encourages public use of its properties. It manages its properties in a manner, which accommodates to the maximum extent possible the interests of hunters and non-hunters alike, while protecting any fragile and/or rare habitats.

Hunting "categories" have been established and land bank properties shall be placed into these categories based on their natural and other characteristics. Regulations for each category are contained herein.

Hunting shall only be permitted on properties, which the land bank commission owns in fee simple ownership or where it has special agreements with landowners. No hunting shall be permitted on land bank property not cited herein or if that hunting would violate any regulation or law of the commonwealth or of the municipality in which the land bank property is located. It is also prohibited on those properties whose size, shape or location make it an inappropriate site for such use.

These regulations should always be considered to be in a "trial" state; they will be changed if they do not prove successful or if circumstances change.

PART 1. CATEGORY "A" PROPERTIES

Part 1.1

Property Use

No hunting of any sort shall be permitted on the following properties, which comprise Category "A":

<u>property</u>	<u>town</u>
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<i>Aquinnah Headlands</i>	<i>Aquinnah</i>
<i>Blue Barque Preserve</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>Chappy Point Beach</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Chilmark Pond Preserve</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>Christiantown Woods Preserve</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Duarte's Pond Preserve</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Farm Pond Preserve</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>
<i>Featherstone Farm</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>
<i>Hillman's Point Preserve</i>	<i>Tisbury</i>
<i>Katama Point Preserve</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Little Duarte's Pond</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>
<i>Manaquayak Preserve</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Norton Fields Preserve</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>North Neck Highlands Preserve</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Old County Arboretum</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Priester's Pond Preserve</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Quays Corner</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>
<i>Ramble Trail Preserve</i>	<i>Tisbury</i>
<i>South Indian Hill Woodlands</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Square Field Preserve</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Sweetened Water Farm</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Trade Wind Fields Preserve</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>
<i>Weahtaqua Springs Preserve</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>
<i>Wilfrid's Pond Preserve</i>	<i>Tisbury</i>
<i>Wompesket Preserve</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>

Part 1.2

Signage

The land management staff shall erect signs each year at all public accesses into each Category "A" property and at regular intervals around the property boundaries reading "No Hunting".

PART 2. CATEGORY "B" PROPERTIES

Part 2.1

Property Use

General hunting shall be permitted on the following properties, which comprise Category "B", subject to the conditions contained in this Part:

<i>property</i>	<i>town</i>
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<i>Brine's Pond Preserve</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Blackwater Pond Reservation</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Chappy Five Corners Preserve</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Gay Head Moraine</i>	<i>Aquinnah</i>
<i>John Presbury Norton Farm</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Middle Line Woods Preserve</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>North Farm</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Peaked Hill Reservation</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>Poucha Pond Reservation</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Quammox Preserve</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Sepiessa Point Reservation</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Southern Woodland Reservation</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>
<i>Tiasquam Valley Reservation</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>Wapatequa Woods Preserve (North)</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>
<i>Waskosim's Rock Reservation</i>	<i>Chilmark & West Tisbury</i>

Part 2.2

Conformance with Commonwealth and Municipal Laws

All hunting regulations and laws of the commonwealth and of its municipalities shall be observed at all times by hunters using land bank properties.

Beginning the fall 2000 hunting season, each hunter shall be required to show evidence of successful completion of a hunter education course in order to receive a land bank hunting permit, unless such person has held a license to hunt before January 1st, 1997.

Part 2.3

Dates of Hunting

Hunting shall only be permitted during the commonwealth seasons for the following species: deer, ducks, geese, pheasant, raccoon and turkey. Hunting shall only take place during daylight hunting hours.

Part 2.4

Species Which may be Hunted on Category "B" Lands

Deer, ducks, geese, pheasant, raccoon and turkey may be hunted on Category "B" properties, subject to the restrictions contained in Part 2.19. No

other species may be hunted.

Part 2.5

Co-Existence of Hunters and Non-Hunters

Category "B" properties shall be closed to the public each year during deer week but shall be open to the public during all of the other game seasons.

Part 2.6

Signage

The land bank's management staff shall erect signs each year at all public accesses into each Category "B" property and at regular intervals around the property boundaries reading "Hunting by Written Permission Only". During deer week, additional signs will be erected notifying the general public that these properties are closed entirely.

Part 2.7

Deer Week --- Issuance of Hunting Permits

No one shall hunt on Category "B" properties without a hunting permit issued by the land bank commission. There is no charge for this permit. Any person holding a valid Massachusetts hunting license and FID card or license-to-carry-firearms is entitled to apply for a land bank commission's hunting permit for deer week.

Hunter's who were issued a land bank permit the previous year must have returned the "mandatory hunting survey" for that year prior to receiving a new hunting permit.

A land bank commission hunting permit for deer week shall specify a hunter's name, address, hunting license number and FID card number or license-to-carry-firearms number, telephone number, date(s) for which it is valid and vehicle make and license number of vehicle likely to be used during hunting.

A limited number of permits will be issued for each hunting date for each property:

<i>property</i>	<i>maximum number of permits to be issued for each hunting date</i>
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<i>Brine's Pond Preserve</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Blackwater Pond Reservation</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Chappy Five Corners Preserve</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Gay Head Moraine</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>John Presbury Norton Farm</i>	<i>8</i>

<i>Middle Line Woods Preserve</i>	4
<i>Peaked Hill Reservation</i>	10
<i>Poucha Pond Reservation</i>	20
<i>Quammox Preserve</i>	4
<i>Sepiessa Point Reservation</i>	14
<i>Southern Woodland Reservation</i>	15
<i>Tiasquam Valley Reservation</i>	10
<i>Wapatequa Woods Preserve (North)</i>	2
<i>Waskosim's Rock Reservation</i>	10

A lottery shall be established to issue permits. Public notices will be printed in the *Vineyard Gazette* and the *Martha's Vineyard Times* identifying the first and last dates that requests for permits will be accepted. No late requests will be accepted.

Hunters shall submit their names for each hunting date desired, and both individual and party requests may be made; parties may have to be made smaller if granting permission to a full party would exceed the total number of permits available for each property. No name may appear on more than one request for each hunting date; should this occur, such requests shall be disqualified and removed from the lottery.

A property map will be issued with each hunting permit. The hunting permit will warn hunters not to trespass on adjoining private property.

The land bank commission hunting permits may be transferred to other hunters but only with the express consent of the land bank commission. The original permit shall be submitted to the land bank commission and a substitute permit for the new hunter issued in its place.

Part 2.8

Turkey Week --- Issuance of Hunting Permits

No one shall hunt turkey on Category "B" properties without a turkey permit issued by the land bank commission. There is no charge for this permit. Any person holding a valid Massachusetts hunting license is entitled to apply for a land bank commission's hunting permit. The hunting permit shall specify a hunter's name, address, hunting license number, telephone number and date(s) for which it is valid.

Any person holding a valid Massachusetts turkey permit is entitled to hunt turkey on Category "B" properties.

Hunter's who were issued a land bank permit the

previous year must have returned the "mandatory hunting survey" for that year prior to receiving a new hunting permit.

For properties less than or equal to 50 acres in size, no more than one permit may be issued for each hunting date. For properties greater than 50 acres in size, no more than two permits may be issued for each hunting date. If additions to a property cause it to increase in size from 50 acres or fewer to greater than 50 acres, than the number of turkey permits issued shall automatically increase. The following chart summarizes the number of permits to be issued for each hunting date for each property, as of the date of the adoption of these regulations:

<i>date</i>	<i>property</i>	<i>Maximum # of permits to be issued for each hunting</i>
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	<i>Brine's Pond Preserve</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Blackwater Pond Reservation</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Chappy Five Corners Preserve</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Gay Head Moraine</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>John Presbury Norton Farm</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Middle Line Woods Preserve</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Peaked Hill Reservation</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Poucha Pond Reservation</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Quammox Preserve</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Sepiessa Point Reservation</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Southern Woodland Reservation</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Tiasquam Valley Reservation</i>	<i>2</i>
	<i>Wapatequa Woods Preserve (North)</i>	<i>1</i>
	<i>Waskosim's Rock Reservation</i>	<i>2</i>

A lottery shall be established to issue permits. Public notices will be printed in the *Vineyard Gazette* and the *Martha's Vineyard Times* identifying the first and last dates that requests for permits will be accepted. No late requests will be accepted.

Hunters shall submit their names for each hunting date and property desired. No name may appear on more than one request for each hunting date; should this occur, such requests shall be disqualified and removed from the lottery.

A property map will be issued with each permit. The hunting permit will warn hunters not to trespass on adjoining private property.

The land bank commission hunting permits may be transferred to other hunters but only with the express consent of the land bank commission. The original permit shall be submitted to the land bank commission and a substitute permit for the new hunter issued in its place.

Part 2.9

All Other Game --- Issuance of Hunting Permits

No one shall hunt on Category "B" properties without a hunting permit issued by the land bank commission. There is no charge for this permit. Any person holding a valid Massachusetts hunting license is entitled to apply for a land bank commission hunting permit.

Hunter's who were issued a land bank permit the previous year must have returned the "mandatory hunting survey" for that year prior to receiving a new hunting permit.

A land bank commission hunting permit shall specify a hunter's name, address, hunting license number, telephone number and date(s) for which it is valid.

Permits will be issued on a category-specific basis and for one year at a time. Hunters may apply for these permits at any time, but no permits will be issued more than one full year in advance.

A Category "B" hunting permit allows its holder to hunt on any of the Category "B" properties cited in Part 2.1 at any time during the specified season. With the exception of the one-week deer shotgun season (see Part 2.7) and the one-week turkey season (see Part 2.8), the land bank commission makes no effort to coordinate the number of hunters on any one property at any one time.

A portfolio of property maps will be distributed with each hunting permit. The hunting permit will warn hunters not to trespass on adjoining private property.

Part 2.10

Public Notification Concerning Hunting Permits

A list of those hunters who have received Category "B" permits shall be compiled each year. This

list shall identify which dates (for deer week and turkey week) and on which properties each hunter has been permitted to hunt, such a list is available to anyone who requests it. A copy of the list is also mailed to all island police departments.

Part 2.11

Display of Permit while Hunting

Land bank commission hunting permits shall be pinned, in a sturdy holder, to a hunter's clothing or cap so as to be readily identifiable to Massachusetts's environmental police officers or other law enforcement officers or land bank commission personnel.

Hunters shall place their "Vehicle Placard" in the upper right corner of their vehicle's dashboard, for quick staff verification.

Part 2.12

Game Limits

The prevailing federal and commonwealth limits on game are in effect.

Part 2.13

Protection of Endangered and Threatened Species

Endangered and/or threatened species and habitats are given special protection by the land bank commission. No species which appears on any endangered, threatened or "of special concern" list of the federal or commonwealth government shall be hunted or possessed or disturbed on land bank commission property.

The land bank commission reserves the right to amend these regulations to prohibit the hunting of species which it in its judgment deems worthy of protection, even if these species do not appear on federal or commonwealth protection lists. The land bank commission also reserves the right to restrict hunting to those areas of each property, which are least sensitive to disturbance.

- Part 2.14 Permitted Hunting Tools and Firearms
 Unless otherwise specified in Part 2.19, archers and hunters may use any legal hunting tools and firearms on Category "B" properties.
- All tree stands and relating climbing pegs must be portable and designed to prevent damage to the tree (i.e. using straps or chains). No nails bolts or screws may be used in securing the tree-stand or the climbing-pegs to the tree.
- During the muzzleloader season hunters are not allowed to *gang hunt*. *Gang hunting* is an organized hunting party of two or more persons actively engaged in *driving* or *pushing* deer towards a stationed hunter or hunters. "Stand" and "Still" hunting are the only permitted hunting styles during muzzleloader season.
- Part 2.15 Property Cleanliness
 Hunters shall collect their spent shells and other litter prior to leaving land bank properties.
- Part 2.16 Trespassing on Adjacent Private Property
 Hunters shall confine themselves to land bank properties and shall not enter on abutting private property without the prior written permission of the abutting landowners.
- Part 2.17 Enforcement of Hunting Regulations
 No land bank commission hunting permit shall be issued without the recipient's first having signed the release which appears as Appendix A to this policy. This release certifies that the permit-holder has read, understood and agrees to abide by these regulations and, further, that the permit-holders will hold the land bank commission harmless from any liability in the event of injury.
- The Massachusetts environmental police will be provided with a list of all hunters who have been issued land bank commission hunting permits. These and all other law-enforcement officers, including any special officers, whom the land bank may hire, are hereby authorized to rescind any permit if they find that its holder has violated any of these regulations or any regulation of the commonwealth or a municipality.
- Part 2.18 Penalty for Violation of Hunting Regulations
 Any hunter who violates any provision of these regulations may *permanently* lose the privilege of hunting on land bank properties.

Part 2.19

Special Property-Specific Regulations

In addition to the above regulations, the following special regulations are in effect:

[a] Brine's Pond Preserve

No hunting shall take place on the 16.4 acres of the preserve South of Old Indian Trail (refer to Hunting Map for details).

Archery hunting only is allowed on the 7.6 acres in the northeast corner of Brine's Pond Preserve (refer to Hunting Map for details)

No ducks or geese may be taken on this property. All other game cited in Part 2.4 may be taken.

In order to protect the pond, no hunting shall take place in the field surrounding the pond.

[b] Chappy Five Corners Preserve

No hunting shall take place on the 28 acres of the preserve southeast of Chappaquiddick Road (refer to Hunting Map for details).

No ducks or geese may be taken on this property. All other game cited in Part 2.4 may be taken.

[c] Gay Head Moraine

Hunters using this property shall post a "Hunter On Property" sign at the trailhead while they are actively hunting.

[d] North Farm

Only deer archery hunting is allowed on this preserve during their respective seasons.

[e] Poucha Pond Reservation

Hunters may erect portable waterfowl blinds on this property's marsh, provided (1.) that the blind is constructed in a manner which does not damage the wetland and (2.) that no more than one blind is located on the property at any one time and (3.) that any blind erected on the property during any particular day is removed no later than one half-hour after sun- set and (4.) that the blind is located within the designated "envelope" appearing on the property maps distributed to all hunters.

[f] Sepiessa Point Reservation

No hunting is allowed from the shoreline of Tiah's Cove, which is directly opposite and/or within 500 feet of houses across Tiah's Cove. The land superintendent shall mark this area as off-limits to hunting and shall provide maps to hunters, which show this area as off-limits to hunting.

On areas where hunting is allowed, hunters may erect portable waterfowl blinds on this property, provided (1.) that the blind is constructed in a manner which does not damage any wetland and (2.) that any blind erected on the property during any particular day is removed no later than one half-hour after sunset.

[g] Waskosim's Rock Reservation

Hunters using this property shall only park in the land bank trailhead on the North Road in Chilmark, per the request of local law enforcement officers.

PART 3. CATEGORY "C" PROPERTIES

Part 3.1 Property Use

Limited hunting shall be permitted on the following properties, which comprise Category "C", subject to the conditions contained in this Part:

<i>property</i>	<i>town</i>
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<i>Pennywise Preserve</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Ripley's Field Preserve</i>	<i>Tisbury</i>
<i>Tisbury Meadow Preserve</i>	<i>Tisbury</i>
<i>Wapatequa Woods Preserve (South)</i>	<i>Tisbury</i>

Part 3.2 Conformance with Commonwealth and Municipal Laws

All hunting regulations and laws of the commonwealth and of its municipalities shall be observed at all times by hunters using land bank properties.

Beginning the fall 2000 hunting season, each hunter shall be required to show evidence of successful completion of a hunter education course in order to receive a land bank hunting permit, unless such person has held a license to hunt before January 1st, 1997.

Part 3.3 Dates of Hunting

Hunting shall only be permitted during the annual commonwealth archery season, and during the annual commonwealth primitive firearms season. Hunting shall only take place during daylight hunting hours.

Part 3.4 Species Which may be Hunted on Category "C" Lands
Deer may be hunted on Category "C" properties. No other species may be hunted.

Part 3.5 Co-Existence of Hunters and Non-Hunters
Category "C" properties shall be open to the public during their game seasons.

Part 3.6 Signage
The management staff shall erect signs each year at all public accesses into each Category "C" property and at regular intervals around the property boundaries reading "Hunting by Written Permission Only".

Part 3.7 Issuance of Hunting Permits
No one shall hunt on Category "C" properties without a hunting permit issued by the land bank commission. There is no charge for this permit. For the archery season only, any person holding a valid Massachusetts hunting license is entitled to apply for a land bank commission hunting permit. For the primitive firearms season only, or for the primitive firearms season and archery season, any person holding a valid Massachusetts hunting license and FID card or license-to-carry-firearms is entitled to apply for a land bank commission hunting permit.

Hunter's who were issued a land bank permit the previous year must have returned the "mandatory hunting survey" for that year prior to receiving a new hunting permit.

A land bank commission hunting permit shall specify a hunter's name, address, hunting license number, telephone number, date(s) for which it is valid and vehicle make and license number of vehicle likely to be used during hunting. A letter "A" shall be written on those permits issued for archery only.

A Category "C" hunting permit allows its holder to hunt on any of the Category "C" properties cited in Part 3.1 at any time during the specified game season. The land bank commission makes no effort to coordinate the number of hunters on any one property at any one time.

A portfolio of property maps will be issued with each hunting permit. The hunting permit will warn hunters not to trespass on adjoining private property.

Land bank commission hunting permits may be transferred to other hunters but only with the express consent of the land bank commission. The original permit shall be submitted to the land bank commission and a substitute permit for the new hunter issued in its place.

Part 3.8 Public Notification Concerning Hunting Permits

A list of those hunters who have received Category "C" permits shall be compiled each year. This list shall identify the dates and properties on which each hunter has been permitted to hunt; such a list is available to anyone who requests it. A copy of the list is also mailed to all island police departments.

Part 3.9 Display of Permit while Hunting

Land bank commission hunting permits shall be pinned, in a sturdy holder, to a hunter's clothing or cap so as to be readily identifiable to Massachusetts's environmental police officers or other law enforcement officers or land bank commission personnel.

Hunters shall place their "Vehicle Placard" in the upper right corner of their vehicle's dashboard, for quick staff verification.

Part 3.10 Game Limits

The prevailing federal and commonwealth limits on game are in effect.

Part 3.11 Protection of Endangered and Threatened Species

Endangered and/or threatened species and habitats are given special protection by the land bank commission. No species which appears on any endangered, threatened or "of special concern" list of the federal or commonwealth government shall be hunted or possessed or disturbed on land bank commission property.

The land bank commission reserves the right to amend these regulations to prohibit the hunting of species which it in its judgment deems worthy of protection, even if these species do not appear on federal or commonwealth protection lists. The land bank commission also reserves the right to restrict hunting to those areas of each property,

which are least sensitive to disturbance.

Part 3.12

Permitted Hunting Tools and Firearms

Only those tools customarily associated with archery may be used on Category "C" properties during archery season. Only those tools customarily associated with primitive firearms may be used on Category "C" properties during primitive firearms season.

All tree stands and relating climbing pegs must be portable and designed to prevent damage to the tree (i.e. using straps or chains). No nails, bolts or screws may be used in securing the tree-stand or the climbing-pegs to the tree.

During the muzzleloader season hunters are not allowed to *gang hunt*. *Gang hunting* is an organized hunting party of two or more persons actively engaged in *driving* or *pushing* deer towards a stationed hunter or hunters. "Stand" and "Still" hunting are the only permitted hunting styles during muzzleloader season.

Part 3.13

Property Cleanliness

Hunters shall collect their litter prior to leaving land bank properties.

Part 3.14

Trespassing on Adjacent Private Property

Hunters shall confine themselves to land bank properties and shall not enter on abutting private property without the prior written permission of the abutting landowners.

Part 3.15

Enforcement of Hunting Regulations

No land bank commission hunting permit shall be issued without the recipient's first having signed the release which appears as Appendix A to this policy. This release certifies that the permit-holder has read, understood and agrees to abide by these regulations and, further, that the permit-holders will hold the land bank commission harmless from any liability in the event of injury.

The Massachusetts environmental police will be provided with a list of all hunters who have been issued land bank commission hunting permits. These and all other law-enforcement officers, including any special officers, whom the land bank may hire, are hereby authorized to rescind any permit if they find that its holder has violated any of these regulations or any regulation of the commonwealth or a municipality.

Part 3.16 Penalty for Violation of Hunting Regulations
Any hunter who violates any provision of these regulations may permanently lose the privilege of hunting on land bank properties.

PART 4 CATEGORY "D" PROPERTIES

Part 4.1 Property Use
Limited hunting shall be permitted on the following properties, which comprise Category "D", subject to the conditions contained in this Part:

<i>property</i>	<i>town</i>
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<i>Bare Hill Preserve</i>	<i>Tisbury</i>
<i>Great Rock Bight</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>Middle Ridge Preserve</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>Tea Lane Farm</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>

Part 4.2 Conformance with Commonwealth and Municipal Laws
All hunting regulations and laws of the commonwealth and of its municipalities shall be observed at all times by hunters using land bank properties.

Beginning the fall 2000 hunting season, each hunter shall be required to show evidence of successful completion of a hunter education course in order to receive a land bank hunting permit, unless such person has held a license to hunt before January 1st, 1997.

Part 4.3 Dates of Hunting
Hunting shall only be permitted during the annual commonwealth archery season. Hunting shall only take place during daylight hunting hours.

Part 4.4 Species Which may be Hunted on Category "D" Lands
Deer may be hunted on Category "D" properties. No other species may be hunted.

Part 4.5 Co-Existence of Hunters and Non-Hunters
Category "D" properties shall be open to the public during their game season.

Part 4.6 Signage
The land superintendent shall erect signs each year at all public accesses into each Category "D" property and at regular intervals around the property boundaries reading "Hunting by Written Permission Only".

Part 4.7

Issuance of Hunting Permits

No one shall hunt on Category "D" properties without a hunting-permit issued by the land bank commission. There is no charge for this permit. Any person holding a valid Massachusetts hunting license is entitled to apply for a land bank commission hunting-permit.

Hunter's who were issued a land bank permit the previous year must have returned the "mandatory hunting survey" for that year prior to receiving a new hunting permit.

Only one Category "D" permit shall be issued for Bare Hill Preserve and Middle Ridge Preserve. To hunt at Middle Ridge Preserve, the applicant for a Category "D" permit must demonstrate written permission to pursue deer onto abutting lands.

Three Category "D" permits shall be issued for Great Rock Bight Preserve.

If more than the set limit of hunters apply for a Category "D" permit for either property, the permit shall be issued by lottery.

A land bank commission hunting permit shall specify a hunter's name, address, hunting license number, telephone number, date(s) for which it is valid and vehicle make and license number of vehicle likely to be used during hunting.

A Category "D" hunting permit allows its holder to hunt on the specified property during the dates covered by the permit. Category "D" permits are property, date and person specific.

A portfolio of property maps will be issued with each hunting permit. The hunting permit will warn hunters not to trespass on adjoining private property.

The land bank commission hunting permits may be transferred to other hunters but only with the express consent of the land bank commission. The original permit shall be submitted to the land bank commission and a substitute permit for the new hunter issued in its place.

Part 4.8

Public Notification Concerning Hunting Permits

A list of those hunters who have received Category "D" permits shall be compiled each year. This list shall identify the dates and properties on which each hunter has been permitted to hunt, such

a list is available to anyone who requests it. A copy of the list will be mailed to all island police department.

- Part 4.9 Display of Permit while Hunting
 Land bank commission hunting permits shall be pinned, in a sturdy holder, to a hunter's clothing or cap so as to be readily identifiable to Massachusetts's environmental police officers or other law enforcement officers or land bank commission personnel.
- Hunters shall place their "Vehicle Placard" in the upper right corner of their vehicle's dashboard, for quick staff verification.*
- Part 4.10 Game Limits
 The prevailing federal and commonwealth limits on game are in effect.
- Part 4.11 Protection of Endangered and Threatened Species
 Endangered and/or threatened species and habitats are given special protection by the land bank commission. No species which appears on any endangered, threatened or "of special concern" list of the federal or commonwealth government shall be hunted or possessed or disturbed on land bank commission property.
- The land bank commission reserves the right to amend these regulations to prohibit the hunting of species which it in its judgment deems worthy of protection, even if these species do not appear on federal or commonwealth protection lists. The land bank commission also reserves the right to restrict hunting to those areas of each property, which are least sensitive to disturbance.
- Part 4.12 Permitted Hunting Tools and Firearms
 Only those tools customarily associated with archery may be used on Category "D" properties.
- All tree stands and relating climbing pegs must be portable and designed to prevent damage to the tree (i.e. using straps or chains). No nails, bolts or screws may be used in securing the tree-stand or the climbing-pegs to the tree.
- Part 4.13 Property Cleanliness
 Hunters shall collect their litter prior to leaving land bank properties.
- Part 4.14 Trespassing on Adjacent Private Property
 Hunters shall confine themselves to land bank

properties and shall not enter on abutting private property without the prior written permission of the abutting landowners.

Part 4.15

Enforcement of Hunting Regulations

No land bank commission hunting permit shall be issued without the recipient's first having signed the release which appears as Appendix A to this policy. This release certifies that the permit-holder has read, understood and agrees to abide by these regulations and, further, that the permit-holders will hold the land bank commission harmless from any liability in the event of injury.

The Massachusetts environmental police will be provided with a list of all hunters who have been issued land bank commission hunting permits. These and all other law-enforcement officers, including any special officers, whom the land bank may hire, are hereby authorized to rescind any permit if they find that its holder has violated any of these regulations or any regulation of the commonwealth or a municipality.

Part 4.16

Penalty for Violation of Hunting Regulations

Any hunter who violates any provision of these regulations may permanently lose the privilege of hunting on land bank properties.

Part 4.17

Special Property-Specific Regulations

In addition to the above regulations, the following special regulations are in effect:

[a] Tea Lane Farm Preserve

No hunting shall take place on any of the open farmland or within direct site of any public walking trail (refer to property hunting map reference).

PART 5

CATEGORY "E" PROPERTIES

Part 5.1

Property Use

Hunting of waterfowl (i.e., ducks and geese) only shall be permitted on the following properties, which comprise Category "E", subject to the conditions contained in this Part:

<i>property</i>	<i>town</i>

<i>Edgartown Great Pond Beach</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Pecoy Point Preserve</i>	<i>Oak Bluffs</i>

*Hickory Cove
Tisbury Great Pond Beach*

*Edgartown
West Tisbury*

- Part 5.2 Conformance with Commonwealth and Municipal Laws
All hunting regulations and laws of the commonwealth and of its municipalities shall be observed at all times by hunters using land bank properties.
- Beginning the fall 2000 hunting season, each hunter shall be required to show evidence of successful completion of a hunter education course in order to receive a land bank hunting permit, unless such person has held a license to hunt before January 1st, 1997.
- Part 5.3 Species Which may be Hunted on Category "E" Lands
Ducks and geese may be hunted on Category "E" properties, subject to the restrictions contained in Part 5.17. No other species may be hunted.
- Part 5.4 Dates of Hunting
Hunting shall only be permitted during the annual commonwealth waterfowl seasons, subject to the restrictions contained in Part 5.17. Hunting shall only take place during daylight hunting hours.
- Part 5.5 Co-Existence of Hunters and Non-Hunters
Category "E" properties shall be open to the public during this game season.
- Part 5.6 Signage
The land superintendent shall erect signs each year at all public accesses into each Category "E" property and at regular intervals around the property boundaries reading "Hunting by Written Permission Only".
- Part 5.7 Issuance of Hunting Permits
No one shall hunt on Category "E" properties without a hunting permit issued by the land bank commission. There is no charge for this permit. Any person holding a valid Massachusetts hunting license and FID card or license-to-carry firearms is entitled to apply for a land bank commission hunting permit for waterfowl hunting.
- Hunter's who were issued a land bank permit the previous year must have returned the "mandatory hunting survey" for that year prior to receiving a new hunting permit.
- A land bank commission hunting permit shall

specify a hunter's name, address, hunting license number, telephone number, date(s) for which it is valid and vehicle make and license number of vehicle likely to be used during hunting.

A Category "E" hunting permit allows its holder to hunt on the Category "E" property cited in Part 5.1 subject to any and all restrictions contained herein.

A portfolio of property maps will be issued with each hunting permit. The hunting permit will warn hunters not to trespass on adjoining private property.

The land bank commission hunting permits may be transferred to other hunters but only with the express consent of the land bank commission. The original permit shall be submitted to the land bank commission and a substitute permit for the new hunter issued in its place.

Part 5.8

Public Notification Concerning Hunting Permits

A list of those hunters who have received Category "E" permits shall be compiled each year. This list shall identify the dates and properties on which each hunter has been permitted to hunt. This list is available to anyone who requests it.

Part 5.9

Display of Permit while Hunting

Land bank commission hunting permits (which, for hunters' safety, shall be brightly-colored) shall be pinned, in a sturdy holder, to a hunter's clothing or cap so as to be readily identifiable to Massachusetts environmental police officers or other law enforcement officers or land bank commission personnel.

Hunters shall place their "Vehicle Placard" in the upper right corner of their vehicle's dashboard, for quick staff verification.

Part 5.10

Game Limits

The prevailing federal and commonwealth limits on game are in effect.

Part 5.11

Protection of Endangered and Threatened Species

Endangered and/or threatened species and habitats are given special protection by the land bank commission. No species which appears on any endangered, threatened or "of special concern" list of the federal or commonwealth government shall be hunted or possessed or disturbed on land bank commission property.

The land bank commission reserves the right to amend these regulations to prohibit the hunting of species which it in its judgment deems worthy of protection, even if these species do not appear on federal or commonwealth protection lists. The land bank commission also reserves the right to restrict hunting to those areas of each property, which are least sensitive to disturbance.

- Part 5.12 Permitted Hunting Tools and Firearms
Hunters may use any legal hunting tools and firearms on Category "E" properties.
- Part 5.13 Property Cleanliness
Hunters shall collect their spent shells and other litter prior to leaving land bank properties.
- Part 5.14 Trespassing on Adjacent Private Property
Hunters shall confine themselves to land bank properties and shall not enter on abutting private property without the prior written permission of the abutting landowners.
- Part 5.15 Enforcement of Hunting Regulations
No land bank commission hunting permit shall be issued without the recipient's first having signed the release which appears as Appendix A to this policy. This release certifies that the permit-holder has read, understood and agrees to abide by these regulations and, further, that the permit-holders will hold the land bank commission harmless from any liability in the event of injury.
- The Massachusetts environmental police will be provided with a list of all hunters who have been issued land bank commission hunting permits. These and all other law-enforcement officers, including any special officers, whom the land bank may hire, are hereby authorized to rescind any permit if they find that its holder has violated any of these regulations or any regulation of the commonwealth or a municipality.
- Part 5.16 Penalty for Violation of Hunting Regulations
Any hunter who violates any provision of these regulations may permanently lose the privilege of hunting on land bank properties.
- Part 5.17 Special Property-Specific Regulations
In addition to the above regulations, the following special regulations are in effect:

[a] Pecoy Point Preserve:
 Hunting may take place only along the designated shore zone to the southwest of the boat slide. No hunting may take place outside this designated zone, or anywhere within the property's interior.

All hunters must place a placard stating "HUNTER ON PROPERTY" at the property's trailhead while they are actively hunting.

Only two hunting parties may duck hunt per day.

In areas where hunting is allowed, hunters may erect portable waterfowl blinds on this property, provided (1.) that the blind is constructed in a manner which does not damage any wetland and (2.) that any blind erected on the property during any particular day is removed no later than one half-hour after sunset.

[b] Hickory Cove:
 Hunting may take place only along the shoreline of Cape Poge. No hunting may take place outside this designated zone, or anywhere within the property's interior.

PART 6 CATEGORY "F" PROPERTIES

Part 6.1 Property Use
 Hunting of rabbits only shall be permitted on the following properties, which comprise Category "F", subject to the conditions contained in this Part:

<i>property</i>	<i>town</i>
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<i>Waskosim's Rock Reservation</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>Peaked Hill Reservation</i>	<i>Chilmark</i>
<i>Sepiessa Point Reservation</i>	<i>West Tisbury</i>
<i>Brine's Pond Reservation</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Chappy Five Corners Preserve</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>
<i>Poucha Pond Reservation</i>	<i>Edgartown</i>

Part 6.2 Conformance with Commonwealth and Municipal Laws
 All hunting regulations and laws of the commonwealth and of its municipalities shall be observed at all times by hunters using land bank properties.

Beginning the fall 2000 hunting season, each

hunter shall be required to show evidence of successful completion of a hunter education course in order to receive a land bank hunting permit, unless such person has held a license to hunt before January 1st, 1997.

Part 6.3

Dates of Hunting

Hunting shall only be permitted on Saturdays during January and February. Hunting shall only take place during daylight hunting hours.

Part 6.4

Co-Existence of Hunters and Non-Hunters

Category "F" properties shall be open to the public during this game season.

Part 6.5

Signage

The land superintendent shall erect signs each year at all public accesses into each Category "F" property and at regular intervals around the property boundaries reading "Hunting by Written Permission Only".

Part 6.6

Issuance of Hunting Permits

No one shall hunt on Category "F" properties without a hunting permit issued by the land bank commission. There is no charge for this permit. Any person holding a valid Massachusetts hunting license and FID card or license-to-carry firearms is entitled to apply for a land bank commission hunting permit for waterfowl hunting.

Hunter's who were issued a land bank permit the previous year must have returned the "mandatory hunting survey" for that year prior to receiving a new hunting permit.

A land bank commission hunting permit shall specify a hunter's name, address, hunting license number, telephone number, date(s) for which it is valid and vehicle make and license number of vehicle likely to be used during hunting.

A Category "F" hunting permit allows its holders to hunt on the Category "F" property issued to them by the land bank office on the Saturday issued to them. Only one group shall be issued a permit per property per day. Permits shall be allotted so as not to allow one group an undo monopoly over hunting dates and properties.

A portfolio of property maps will be issued with each hunting permit. The hunting permit will warn hunters not to trespass on adjoining private

property.

The land bank commission hunting permits may be transferred to other hunters but only with the express consent of the land bank commission. The original permit shall be submitted to the land bank commission and a substitute permit for the new hunter issued in its place.

Part 6.7 Public Notification Concerning Hunting Permits
A list of those hunters who have received Category "F" permits shall be compiled each year. This list shall identify the dates and properties on which each hunter has been permitted to hunt. This list is available to anyone who requests it.

Part 6.8 Display of Permit while Hunting
Land bank commission hunting permits (which, for hunters' safety, shall be brightly-colored) shall be pinned, in a sturdy holder, to a hunter's clothing or cap so as to be readily identifiable to Massachusetts environmental police officers or other law enforcement officers or land bank commission personnel.

Hunters shall place their "Vehicle Placard" in the upper right corner of their vehicle's dashboard, for quick staff verification.

Part 6.9 Game Limits
The prevailing federal and commonwealth limits on game are in effect.

Part 6.10 Protection of Endangered and Threatened Species
Endangered and/or threatened species and habitats are given special protection by the land bank commission. No species which appears on any endangered, threatened or "of special concern" list of the federal or commonwealth government shall be hunted or possessed or disturbed on land bank commission property.

The land bank commission reserves the right to amend these regulations to prohibit the hunting of species which it in its judgment deems worthy of protection, even if these species do not appear on federal or commonwealth protection lists. The land bank commission also reserves the right to restrict hunting to those areas of each property, which are least sensitive to disturbance.

Part 6.11 Permitted Hunting Tools and Firearms
Hunters may use any legal hunting tools and

firearms on Category "F" properties.

Part 6.12 Property Cleanliness
Hunters shall collect their spent shells and other litter prior to leaving land bank properties.

Part 6.13 Trespassing on Adjacent Private Property
Hunters shall confine themselves to land bank properties and shall not enter on abutting private property without the prior written permission of the abutting landowners. If Hunters have to leave land bank property in order to retrieve their dogs all firearms must be left back on land bank property.

Part 6.14 Enforcement of Hunting Regulations
No land bank commission-hunting permit shall be issued without the recipient's first having signed the release which appears as Appendix A to this policy. This release certifies that the permit-holder has read, understood and agrees to abide by these regulations and, further, that the permit-holders will hold the land bank commission harmless from any liability in the event of injury.

The Massachusetts environmental police will be provided with a list of all hunters who have been issued land bank commission hunting permits. These and all other law-enforcement officers, including any special officers, whom the land bank may hire, are hereby authorized to rescind any permit if they find that its holder has violated any of these regulations or any regulation of the commonwealth or a municipality.

Part 6.15 Penalty for Violation of Hunting Regulations
Any hunter who violates any provision of these regulations may permanently lose the privilege of hunting on land bank properties.

Part 6.16 Special Property-Specific Regulations
In addition to the above regulations, the following special regulations are in effect:

PART 7 TRAPPING

Part 7.1 General Regulations
Trapping shall be prohibited on all land bank properties, except by special permit.

Special permits shall only be issued following a public hearing of both the land bank commission and the appropriate town advisory board. Applicants shall be expected to describe the

purpose and proposed method of such trapping, as well as the proposed means of protecting the animals' welfare (i.e., the use of humane traps) and the safety of humans.

Appendix A

AGREEMENT

I hereby certify that I have read, understood and agree to abide by the land bank commission hunting policy, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged.

In consideration for permission to enter and use land bank commission property for the purpose of hunting, I hereby release the land bank commission and any of its employees and agents from any liability for damage or injury to me or my property arising out of my use of such land bank commission property.

I further agree on behalf of myself, my heirs, successors and assigns to indemnify and otherwise hold harmless the land bank commission and any of its employees and agents from any loss, injury, damage, claim or expense arising out of my use of land bank commission property, including reasonable legal expenses in connection therewith.

signed: _____

date: _____

witness: _____

please print:

name _____

address _____

telephone _____

hunting license number _____