

The Quiver

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2024 Deer Regulations Finalized

By Justin Tomei July 24, 2024

Deer regulations were approved ahead of the 2024 season at the July 11th Natural Resources Committee meeting.

A full recap of the meeting can be found by [clicking here](#).

Below is the summary of regulations from [a DNR press release on July 24](#).

Upper Peninsula

- A 3-point antler point restriction, or APR, was implemented on the single deer license in DMU 122.
 - In the western central part of the Upper Peninsula, in DMU 352 when using a universal antlerless deer license, it is required to also have an antlerless deer hunting access permit. The eastern central part of the U.P., DMU 351, is closed to antlerless hunting with a universal antlerless deer license in 2024.
- DMU 352 is made up of DMUs 027, 036, 152 and 252. DMU 351 includes DMUs 017, 021, 117, 149, 249 and 349. See the [online deer management units map](#) for locations of all DMUs.
- 500 access permits will be available in DMU 352. The application period is July 15-Aug. 15.
- For each deer harvested, you will need one antlerless deer hunting access permit for the DMU you're hunting in, plus one universal antlerless deer license.

Antlerless deer can be taken in DMUs 017, 021, 027, 036, 117, 149, 152, 249, 252 and 349 during archery season on the single deer license or the combination deer license until Dec. 10, 2024.



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Lower Peninsula

Extended archery season

- **Archery season is extended through Jan. 31, 2025, for select counties: Huron, Kent, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair (except DMU 174), Tuscola, Washtenaw and Wayne.**

Legal firearm expansion – Zone 2 muzzleloading season

- **If you are hunting deer during the muzzleloading deer season in the Lower Peninsula, you can use all legal firearms to take a deer. If you are hunting in the limited firearms deer zone, you must follow equipment requirements for that zone.**

Early and late antlerless firearm season expansion to public land

- **Early and late antlerless firearm seasons in open counties have been expanded to include public land in addition to private land. The early antlerless firearm season runs Sept. 21-22, 2024, and the late antlerless firearm season runs Dec. 16, 2024, through Jan. 1, 2025.**

New EXTENDED late antlerless season

- **A new extended late antlerless firearm season is open Jan. 2-12, 2025, in Allegan, Barry, Bay, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Mecosta, Midland, Monroe, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Ottawa, Saginaw, St. Clair (excluding DMU 174), Shiawassee, Wayne and Washtenaw counties; DMU 311 (Berrien, Cass and Van Buren counties); DMU 312 (Branch, Kalamazoo and St. Joseph counties); and DMU 332 (Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola counties).**

A discounted antlerless license for this extended season will be available for \$5 per license.

Other clarifications

- **Baiting regulations remain unchanged from 2023.**
- **Antler point restrictions, with the exception of DMU 122, remain unchanged from 2023.**
- **The combination license, with opportunity for two antlered deer, remains unchanged from 2023.**

Early and late antlerless season counties remain unchanged from 2023.

Donate to MUCC and have fun at the same time.



East side Charity Shoot Supporting Michigan-Out-of-Doors Youth Camp When: Friday, Aug. 9, 2024 Where: Multi-Lakes Conservation Assoc., Commerce Twp
Click [here](#) for registration form and info and sponsorship opportunities on East and West side charity shoots.

SAVE THE DATE : March 7-9 2025

2025 Annual Convention

TreeTops Resort Gaylord Mich.

On the Ground is looking for volunteers for our upcoming projects! We have a wide variety of opportunities throughout the state to improve fish and wildlife habitat on public lands. Please follow the links below to view details and register for events.

Volunteering with OTG is a great way to directly improve habitat for wildlife and meet fellow conservationists. Bring your family or a friend to get them involved in conservation today!

Stay tuned for more information on upcoming fall projects.

Saturday, August 3, 2024 - Stewardship Day/Invasive Species Removal at Gourdneck State Game Area (Kalamazoo County) - [To Register click here](#)

Saturday, August 10, 2024 - Clean-Up at Pointe Mouillee State Game Area (Wayne/Monroe County) - Register [HERE](#)

Saturday, September 7, 2024 - Fall Rendezvous (mix of habitat projects) in the Pigeon River Country State Forest (Otsego County) - Registration opens July 29 **Go to our** webpage to register.

July 2024 NRC Recap

By Justin Tomei

Commissioners adopted changes to deer regulations for 2024 at the July 11th Natural Resources Commission (NRC) meeting.

After over 20 amendments to Wildlife Conservation Order #6 of 2024 were debated, commissioners landed on an order with most changes taking effect in the 2024 season.

Among other changes for 2024, the commission adopted several amendments. Of the most notable changes, there are new expanded opportunities in January. The use of any legal firearm in zone 2 during muzzleloader season, and beginning in 2025 the youth and liberty hunt will be antlerless only.

No statewide antler point restrictions, hunters' choice, or lower peninsula baiting legalizations were approved.

A more expansive summary of the 2024 regulation changes will come once a complete and accurate summation of the changes can be made.

After the flurry of amendments, the final order passed on a 5-1 vote.

Chair Baird assured Michigan hunters that this is not the closing chapter of deer regulations, and work on deer management will continue.

Michigan Deer and Elk specialist Chad Stewart presented department responses to the proposed deer regulations, and amendments.

Before the deer debate, there was a presentation on updates to the Brandon Road Lock and Dam project, and a pair of awards from the DNR.

The commission approved [Wildlife Conservation Order #5 of 2024](#), which sets up a framework for voluntary use of electronic kill tags for the 2024 fall turkey season.

[Wildlife Conservation Order #7 of 2024](#) was up for information and if adopted, changes the duck stamp regulations to follow modernized federal rules. This order will be up for action at the August meeting.

The August meeting is Thursday, August 8, 2024, at the Cadillac Place in Detroit.

The next NRC meeting is Thursday, August 8th
At Cadillac Place in Detroit. Watch committee as
whole live on MUCC's Facebook page



CONGRATS TO THE ST. JOSEPH COUNTY
STRAIGHT SHOOTERS



Our Conservation Club youth trap team "[St. Joseph County Straight Shooters](#)" had 8 student athletes attend the SCTP National Trap Shoot for 2 days in Marengo OH shooting in the 200-Championship Singles event. Our "Open Class" (mixed Varsity and JV categories) full squad composed of Caden Fritts (JV), Hunter Ambrosen (JV), Emmett Carpenter (Varsity), Jovey LaRoy (Varsity), and Peyton Reeder (Varsity) took 4th Place Open Squad **with a score of 950 targets hit out of 1000 targets over those 2 days**. They brought home a trophy and each received medals for their accomplishment. Their squad came in 4th out of 196 Open Class squads. At this national level shoot, teams medal and receive a trophy through 5th place. Other team members shooting in this event were Robert VanDam, Keaton Westfall, and Jacob Bell on a partial squad. Several of the team also shot personal bests at this event.

This is the first time our team has won a trophy and medaled in this largest of all National youth trap-shooting competition. There were well over 3000 youth competing in shotgun events during the 11-day shoot held at the Cardinal Center Shooting range in Ohio. This is the last year for some of our team members as they move on in life. Hunter Ambrosen is off to college at Olivet and will be shooting on their college team. Emmett Carpenter had also graduated and will move onto his dream career as a heavy equipment operator. Robert VanDam has graduated from Glen Oaks Community College and will be working in Coldwater MI as a equipment mechanic. Also of note, Caden Fritts was named to the SCTP "All Scholastic Team"; a combination of academic and shooting proficiency during the 2024 SCTP year.

This was a great performance from all our team! Congratulations St. Joe County Straight Shooters!

Submitted by Head Coach, Leslie York



Gov. Whitmer signs MUCC supported legislation

By Justin Tomei July 24, 2024

On Tuesday, Gov. Whitmer signed 39 bills into law, including [MUCC supported, and unanimously passed House Bill 5737](#).

HB 5737, sponsored by Rep. Aiyash (D-Hamtramck) with bipartisan support expands Michigan's successful mentored youth hunting program to include children and adults with special needs, that are incapable of passing a written hunters safety test but can perform hunting tasks under the direct supervision of a hunting mentor.

"This legislation allows individuals with developmental disabilities to continue participating beyond the current age restrictions, protecting families' ability to hunt and enjoy Michigan's outdoors together. By refining these programs, we are ensuring that everyone has the opportunity to engage in our state's cherished hunting traditions," said Rep. Aiyash in a press release from Gov. Whitmer.

Passage of this bill was a team effort, and long overdue said Justin Tomei, Policy and Government Affairs Manager for MUCC.

"This law was the result of over a year of work from MUCC, our affiliate clubs that brought it to our attention, the DNR, and Rep. Aiyash and his staff," said Tomei. "The new opportunities these individuals will have will create countless memories for them and their families."

About MUCC: Michigan United Conservation Club is the largest statewide conservation organization in the nation. Founded in 1937, our mission is to unite citizens to conserve, protect, and enhance Michigan's natural resources and outdoor heritage.

For more information visit MUCC.org



Region 7 2024 MUCC Fundraiser Shoot Out

Our 4th annual Shoot Out at GVCB

A Giant Thank You to [Grand Valley Cap & Ballers](#) for hosting our Region 7 Shoot out for the 4th year in a row. Treasurer and Shotgun Chair Ron Fernwalt and the whole GVCB volunteers have been the friendliest and most generous with their facility and time. The two day event was held on July 20th and 21st. The food from the kitchen crew was outstanding (as usual) and the pullers were helpful and you could tell that they were genuinely happy we were there. Though their course is anything but easy it was fun and challenging to even the best shooters. Over the years Margaret and I have made many good friends in Region 7 through region meeting, clubs visits and this event and will always cherish the memories. That being said, the folks at Cap and Ballers deserve the above and beyond award.



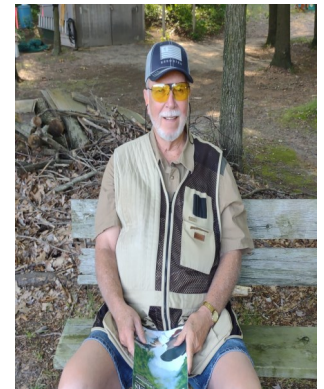
Youth Top Gun
Carter Mancuso Score 36



Char working the registration table for the 4 year.



The Brats and Sloppy Joes were great AS USUAL !



Wayne Moore . Always enjoy seeing him at our shootout



MUCC President Rob Miller and Ron Fenwalt from GVCB and the Trophies



The Kitchen Crew did a great job.



The 2 Rons Making this all happen with a lot of great volunteers



Steve Moore accepts SKSC team trophy and Top Gun trophy for Bryan Evens with a score of 46

We almost had a 4 way tie for 1st place and a shoot off. With (4) 45's Don Lipscomb, Steve Moore, Rick Boersen, Mike Tyler and then Bryan Evens shot his 46 All great scores. Great Time at the Cap & Ballers the weather was perfect both days

Next Policy Board Meeting will be

August 17, 2024, [Jay's Webber Wildlife Education Center](#), 3891
E Surrey Rd, Clare, MI 48617.

Registration is now open for the August 17 CPB meeting. The meeting will be held at the Jay's Webber Wildlife Education Center in Clare. Registration is capped at 60 so register soon!

[Register Here](#)

DNR:

We need volunteer instructors because there are not enough conservation officers to conduct training in every community across the state. We strive to recruit the most qualified instructors available and provide them the materials and training necessary to conduct recreational education courses including hunter education, boating, snowmobile and ORV safety. [Click Here](#)

If you would like me to show up at one of your membership meeting to give you an update of what's happening in MUCC's world, email me or call rhbhunt3@gmail.com or call 269-209-1770



Invasive Species Spotlight

Aquatic Invasive Species

By Americorps July 3, 2024

The [U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Invasive Species Information Center](#) writes that “aquatic (water-dwelling) invasive species are nonnative plants, animals, and other organisms that have evolved to live primarily in water (aquatic habitats)”. They also note that common aquatic invasive species include algae, floating plants, submersed plants, insects, fish, reptiles, and more. These organisms are invasive because they cause harm to the ecosystem around them. They have been introduced to areas beyond their native range, and they can quickly outcompete native species for resources such as food and habitat. Aquatic invasives also make it more difficult for people to recreate on Michigan’s waters, which in turn negatively impacts our economy.

Take Action

Want to learn how to take action and help prevent aquatic invasive species from further spreading? The Michigan DNR requires a few key things that every boater and angler must do when recreating on Michigan’s waters:

- Remove all aquatic organisms from boats and trailers before launching or transporting
- Remove all drain plugs and drain all water before transporting
- Dispose of unused bait in the trash, and do not throw it into the water

Other recommended actions by the DNR include washing boats and trailers before transporting and drying them for at least 5 days, and disinfecting live wells and bilges with a bleach solution (1/2 cup of bleach to 5 gallons of water). MSU Extension also offers a [free Mobile Boat Wash program](#) for boaters to receive a free boat wash and to help educate them on the prevention of aquatic invasives.

Clean, Drain, Dry is part of an initiative created by the [Stop Aquatic Hitchhikers!](#) national campaign. It aims to give people a simple step-by-step guide to help prevent the spread of aquatic invasives. The steps are listed below:

- **CLEAN** off visible plants, animals, and mud from all equipment
- **DRAIN** watercraft bilge, livewell, motor, and other water-containing devices
- **DRY** everything for at least 5 days or wipe with a towel before reuse
- **DISPOSE** of any unused bait in the trash (for anglers only)

Following these key steps ensures that aquatic invasive species are not spread to new areas. It’s important that every boater and angler in Michigan work to help conserve and protect the environment we live in. By keeping our waters clean, we ensure that future generations can enjoy our natural resources for many years to come.

Happenings Around the Region In August 2024 open to the public

Grand Valley Cap & Ballers : Sporting Clays (modern shotguns)]. Sept.21, Oct. 12.. Sept. Frontier Shoot Aug. 1,2,3,4th. (this is a big deal) Ladies only weekend Aug. 24th, 25th See Website for much more.

Fennville Rod and Gun Club: Tue. Evening Trap and Skeet Open to Public 5-9pm & Sat. 12-5pm \$5 per round. Pancake breakfast continues on 2nd Sunday of the month followed by a Calcutta

Grass Lake Sportsman Club: go to Facebook and website for updates. Horse Shoes Aug. 8,15,22 29 sign up 5:30 start 6

Hillsdale County Conservation Club: Monthly 30 3-D target shoots. All shoots run from 9am-1pm. Aug 26+27, Sept 17 Open to Public \$5 per person. Youth Archery every Sunday from 5pm-7pm **Aug. 11, Region 7 meeting 12:15 lunch 11:30**

New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club: Aug. Wednesdays Trap Games shoot 6:30 pm and Sunday Trap practice 10am to 1pm. Thur. 6pm. NON-MEMBERS are welcome to attend all upcoming events!

Dowagiac Conservation Club: Fish Fry Aug. 16th 4:30-7pm , Trap Shooting Aug. 16th 6pm-10pm Aug, 10 CPL class 8am-5pm 3-D Archery 8am-12pm

Bend of the River Conservation Club: Basic Pistol Training \$5. 9am-4pm Aug. 5th,7th, 12th,14th,21st,28th Contact Sunne Beaty 312-618-3588. Hunter Education Aug. 7th 6pm-9pm (training in clubhouse)

Paw Paw Conservation Club Trap Shooting every Monday year round 4:30– 10:00pm \$4 for 25 birds. Free round for anyone who shoots a perfect round (25) For info call (269) 657-8949 after 4:30 on Monday's Phone # 269-657-8949 / Archery Shoot Sundays in Aug, Sept. 8-1pm . 3-D Archery Course. One of the finest.

Edwardsburg Conservation Club : Year round Trap shooting event Games on Saturdays 10-1PM. . 3D Archery 8am-2pm \$12 member \$15 Non Members Aug. 4th Sept. 8th. / 50 Bird Trap Shoot Aug. 11th 1am-4pm Aug. 25th monthly Muzzleloader shoots 10am-4pm

Hamilton Rod and Gun Trap Shoots starts every wed, 6:30 August. Fri. Aug.9th Calcutta Protection 5:30 Draw for Calcutta is 7:00 food available.

Jackson County Outdoor Club: Trap shooting Wednesday night at 5PM through October.

Bellevue Conservation Club: Open Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand shooting every Sunday 2-6pm and Wednesday 6-10pm. We have 3 Trap/Skeet combo fields with lights. Trap games and Calcutta starting at 5pm on the first Friday of each month from April to October. 8484 Greenfield Highway, Bellevue, Michigan 49021.

St. Jo Conservation Club. CPL Class Sat. AUG, 10th . 9AM–6PM. Aug. Tue. All month 5:30 youth trap practice 6 pm, Sundays Trap and Skeet 9-12pm 3-D Archery is open. Tue. Eve. Shoots 5:30 \$5 members \$10 non-members. Members self serve still open 7 day per week. Sundays 9-12 Trap and Skeet

All Species Conservation Club Summer Bluegill tournament Series. 2nd Tue of the month through Sept. Call Greg Peck for details 269-998-9407 / Aug 16-17 South Haven "Salute to Vets & First responders". Sponsored by South Haven Steelheaders Patriotic boat parade. Fly over and water cannon on 17th at noon.

Van Buren Sportsman's Club August 17th, 2024, we are Open to the public from 2-5pm, for our 75th year Open house Celebration. We will have information booths/tables, Games, Hog Roast and side dishes. Open to the public every Wednesday from 5-8pm for Burger night/ Taco Salad dinner, and every Friday 5-

Pheasants Forever Sporting Clays Shoot, Saturday August 10, 2024. 9 am start, 2 pm last round. Lunch provided Kalamazoo Rod and Gun Club, 7533 North Sprinkle Road, Kalamazoo MI 49004 check webpages

<http://www.kalamazoorodandgunclub.org> <https://www.michiganpheasantsforever.org/events/>

Find your elected State Representatives

[HERE](#)

Next Region 7 Meeting

August 11th at:

Hillsdale County Conservation Club

3835 Bird Lake Rd. S. Osseo, Mi. 49266

Lunch at 11:30 meeting at 12:15-3:30

Guest Speaker - Michigan Commemorative Bucks

What's Cooking ?

Stuffed Trout with Morels and Shrimp

"Dixie Dave's" Recipe on [Mike Avery Outdoor Show](#)

Listen to Mike's show
on Sunday's at 5am-
8am on WBCF FM 95.3
Battle Creek

4-6 Fresh Trout

Stuffing:

1 Teaspoon of each, garlic, ginger, and tarragon
2 eggs, beaten well
4 Cups breadcrumbs
3 Ounces Bourson Cheese
6 Ounces diced shrimp
1 Pound morels, or favorite mushrooms
Dash of soy sauce
2 Teaspoons Parmesan cheese
1 Teaspoon parsley, chopped
1/3 Cup onions, diced medium

Sauce

2 Tablespoons butter
1 teaspoon parsley,
chopped Lemon to taste
4 Ounces white wine

Stuffing Method: Add all dry ingredients together. Then add liquid ingredients and wine, simmer for 1-2 min. Reduce till thick and creamy.

Sauce Method: In a small sauce pan, combine butter, parsley, lemon, and white wine, simmer for 1-2 minutes. Reduce till thick and creamy .

Fish Preparation: Cut fish and remove gills, leavening head on. Bone fish from the inside. Rinse lightly to avoid loss of flavor. Pack fish cavity with stuffing.*

* Pour a small amount of oil in hot fry pan. Dredge fish filets in flour and brown in fry pan. Bake in the oven 15-20 minutes at 350 deg. Spoon sauce over fish after baking.



Conservationist Pledge: I give my Pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, it's Air, soil and minerals, it's forests water and wildlife

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