

Proposed Fee Schedule

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Resident Licenses

Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Fishing License*	\$22.50	\$40.00
Fishing License (3-day)*	\$7.50	\$20.00
Sporting License*	\$40.00	\$75.00
Hunting License*	\$22.50	\$40.00
Trapping License*	\$30.50	\$40.00
Commercial Shooting Preserve (1-day)*	\$5.00	\$10.00

*Price does not include mandatory \$5 Wildlands Stamp.

Non-Resident Licenses

Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Big Game Hunting License*	\$94.50	\$112.00
Small Game Hunting License*	\$60.50	\$78.00
Fishing License*	\$32.50	\$50.00
Fishing License (3-day)*	\$18.50	\$35.50
Trapping Permit	\$200.00	\$215.00
Commercial Shooting Preserve (1-day)*	\$5.00	\$20.00

*Price does not include mandatory \$5 Wildlands Stamp.

Other Fishing Licenses

Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Resident Minor Fishing (Age 15–17)	Free by statutory mandate (no change)	
Non-resident Minor Fishing*	\$6.50	\$8.00
Resident Fishing (Age 65–69)*	\$11.25	\$20.00
Resident Fishing (Age 70+)	Free by statutory mandate (no change)	
Resident Fishing (Disabled)	Free by statutory mandate (no change)	
Quabbin 1-Day Fishing	\$5.00	\$5.00 (no change)

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Other Hunting & Sporting Licenses

Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Resident Minor Hunting*	\$6.50	\$6.50 (no change)
Resident Hunting (Age 65–69)*	\$11.25	\$20.00
Resident Sporting (Age 65–69)*	\$20.00	\$37.50
Resident Sporting (Age 70+)	Free by statutory mandate (no change)	
Hunting/Sporting (Paraplegic, Disabled)	Free by statutory mandate (no change)	

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Stamps

Stamp Type	Current Fee	Proposed Resident Fee	Proposed Non-Resident Fee
Archery Stamp	\$5.10	\$20.00	\$40.00
Waterfowl Stamp	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Primitive Firearms Stamp	\$5.10	\$20.00	\$40.00
Pheasant & Quail Stamp (New Proposal)	—	\$20.00	\$40.00
Wildlands Stamp	\$5.00 by statutory mandate (no change)		

Hunting Permits

Permit Type	Current Fee	Proposed Resident Fee	Proposed Non-Resident Fee
Antlerless Deer Permit	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Bear Permit	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$40.00
Turkey Permit	\$5.00	\$20.00	\$40.00

Other Trapping and Furbuying

Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Resident Minor Trapping License (Age 12–17)*	\$6.50	\$6.50 (no change)
Resident Trapping License (Age 65–69)*	\$15.25	\$20.00
Resident Furbuyer Permit	\$30.00	\$45.00
Non-resident Furbuyer Permit	\$90.00	\$105.00
Trap Registration Number	\$5.00	\$20.00
Trap Registration Number Renewal	\$5.00	\$20.00

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Resident Minor Hunting License (Age 15–17)*	\$6.50	\$6.50 (no change)
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Resident Hunting (Paraplegic)		Free by statutory mandate (no change)
Non-Resident Big Game Hunting License*	\$94.50	\$112.00
Non-Resident Small Game Hunting License*	\$60.50	\$78.00
Non-Resident Commercial Shooting Preserve (1-day)*	\$5.00	\$20.00
Resident Commercial Shooting Preserve (1-day)*	\$5.00	\$10.00
Resident Sporting License*	\$40.00	\$75.00
Resident Sporting License (Age 65–69)*	\$20.00	\$37.50
Resident Sporting License (Age 70+)		Free by statutory mandate (no change)
Resident Sporting License (Disabled)		Free by statutory mandate (no change)
Resident/Non-Resident Sporting License (Paraplegic)		Free by statutory mandate (no change)

**Price does not include the mandatory \$5 Wildlands Stamp.*

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What would it cost to hunt everything under the new proposal?

Resident Hunting License (incl. 2 antlered deer and small game)	\$40.00
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Waterfowl Stamp	\$20.00
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Archery Stamp	\$20.00
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Primitive Firearms Stamp	\$20.00
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Pheasant & Quail Stamp	\$20.00
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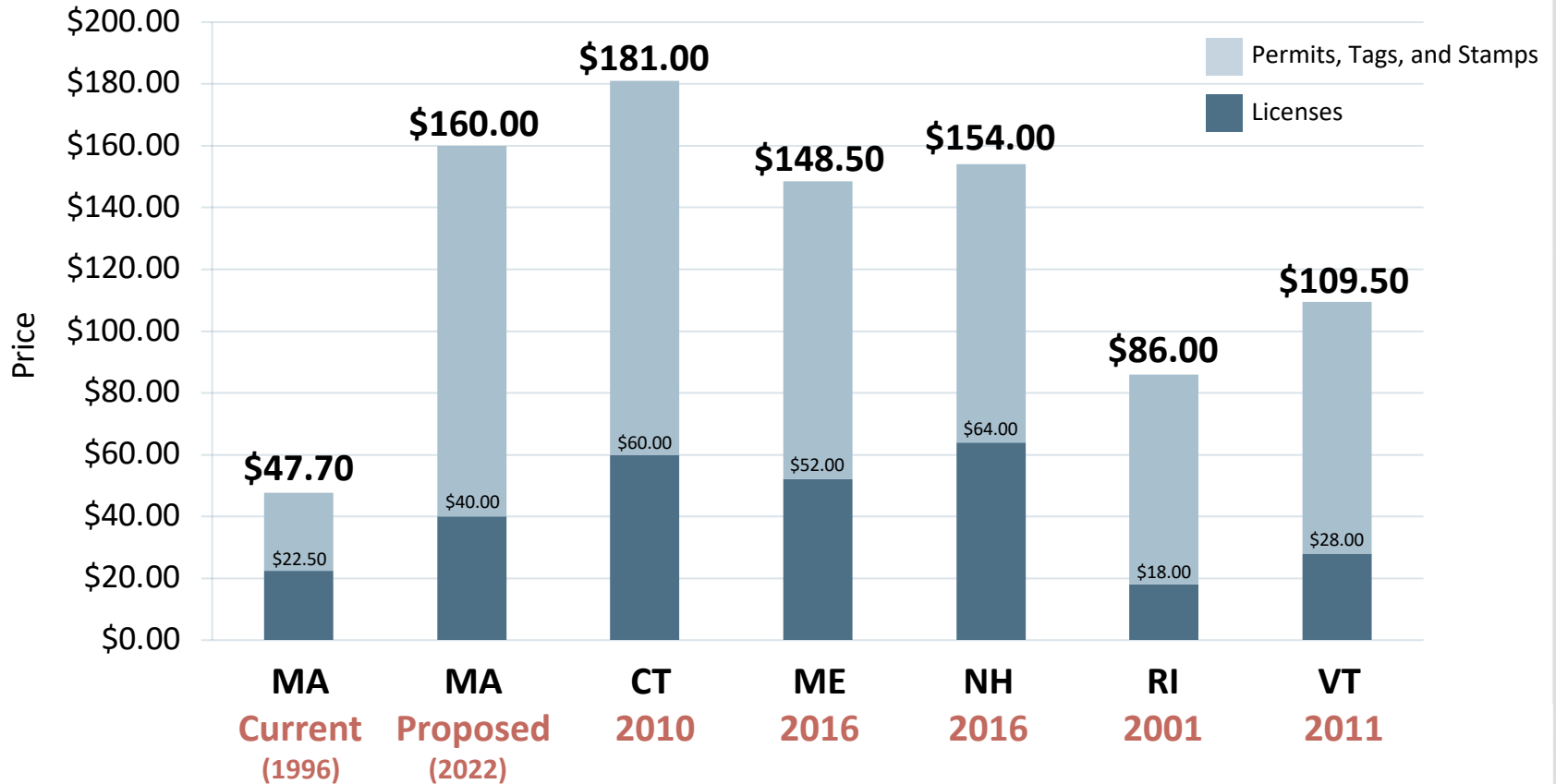
Bear Permit	\$20.00
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Turkey Permit	+ \$20.00
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TOTAL	\$160.00
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Mandatory \$5 land stamp fee not included.

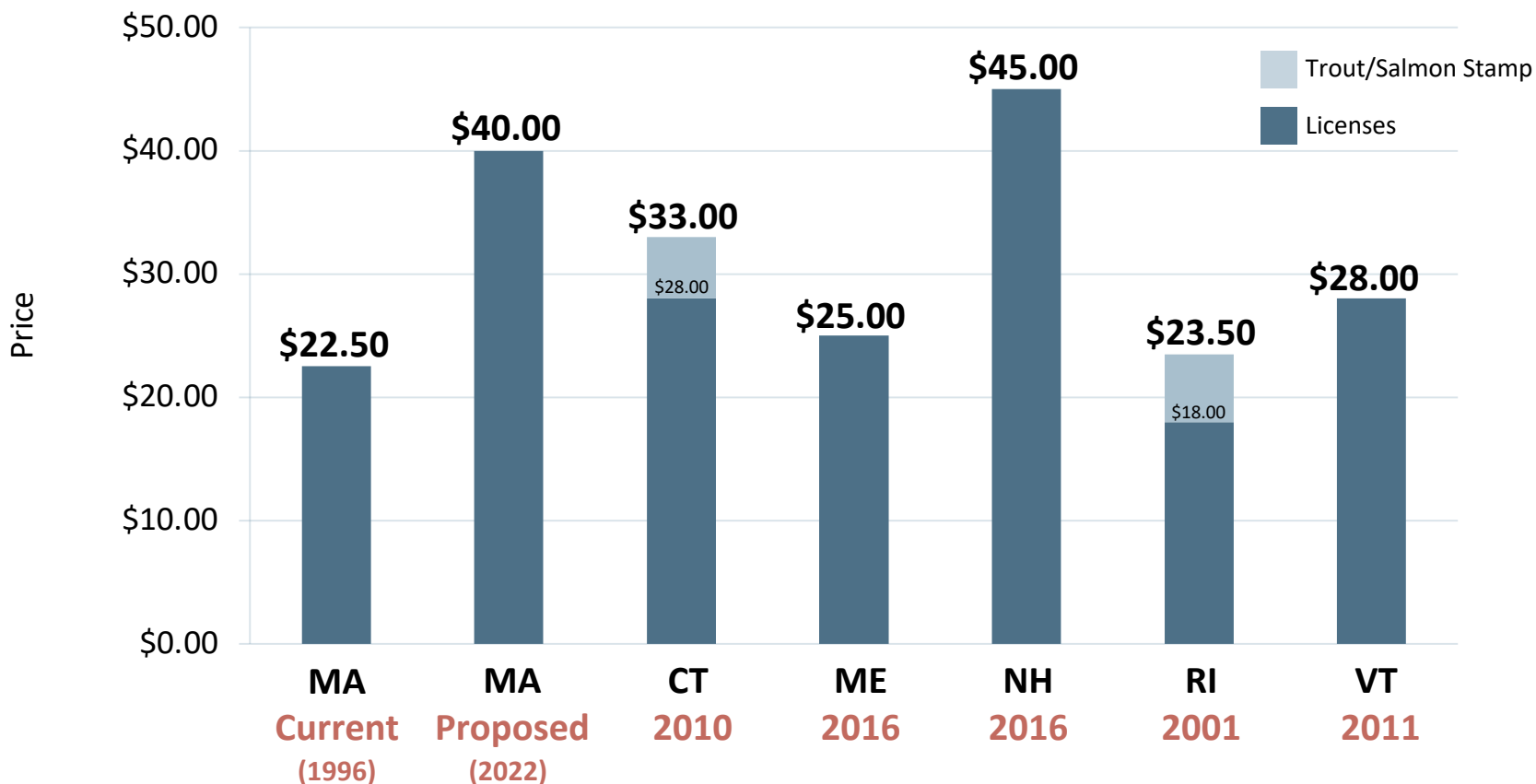
Resident Hunting Cost Comparison



The annual cost, including **ALL** required licenses, stamps, and permits, to hunt bear, turkey, pheasant, waterfowl, small game, and deer (including archery and muzzleloader seasons). Land Stamp fees not included.

*Year indicates the last time each state had a comprehensive fee change.

Resident Fishing Cost Comparison



The annual cost for a freshwater fishing license, including trout and salmon.
Land Stamp fees not included.

*Year indicates the last time each state had a comprehensive fee change.

The Proposed New Fees

- Address the revenue shortfall
- Are projected to sustain the Inland Fish and Game Fund for another decade
- Are comparable to the other New England states
- Would not go into effect until 2022 and would be the first increase in 26 years

How to Provide Feedback

- Submit comments online at [Mass.gov/Masswildlife-Funding](https://www.mass.gov/Masswildlife-Funding)
- Mail your comments to:
MassWildlife Re: License Fee,
1 Rabbit Hill Road, Westborough,
MA 01581
- Attend a future public hearing
(TBD)



