

To: Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries

The Virginia Muzzle Loading Rifle Association asks that the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries establish a statewide deer season for traditional muzzle loading firearms (no in-lines). Hunters should be restricted to: a single shot, muzzle loading firearm using either flintlock or percussion ignition, black powder (or modern substitute), open or iron sights (no scopes) and either a patched round ball or, in a Civil War style musket, a hollow-based minie ball.

We ask:

#1) that the season starts before the current muzzle loading season, and/or

#2) for several weeks in January. Hunters would pay an extra fee for this privilege. The extra fee should secure additional hunting days that would be in proportion to the number of days in the other special seasons.

The above proposal represents the consensus of the membership of the ten-chartered clubs who belong to both the Virginia Muzzle Loading Rifle Association and the National Muzzle Loading Association.

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