

## 2010 VMLRA Survey

{This survey is for interested muzzle loading hunters, shooters, and enthusiasts.}

This survey is to expand our database and to poll a variety of people (including those who may be outside the VMLRA) on a proposed primitive muzzle loading whitetail deer hunting season in Virginia. A summary of our primitive muzzle loading whitetail deer hunting proposal is attached. Please read the summary before you participate in our survey. This new deer season would be in addition to, and not a replacement of, an already existing muzzle loading deer-hunting season. Years ago, the VMLRA played a role in getting the Virginia muzzle loading deer season separated from conventional firearm deer hunting season. At that time, the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (VDGIF) titled this new season as the “Primitive Weapons Season”. Over the years, this muzzle loading season has evolved, in our opinion, to a very liberal hunting season that is hardly “primitive.” Today, the law allows such modern options to include in-line ignition, bullets with plastic skirts (of various configurations), optic sights, center-fire primer ignition, and in certain guns - modern smokeless powder.

To participate in our survey please review our proposal, then respond to our volunteer administrative staff by e-mail through our VMLRA website: [www.VMLRA.org](http://www.VMLRA.org) or

[jimh@vmlra.org](mailto:jimh@vmlra.org)

For the sake of brevity, and to keep this survey focused on the primitive muzzle loading white-tail deer hunting season, we ask that you simply select one of the responses below. Participation in our survey is open to anyone, especially those people interested in the muzzle loading firearms and hunting. It is open to both members and non-members of the VMLRA, and to both residents and nonresidents of Virginia.

### **RESPONSES:**

- A. I disagree with the VMLRA; I feel the existing muzzle loading seasons are adequate as regulated by the Board of the VDGIF.
- B. I agree with the VMLRA in requesting an additional season to hunt white-tail deer only using primitive-style, traditional, muzzle loading equipment, as used by our forefathers.
- C. I feel that the VMLRA proposal is a noble cause, but I feel it is just a ploy by a group of people to have their own separate deer-hunting season.
- D. I would like to see more information before I give my opinion. The Board of the VDGIF should conduct further study of the proposal before establishing an additional deer-hunting season.
- E. Other: please be brief – a sentence or two will suffice. This is not a chat room.