

To: The Environmental Monitor  
From: MA Division of Fisheries & Wildlife  
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RE Notification of filing an NOI for an Restoration Project for Habitat Restoration and Management at Hop Brook Wildlife Management Area in Lee, MA

NOI Submission Date: July 2019

The proposed project is seeking approval for the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, associated landowners, and contractors under DFW's supervision to use several vegetation management techniques in the wetlands associated with Hop Brook. Hop Brook Wildlife Management Area is dominated by wet meadow habitat bisected by the hop brook, which has become increasingly uncommon in the state due to ditching, conversion, seral succession and invasive species. The expansive wet meadows of Hop Brook are considered to be one the most important examples of this habitat in the Commonwealth. The goal of this project is to restore and maintain these communities through the use of vegetation cutting, invasive species control, beaver mitigation, grazing, and prescribed fire. These actions are necessary to restore/enhance the important landscape features at the site that have been degraded due to the disruption of natural processes.

Reviewing Conservation Commission:

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Copies of the Notice of Intent may be acquired from the project leader, Daniel Bove at [Daniel.bove@mass.gov](mailto:Daniel.bove@mass.gov)