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Bill Number: Senate Bill 220

Short Title: Calvert County – Sunday Hunting

Department’s Position: Letter of Information

Explanation of Department’s Position

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources provides this letter of information on SB 220 which would increase hunting recreation in Calvert County. Increased game mammal and game bird hunting opportunities assist with population management and will also result in additional revenue for those industries and groups that support hunting.

Hunting remains the most effective method for controlling the deer population throughout Maryland. The Department advises that Sunday hunting has contributed positively to managing the State’s white-tailed deer population in the 20 counties where it is now permitted. Sunday hunting can be especially important if the weather causes unfavorable hunting conditions on the Saturday of the same weekend. Likewise, many hunters only have time to hunt on weekends, so allowing Sunday hunting essentially doubles their opportunity to pursue deer.

On Sundays during the 2020-21 deer seasons in Calvert County, 150 deer were harvested. The Department estimates 25 – 50 deer would be harvested on the additional Sundays in Calvert County as a result of this bill.

For any additional information, please feel free to contact our Legislative and Constituent Services Director, Bunky Luffman.