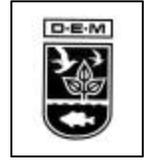


RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT



DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

BOWHUNTER SIGHTING LOG



The Division of Fish and Wildlife has implemented a voluntary bowhunter sighting log survey to collect sighting rate information that can be used to monitor distribution and long term population trends for a variety of wildlife species. Similar surveys are conducted in other states to collect data on wildlife populations. Participants are asked to record the number of hunting hours and the number of sightings of wildlife species each time they hunt throughout the season. Based on the data provided by participants we will calculate sighting rates per one hundred hours of observation time for each species. The sighting rate can be compared from year to year, and used in combination with other data, will help biologists monitor long term population trends. Additionally, the sighting log will provide occurrence and distribution information on species for which little information might be available.

How the sighting log works:

For each time you hunt, record the date, the number of hours you hunted, the town and management area if applicable. Record the wildlife you see while in your stand. Indicate whether you hunted in the morning (AM) or afternoon (PM). If you hunt in the AM and PM on the same day record those hours on separate lines.

It is important to record the date, hours hunted and town, even if you did not observe any wildlife.

If you hunt more than one location in a single day use a separate line for each location.

If you see a species not listed in the table (i.e. skunk, chipmunk, house cat, dog, owl, other hunters, etc.) record it under "Other".

At the end of the archery season return the card to Division of Fish and Wildlife. Completed logs can also be sent by FAX: (401)-783-7490 or email to: charles.brown@dem.ri.gov. Results will be mailed to participants.

We are hopeful that we can establish and maintain a dedicated network of cooperators to participate in the survey for a number of years. We welcome any suggestions or comments you may have that will help make the survey more efficient and encourage greater participation. For questions, contact the Great Swamp Field Headquarters at **789-0281**. To see results from a similar survey conducted in New York State, you can visit their website at www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dfwmr/wildlife/bowlog.htm.