

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
Fish and Game Council
2002-2003 Game Code
Proposed Amendments: N.J.A.C. 7:25-5**

Authorized by: Fish and Game Council, John W. Bradway, Chairman

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Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1B-29 et seq. and 23:1-1 et seq.

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A **public hearing** concerning these proposed amendments will be held on:

Thursday, May 9, 2002 at 7:00 PM
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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

The proposed 2002-2003 Game Code, N.J.A.C. 7:25-5, states when, under what circumstances, in what location, by what means, and what amounts and numbers, game-birds, game animals and fur-bearing animals may be pursued, taken, killed or had in possession.

Since the turn of the century, the Game Code has provided a system for the

protection, propagation, increase, control and conservation of game birds, game animals, and fur-bearing animals in this State and for their use and development for public recreation and food supply. This year, a deer management strategy of population reduction is planned for 68 percent of the deer range in order to lessen economic losses associated with deer damage to landscape plantings or gardens, agricultural crops and deer/vehicle collisions. A deer management strategy of deer population stabilization is planned for 32 percent of the deer range where deer-human conflicts are minimal and the deer population is within the biological carrying capacity of the land. There are no deer management zones with a population increase strategy for the current year. Yearly revisions of season dates, bag limits and other regulations based on scientific investigation and research ensures the greatest likelihood of success in reaching these goals. Expired season dates are deleted and typographic corrections are made in the Code. The remaining changes have been made for clarification, correction of typographical errors, change of format without change in text, and for change in calendar year.

The proposed amendments enhance the conservation, management, and the enhancement of the New Jersey's wildlife resources.

The proposed amendments include the following revisions:

1. A definition of "immediate family" is added to the General Provisions section of the Code, to clarify eligibility for farmer deer and turkey hunting permits. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.1, 5.7, 5.28, 5.29 and 5.30.

2. A definition of “earn-a-buck” requirement is added to the General Provisions section of the Code in order to clarify the term where used in the sections of the Code involving bag limits of deer. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.1, 5.25, 5.26, 5.27, 5.28, 5.29, 5.30 and 5.31.
3. A section is added to the General Provisions section of the Code limiting hunters to purchasing no more than one all around sportsman license, or one bow and arrow and one firearm hunting license per calendar year. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.1.
4. Regulations regarding the special youth pheasant, wild turkey and deer hunting days are modified to clarify the provisions and specify the direct supervision of youth hunters by a non-hunting adult. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.2, 5.3, 5.7 and 5.27.
5. Spring and fall wild turkey season dates for the next four years are proposed. A week is added to the beginning of the turkey permit application period, which will include January 25 through February 22, annually. The change is proposed to allow additional time for hunters to apply for permits and will enhance application processing. At the request of sportsmen, turkey-hunting area 21 is added to the zones open for the 2003 fall turkey hunting season and 100 permits will be available. The turkey population in zone 21 will support the limited fall season and the change will provide additional turkey hunting opportunity for the State’s increasing turkey hunter population. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.7.
6. Submission of permit application stubs from hunting licenses will no longer be required

when applying for wild turkey season and permit deer season permits. The stubs were deleted from licenses in order to provide room for “buck stubs” and because computer edits may be utilized to ensure that applicants submit only one turkey permit application. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.7, 5.28, 5.29, 5.30 and 5.31.

7. The beaver and otter, trapping season dates are provided for the years 2003 through 2006. The seasons are traditionally held from January 1 through February 9 annually. Beaver and otter trapping zone descriptions for zones 1, 4, 5, 8, 11, 15, 19 and 30 are updated and modified due to changes in road names or numbers and to clarify the boundaries. No significant changes in the actual zone areas are proposed. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.9 and 5.10.
8. Migratory bird sections are modified in order to allow for a Conservation Order involving snow geese that is anticipated to be authorized by Federal Regulations by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The change only applies to special regulations involving the control of snow geese through hunting outside the regular migratory-bird, hunting season, if approved by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. It is anticipated that the conservation order will relax specific regulations such as allowing hunters to use shotguns with more than three shells exclusively during the period authorized by the Conservation Order. A special permit would be required and is the only added requirement for hunters participating in this program. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.13.

9. The fall woodchuck hunting, season is expanded at the request of the agricultural community. Existing regulations allow woodchuck to be hunted from March 1 through late September and during the regular upland game, hunting season. The change will open the fall woodchuck season six weeks earlier and will overlap the ruffed grouse and eastern gray squirrel seasons. This change was requested to better control the woodchuck population and will provide additional recreational hunting opportunity. Nuisance woodchuck can already be controlled on a year around basis. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.18.

10. Red fox and gray fox are added to the special coyote-hunting, season at the request of sportsmen who have participated in this season. The change will allow red and gray fox to be taken under the special coyote hunting provisions. Red and gray fox can already be hunted during this period and the change will have no impact on either species. The requirement to report coyotes harvested during the hunting seasons has been changed from 48 hours to 24 hours in order to be consistent with the time requirements for trappers and persons controlling nuisance coyotes. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.19.

11. Red fox and gray fox are added to the list of species that may be controlled by property owners, occupants of dwellings and farmers when these species cause damage or destroy livestock, crops or poultry. Sections are also clarified for property owners or occupants, and for farmers. The incidence of nuisance complaints for these species has increased in recent years. The changes will provide for the control of these species by lawful procedures at any time subject to state law and local ordinances. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.21.

12. Nonprofit organizations, including civic associations, volunteer fire companies and first aid squads, the NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and their county affiliates, and other conservation associations, may conduct wild game and venison dinners where game and/or furbearer meat is included as part of the dinner. The game and/or furbearer meat, the sale of which is otherwise prohibited, must be harvested, registered -if required, stored and processed in accordance with applicable state, county and local laws and regulations. This change will allow nonprofit organizations to conduct game and venison dinners as social and fund-raising events. Dinners of this type have been traditionally held throughout the State. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.22.

13. In addition to the wildlife species and/or parts listed in N.J.S.A. 23:4-27, the pelt including the tail of a eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) may be sold, as defined in N.J.S.A. 23:4-27. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.22.

14. Persons may collect and possess naturally shed deer antlers. Possession at any time of part or parts of a deer, which was not legally harvested and registered, is otherwise prohibited by N.J.S.A. 23:4-47. Sportsmen requested this change. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.22.

15. Application procedures and criteria for physically challenged persons to apply for permits from the Division to hunt from motor vehicles and use alternative methods for taking game are revised and clarified. Provisions are included for revocation of the permits when individuals have falsified their application or violated fish and wildlife laws

or regulations. Submission of supportive information from a physician licensed to practice medicine in NJ is changed to any physician licensed to practice medicine. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.23 and 5.24.

16. Provisions are added requiring that the “buck stub” from the applicable bow and arrow, firearm or all-around-sportsman license be immediately detached, initialed and dated upon killing an antlered deer and submitted with the transportation tag when the deer is registered at a check station. This change is made to limit and regulate the harvest of antlered deer. The potential bag limit for antlered bucks is reduced from seven bucks during the 2001-2002 deer seasons to six bucks during the 2002-2003 deer hunting seasons. This change is made to more equitably distribute the antlered buck harvest among bow, shotgun and muzzleloader deer hunters. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.25, 5.26, 5.27, 5.28, 5.29, 5.30 and 5.31.

17. The fall bow deer hunting season dates are provided for 2003-2005. Calendar adjustments are made and the season duration is the same as for 2002. Season dates are provided for the next three seasons so that sportsmen may plan their vacations in advance and because the season begins in early September and a delay in adopting amendments in annual Game Code could postpone the opening of the season. The bag limit in Zone 4 is changed from one antlered buck to the standard bag limit of two deer, because of an increase in the number of antlerless deer available in the zone. The early antlerless only portion of the season in zones 5, 7-14, 36, 39-42, and 49-51 is deleted. Hunters in these zones, except 42 and 49, may take an antlered deer after taking an

antlerless deer throughout the early and regular fall bow season. In zones 42 and 49, the earn-a-buck requirement only applies to the early portion of the season and does not apply after the beginning of the regular fall bow season. In Zone 16 the bag limit is reduced from one antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer to the standard bag limit of two deer due to a shortfall in the number of antlerless deer available. Text indicating that special deer management zones 38, 56-61, 64 and 67 are not open for this season is deleted, because the decision to allow hunting in these areas is made by their respective administrative agency and within the normal hunting season framework. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.25.

18. The earn-a-buck requirement is ended after the six-day firearm season for the permit bow, permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun seasons in zones 5, 7-14, 36, 41, 50 & 51. Few antlered bucks are available or taken after the six-day firearm season in any zone. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.28, 5.29 and 5.30.

19. The winter bow season dates are provided for 2003-2006. Calendar adjustments are made and the season duration is the same as for 2002. Zones 42 and 49 are added to the zones open under the extended season format, because the deer management objective is deer population reduction. Text indicating that special deer management zones 38, 56-61, 64 and 67 are not open for this season is deleted, because the decision to allow hunting in these areas is made by their respective administrative agency and within the normal hunting season framework. See N.J.A.C. 5.26.

20. All regular, bow, shotgun and muzzleloader deer permits will be issued at designated license agents. Only one permit may be purchased per zone per season in order prevent individuals from circumventing bag limits by purchasing more than one permit and to limit the antlerless deer harvest within zones with a limited number of antlerless deer available. Special permit application stubs are no longer included on hunting licenses and are not required with permit applications. Most season dates are adjusted for the 2002 and 2003 calendar periods. Most bag limits remain unchanged from the 2001-2002, special permit deer seasons. Permit quotas were increased by a total of two percent in select zones in order to meet anticipated demand. Season length changes and other exceptions will be noted in the following sections. The anticipated deer harvest has been deleted from the permit quota tables. These harvest objectives include only three of the six deer seasons and are of limited value as previously included. The total harvest objective by zone are available form the Division. This information will be available from the Division. In 2002-2003, a deer management strategy of population reductions is planned for 68 percent of the deer range including zones: 1, 2, 4, 5, 7-19, 22, 25, 26, 28, 31, 35, 36, 38-42, 47, 49-51, 53-55, 61, 64, 65 and 67. A deer management strategy of population stabilization is planned for 32 percent of the deer range including zones: 3, 6, 21, 23, 24, 27, 29, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 48, 52, 56-59, 63 and 66. There are no deer management zones where deer population increases are planned. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.28, 5.29, 5.30 and 5.31.

21. One additional day (November 29, 2002) of antlerless only deer hunting is provided for the permit shotgun and permit muzzleloader deer seasons in zones 5, 7-14, 36, 41, 50

and 51, and for permit shotgun deer season in zones 42 and 49. This change is made to increase the antlerless deer harvest and to reduce the deer population. Additional recreational deer hunting opportunity will also be provided. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.28 and 5.29.

22. The portion of Zone 22 located north of Rt. 72 in Ocean County is added to Zone 51, and the definitions for these zones are revised. The area transferred to Zone 51 is highly developed and otherwise similar to Zone 51. Adding the area to Zone 51 will enhance efforts to reduce the deer population in a suburban environment. Recreational opportunity within this area will be increased. No changes in permit quotas are proposed for Zone 51, because past and anticipated permit availability exceeds the existing quotas. The remaining portion of Zone 22 contains public land and a significant area of undeveloped private land. The deer population strategy for this area will be changed from deer population reduction to deer population stabilization, and the permit shotgun season duration will be decreased from 27 days to 7 days at the request of area sportsmen. Permit quotas for the bow and muzzleloader seasons were reduced due to the reduction of land area within the zone and anticipated decrease in demand. The shotgun permit season quota was increased in order to achieve the deer harvest objective and because the season length was decreased from 27 days to 7 days. Recreational hunting opportunity for shotgun hunters will be reduced, however four Saturdays remain open for this season in January. The proposed permit quotas should meet the demand for permits. See N.J.A.C. 5:25-5.28, 5.29, and 5.30.

23. The muzzleloader permit season duration was decreased from 50 days to 21 days in zones 35 and 48, and hunters will be limited to taking one deer at a time. The bag limit was reduced from unlimited to the standard bag limit of two in Zone 16. These reductions were made due to a shortfall in the number of antlerless deer available, and will reduce recreational opportunity for sportsmen. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.28.
24. The muzzleloader permit season duration was increased from 50 to 58 days in zones 42 and 49 in order to increase the antlerless deer harvest. These zones are highly developed and have deer population reduction objectives. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.28.
25. The permit shotgun season length was reduced from 3 days to 1 day and the bag limit was reduced from 2 deer to 1 deer in Zone 6. The season length was decreased from 7 to 3 days in Zones 16 and the bag limit was decreased from unlimited deer to 2 deer. The season duration was reduced from 22 days to 7 days in Zone 22 at the request of local sportsmen and based on the zone boundary change indicated previously. The season duration in Zones 35 and 48 was reduced from 35 days to 27 days, and hunters will be limited to taking one deer at a time; these changes were made because the deer population was successfully reduced to the population goal level and fewer antlerless deer are available. The above changes will generally decrease recreational hunting opportunity. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.29.
26. The permit shotgun season duration was increased from 1 day to 3 days and the bag limit increased from 1 deer to 2 deer in Zone 55. The permit shotgun season duration

has been increased in Zones 42 and 49 from 35 days to 50 days. These changes have been made in order to achieve the 2002-2003 antlerless harvest objectives and to meet deer population management strategies for respective zones. Recreational hunting opportunity will be increased. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.29.

27. Zone 60, Round Valley State Recreation Area, has been eliminated as a special deer management area at the request of the Division of Parks and Forestry, the administrative authority. The area will become part of Zone 12 and will be open to deer hunting as authorized by the administrative authority. A Zone 12 permit will be required to participate in the shotgun permit season. There will be no change in recreational hunting opportunity. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.29.

28. A section is added to the “Special Wildlife Management Permits” prohibiting persons who have been convicted of fish and game law violations from participating as agents on deer management permits under the Community Based Deer Management Program. This change is made in order to ensure public safety and the integrity of the program. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.32.

Social Impact

Since most proposed changes are technical or minor and some changes involve small numbers of individuals there will be little overall positive or negative social impact. The proposed inclusion of turkey and deer hunting season dates for the next four years will have

a positive social impact by allowing hunters to plan vacations in advance. Deer hunters in some management zones may have recreational opportunity increased or decreased by proposed changes in deer season length or reduction in bag limits. In most instances, social impacts will be minimized because decreased recreational opportunity in one zone will be offset by existing or increased recreational opportunity in nearby zones. The proposal prohibiting deer hunters from purchasing more than one permit per zone and season may have a negative social impact on some hunters because the change will limit hunting opportunity in zones with restrictive bag limits. Amendments to eliminate the “earn-a-buck” requirement after the six-day firearm season in deer management zones 5, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 36, 41, 50 & 51 will have a positive social impact. Deer hunters in these zones have expressed opposition to the earn-a-buck program, which requires them to harvest an antlerless deer in five of six deer seasons before attempting to take an antlered deer. Amendments that provide for a two-percent increase in special deer permits and one additional day of antlerless only shotgun or muzzleloader deer hunting in some zones will have a positive social impact by providing a net increase in recreational hunting opportunity.

In general, the ability of the Division to address people/wildlife conflicts and public health and safety related to wildlife will be maintained. The positive social impact anticipated includes the conservation and the enhancement of the wildlife resources for continued recreational activities.

Economic Impact

There will be little short-term positive or negative economic impact on local retailers serving the hunting population as a result of the proposed changes. A small net increase in recreational deer hunting opportunity may have a positive economic impact on retailers of hunting supplies and other businesses such as restaurants in areas where seasons have been expanded. Issuance of all regular, special deer seasons permits at designated license agents may increase retail sales at these establishments.

A deer management strategy of population reduction on over 68 percent of the deer range will continue to lessen economic losses associated with deer damage to landscape plantings, gardens and agricultural crops, and from deer-vehicle collisions.

Environmental Impact

The proposed amendments should have little overall environmental impact. A two percent increase in the number of special deer seasons permits and other season length and bag limit adjustments should enhance efforts to continue to reduce deer numbers on over 68 percent of the deer range. Reduction of deer numbers in specific management zones will help reduce deer damage to residential plantings, gardens, agricultural crops and natural vegetation.

Federal Standards Statement

“Executive Order No. 27(1994) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. require State agencies which adopt, readopt or amend State regulations that exceed any Federal standards or requirements to include in the rulemaking document a Federal Standards analysis.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service regulates hunting in National Wildlife Refuge areas in New Jersey pursuant to National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act, 16, U.S.C. §668 dd (1966), and regulations (50 CFR 32.49). The proposed amendments to the Game Code do not contain any standards or requirements that exceed federal regulations involving National Wildlife Refuge areas.

The Waterfowl hunting regulations (50 (CFR 20) and Conservation Order regulations (50 CFR 20) that are promulgated annually by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service allow States to select the dates, times, manner and means for hunting of waterfowl within the allowable Federal framework established by the Fish and Wildlife Service. If a Conservation Order for snow geese is in effect at the same time as the federal hunting regulations for migratory waterfowl, the federal regulations for hunting migratory birds and the Conservation Order for snow geese may contain different requirements relating to the legal hunting hours, manner and means involving firearms and other allowable equipment. This is because the management objectives of snow geese may not have been achieved under waterfowl hunting regulations and therefore, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service will liberalize the taking of snow geese through a Conservation Order. The proposed amendments to the game code will establish the more conservative rules required for general waterfowl hunting during such times of overlap because hunters in the field

where both snow geese and other waterfowl are found, must adhere to the more restrictive federal standard involving general waterfowl hunting.

Therefore, the Department has determined that the proposed amendments to the Game Code do not contain any standards or requirements that exceed any standards or requirements imposed by Federal law. Accordingly, Executive Order No. 27(1994) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et Seq. do not require further analysis.

Jobs Impact

The proposed amendments are not anticipated to have any effect on the creation or elimination of jobs in the State. The amendments provide for continued recreational and economic benefits to the citizens of the State and the regulated use and proper management of the States wildlife resources.

Agriculture Industry Impact

The proposed amendments could have a positive impact on the state's agricultural industry by reducing losses from wildlife damage and depredation. The two-percent increase in special deer season permits and other season length and bag limit adjustments should continue to reduce the deer population and lessen the associated deer damage to agricultural crops on approximately 68 percent of the deer range.

Expansion of the fall woodchuck hunting season by six weeks, and addition of red and gray foxes to the list of species that may be controlled when causing damage or destroying livestock, crops or poultry; may enhance efforts to control these species. Modification of the migratory bird regulations so that special regulations contained in an anticipated “Conservation Order” from the US Fish and Wildlife Service could be utilized to control snow geese may enhance efforts by farmers to reduce damage to winter wheat, rye and other crops.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

Generally, the proposed 2002-2003 Game Code imposes minimal reporting and compliance requirements on sportsmen engaged in recreational hunting. These requirements are not, therefore, imposed upon small business, as the term is defined under the Regulatory Flexibility Act. N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et.seq.

However, the Game Code also regulates the activity of trappers, who may engage in such activity for their economic benefit. Such trappers may be considered small businesses. As there is no increased regulatory burden on trappers due to the proposed amendments and given the Council’s objective to protect game resources and foster recreational opportunities related to game, no differentiation in requirements to exempt small businesses is provided.

Smart Growth Impact

Executive Order No. 4 (2002) requires State agencies which adopt, amend or repeal any rule adopted pursuant to Section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act, to describe the impact of the proposed rule on the achievement of smart growth and implementation of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan). The Department has evaluated this rulemaking to determine the nature and extent of the proposed amendments' impact on smart growth and the implementation of the State Plan. The proposed amendments do not involve land use policies or infrastructure development and therefore, do not impact the achievement of smart growth. As to the implementation of the State Plan, the proposed amendments are intended to conserve the State's natural resources, which is one of the overall goals of the State Plan.

Full text of the proposal follows (additions indicated in underline and boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in boldface brackets [thus]):

SUBCHAPTER 5. [2001-2002] **2002-2003** GAME CODE

7:25-5.1 General provisions

(a) - (b) (No Change.)

(c) This Code, when adopted and when effective, shall supersede the provisions of [2000-2001] **2001-2002** Game Code.

(d) The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

1. – 15. (No change.)

16. For the purpose of determining eligibility for permits within the farmer deer and farmer turkey permit sections of this Code “immediate family” includes the spouse, child, stepchild, stepparent, legal guardian, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, great grandparent, brother, sister, stepsister, stepbrother, brother-in-law and sister-in-law of the farm owner or lessee who resides thereon.

17. “Earn-a-buck” requirement means deer hunters must harvest an antlerless deer from within a specified zone or zones, before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer in the prescribed season or season period, and deer management zone.

(e) (No Change.)

(f) Hunters may purchase no more than one All Around Sportsman License, or one Bow and Arrow Hunting License and one Firearm Hunting License for any calendar year.

7:25-5.2 Pheasant - Chinese ringneck (*Phasianus colchicus torquatus*), English or blackneck (*P. c. colchicus*), Mongolian (*P. mongolicus*), Japanese

green (*Phasianus versicolor*); including mutants and crosses of above

(a) The duration of the pheasant season will be [November 10–December 1, 2001, and December 10, 11, 13–31, 2001, and January 1–February 18, 2002;] November 9–December 7 and December 16, 17, 19–31, 2002, and January 1–February 17, 2003; November 8–December 6, and December 15, 16, 18–31, 2003, and January 1–February 16, 2004; November 13–December 4 and December 13, 14, 16–31, 2004, and January 1–February 21, 2005; November 12–December 3 and December 12, 13, 15–31, 2005 and January 2–February 20, 2006.

(b) (No change.)

(c) The duration for the pheasant season for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is [September 1–December 1, and December 10, 11, 13–31, 2001 and January 1–March 30, 2002;] September 2–December 7, and December 16, 17, 19–31, 2002, and January 1–March 31, 2003; September 1–December 6, and December 15, 16, 18–31, 2003, and January 1–March 31, 2004; September 1–December 4, and December 13, 14, 16–31, 2004, and January 1–March 31, 2005; and September 1–December 3, and December 12, 13, 15–31, 2005 and January 2–March 31, 2006.

(d) – (e) (No change.)

(f) Nothing contained herein shall preclude properly licensed and permitted [persons between 10 and 15 years of age] youth hunters from hunting pheasants on the Saturday before the opening of the pheasant season on selected wildlife management areas or portions

thereof, if such activity is authorized by the Division. Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 years or older), who must possess a proper and valid firearm license. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter shall not hunt independently of the supervising adult. Hunting hours, application procedures, permit quotas and the form of the permit shall be determined by the Division.

(g) The season for properly licensed semi-wild preserves is [November 10, 2001–March 15, 2002;] November 9, 2002–March 15, 2003; November 8, 2003–March 15, 2004; November 13, 2004–March 15, 2005; November 12, 2005–March 15, 2006, except that nothing contained herein shall preclude properly licensed and permitted [persons between 10 and 15 years of age inclusive] youth hunters from hunting pheasant on the Saturday before the regular opening of the pheasant season, on semi-wild preserves licensed for pheasant. Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 years or older), who must possess a proper and valid firearm license. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the supervising adult. The Director, with approval of the Council, may extend the pheasant season on licensed semi-wild preserves for a period not to exceed 20 days.

(h) (No Change.)

7:25-5.3 Cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*), blacktail jackrabbit (*Lepus*

californicus), whitetailed jackrabbit (*Lepus townsendii*), European hare (*Lepus europeus*), chukar partridge (*Alectoris graeca*), and quail (*Colinus virginianus*)

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of cottontail rabbit, black-tailed jack rabbit, white-tailed jack rabbit, European hare, chukar partridge and quail is [November 10-December 1, 2001, and December 10, 11, 13-31, 2001, and January 1-February 18, 2002;] November 9-December 7 and December 16, 17, 19-31, 2002, and January 1-February 17, 2003; November 8-December 6 and December 15, 16, 18- 31, 2003, and January 1-February 16, 2004; November 13-December 4 and December 13, 14, 16-31, 2004, and January 1-February 21, 2005; and, November 12-December 3 and December 12, 13, 15 - 31, 2005, and January 2-February 20, 2006.

(b) The duration of the season for the hunting of the animals enumerated by (a) above for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is [September 1-December 1, 2001, and December 10, 11, 13-31, 2001, and January 1-February 18, 2002;] September 2-December 7 and December 16, 17, 19-31, 2002, and January 1-February 17, 2003; September 1-December 6, and December 15, 16, 18-31, 2003, and January 1-February 16, 2004; September 1-December 4 and December 13, 14, 16-31, 2004, and January 1-February 21, 2005; and September 1-December 3 and December 12, 13, 15 - 31, 2005 and January 2- February 20, 2006.

(c) (No change.)

(d) The hunting hours for the animals enumerated in this section are 8:00 A.M. to 1/2 hour after sunset on [November 10, 2001,] November 9, 2002; November 8, 2003; November 13, 2004; and, November 12, 2005. On all other days for which hunting for these animals is legal, the hours are sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

(e) The quail and chukar partridge season for properly licensed semi-wild preserves is [November 10, 2001–March 15, 2002;] November 9, 2002–March 15, 2003; November 8, 2003–March 15, 2004; November 13, 2004–March 15, 2005; and November 12, 2005–March 15, 2006 inclusive, except that nothing herein contained shall preclude properly licensed and permitted [persons between 10 and 15 years of age] youth hunters from hunting quail and/or chukar on the Saturday before the regular opening of the quail and chukar season on semi-wild preserves licensed for quail and/or chukar. Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 years or older), who must possess a proper and valid firearm license. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the supervising adult. The Director, with approval of the council, may extend the quail and chukar partridge season on licensed semi-wild preserves for a period not to exceed 20 days.

(f) (No change.)

7:25-5.4 Ruffed grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*)

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of grouse is [September 29–December 1, and December 10, 11, 13–31, 2001, and January 1–February 18, 2002;] September 28–December 7, and December 16, 17, 19–31, 2002, and January 1–February 17, 2003; September 27–December 6, and December 15, 16, 18–31, 2003, and January 1–February 16, 2004; September 25–December 4, and December 13, 14, 16–31, 2004, and January 1–February 21, 2005; and, September 24–December 3, and December 12, 13, 15–31, 2005 and January 2–February 20, 2006.

(b) (No change.)

(c) The hunting hours for ruffed grouse are sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset except on [November 10, 2001;] November 9, 2002; November 8, 2003; November 13, 2004; and, November 12, 2005 when legal hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to 1/2 hour after sunset.

(d) (No change.)

7:25-5.5 Eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*)

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels is [September 29–December 1, and December 10, 11, 13–31, 2001, and January 1–February 18, 2002;] September 28–December 7, and December 16, 17, 19–31, 2002, and January 1–February 17, 2003; September 27–December 6, and December 15, 16, 18–31, 2003, and January 1–

February 16, 2004; September 25–December 4, and December 13, 14, 16–31, 2004, and January 1–February 21, 2005; and, September 24–December 3, and December 12, 13, 15–31, 2005 and January 2–February 20, 2006.

(b) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is [September 1–December 1, and December 10, 11, 13–31, 2001, and January 1–February 18, 2002;] September 2–December 7, and December 16, 17, 19–31, 2002, and January 1–February 17, 2003; September 1–December 6, and December 15, 16, 18–31, 2003, and January 1–February 16, 2004; September 1– December 4, and December 13, 14, 16–31, 2004, and January 1–February 21, 2005; and September 1–December 3, and December 12, 13, 15-31, 2005, and January 2–February 20, 2006.

(c) (No change.)

(d) Hunting hours for squirrels are sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, except on [November 10, 2001;] November 9, 2002; November 8, 2003; November 13, 2004; and, November 12, 2005 when legal hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to 1/2 hour after sunset.

(e) (No change.)

7:25-5.7 Wild turkey (*Meleagris gallapavo*)

(a) [The duration of the 2001 Fall Either-Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Season for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 20 shall include two separate hunting periods of three days each. The hunting periods shall be October 29-31, 2001 and November 1-3, 2001. There shall be no fall turkey hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22 in 2001.] The duration of the 2002 Fall Either Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Season for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 20 shall include a hunting period “N” of six-days, including Monday, October 28-Saturday, November 2, 2002. The duration of the 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Fall Either Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Seasons for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 20 and 21 shall include a hunting period “N” of six days including: Monday, October 27 – Saturday, November 1, 2003; Monday, October 25 – Saturday, October 30, 2004; Monday, October 31 – Saturday, November 5, 2005; and, Monday, October 30 – Saturday, November 4, 2006. There shall be no Fall Turkey Hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22 in 2002. There shall be no Fall Turkey Hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, and 22 in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006. The hunting periods for all [2002] 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006 Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler Seasons hunting areas shall be as set forth in (a) 1 through 6 below as follows:

1. Hunting Period A: [Monday, April 15–Friday, April 19, 2002] Monday, April 14 – Friday, April 18, 2003; Monday, April 19 – Friday, April 23, 2004; Monday, April 18 –Friday, April 22, 2005; Monday, April 17 – Friday, April 21, 2006, inclusive;

2. Hunting Period B: [Monday, April 22–Friday, April 26, 2002] Monday, April 21 – Friday April 25, 2003; Monday, April 26 – Friday, April 30, 2004; Monday, April 25 – Friday, April 29, 2005; Monday, April 24 – Friday, April 28, 2006, inclusive;

3. Hunting Period C: [~~Monday, April 29–Friday May 3, 2002~~] Monday, April 28 – Friday, May 2, 2003; Monday, May 3 – Friday, May 7, 2004; Monday, May 2 – Friday, May 6, 2005; Monday, May 1 – Friday, May 5, 2006, inclusive;

4. Hunting Period D: [~~Monday, May 6–Friday, May 10, 2002~~] Monday, May 5 – Friday, May 9, 2003; Monday, May 10 – Friday, May 14, 2004; Monday, May 9 – Friday, May 13, 2005; Monday, May 8 – Friday, May 12, 2006, inclusive;

5. Hunting Period E: [~~Monday, May 13–Friday, May 17 and Monday, May 20–Friday May 4, 2002~~] Monday, May 12 – Friday, May 16 and Monday, May 19 – Friday, May 23, 2003; Monday, May 17 – Friday, May 21 and Monday, May 24 – Friday, May 28, 2004; Monday, May 16 – Friday, May 20 and Monday, May 23 – Friday, May 27, 2005; Monday, May 15 – Friday, May 19 and Monday, May 22 – Friday, May 26, 2006; inclusive;

6. Hunting Period G- Saturdays, [~~April 20 and 27 and May 4, 11 and 18, 2002~~] April 19 and 26 and May 3, 10 and 17, 2003; April 24 and May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2004; April 23 and 30 and May 7, 14 and 21, 2005; April 22 and 29 and May 6, 13 and 20, 2006, inclusive.

(b) – (g) (No change.)

(h) Wild Turkey Hunting Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Holders of valid and current firearm or archery hunting licenses, including

juvenile licenses, shall apply by [detaching from the hunting license the stub marked "Special Turkey", signing as provided on the back, and sending the stub together with] submitting an application form which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions. First time permit applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply for a wild turkey hunting permit provided they have applied for a hunter education course prior to the permit application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application. Application forms may be obtained from:

i. – iv. (No change.)

2. (No change.)

3. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, address, current and valid firearm or archery hunting license number, social security number, turkey hunting areas applied for, hunting periods applied for, and any other information requested. Only those applications will be accepted for participation in random selection that are received in the Trenton office during the period of [February 1-22] January 25 – February 22, inclusive. Applications received after February 22 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permits will be by random drawing except that applicants 10-6 years of age who have a valid youth hunting license will receive a spring hunting season permit for the hunting area and period applied for separate from the spring permit quota.

i. (No change.)

4. – 6. (No change.)

(i) – (j) (No change.)

(k) Turkey hunting area map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The Spring Turkey Hunting Season Permit Quotas are as set forth in (k)1 below:

1. [2002] 2003 - 2006 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

[2002] SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS
For Hunting Periods A, B, C, D, E, and G.

Turkey Hunting Area Number	Hunting Period Permit Quota*	Season Permit Quota Total	Portions of Counties Involved
1	240	1,440	Sussex
2	315	1,890	Sussex, Warren
3	115	690	Sussex, Warren
4	240	1,440	Sussex, Warren, Morris
5	325	1,950	Sussex
6	500	3,000	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen
7	500	3,000	Sussex, Morris, Passaic
8	325	1,950	Warren, Hunterdon
9	220	1,320	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris
10	160	960	Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union
11	300	1,800	Middlesex, Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
12	175	1,050	Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth
14	200	1,200	Burlington, Ocean, Monmouth
15	200	1,200	Burlington, Ocean, Atlantic
16	200	1,200	Burlington, Atlantic, Ocean, Cape May
20	500	3,000	Cumberland, Salem
21	240	1,440	Atlantic, Cumberland, Salem

22

120

720

Atlantic, Cape May,
Cumberland

Total

4,875

29,250

*Applied to each of the six Turkey Hunting Permit hunting periods (A, B, C, D, E, G) in all areas enumerated in (a)1 through 6 above.

(l) The Fall Turkey Hunting Season (Hunting Period N) Permit Quotas are as follows:

FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS 2002 and 2003- 2006

Turkey Hunting Area Number	[2001 Hunting Period Permit Quota*]	[2001 Season Total]	2002 Permit Quota**	<u>2003-2006 Permit Quota</u>	Portions of Counties Involved
1	[120]	[240]	240	<u>240</u>	Sussex
2	[140]	[280]	315	<u>315</u>	Sussex, Warren
3	[80]	[160]	115	<u>115</u>	Sussex, Warren
4	[120]	[240]	240	<u>240</u>	Sussex, Warren
5	[160]	[320]	325	<u>325</u>	Sussex
6	[200]	[400]	500	<u>500</u>	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen
7	[200]	[400]	500	<u>500</u>	Sussex, Morris, Passaic
8	[160]	[320]	325	<u>325</u>	Warren, Hunterdon
9	[105]	[210]	220	<u>220</u>	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris
10	[80]	[160]	160	<u>160</u>	Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union
11	[105]	[210]	300	<u>300</u>	Middlesex, Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
20	[175]	[350]	500	<u>500</u>	Cumberland, Salem
21				<u>100</u>	Atlantic, Cumberland, Salem
Total	[1,645]	[3,290]	3,740	<u>3,840</u>	

[*Applied to each of the Fall 2001 Turkey Hunting Permit hunting periods (H, I) in Turkey Hunting Areas 1-11 and 20, exclusively:

i. Hunting Period H: October 29-31, 2001

ii. Hunting Period I: November 1-3, 2001, inclusive;]

**Applied to the single Fall 2002 Turkey Hunting Period hunting period “N” of Monday, October 28–Saturday, November 2, 2002 in Turkey Hunting Areas 1–11 and 20, exclusively.

(m) – (n) (No change.)

(o) A special youth spring turkey hunting day with shotgun or bow and arrow will be [Saturday, April 13, 2002;] Saturday, April 12, 2003; Saturday, April [10] 17, 2004; Saturday, April [9] 16, 2005; and, Saturday, April [8] 15, 2006, inclusive. Youth hunters must possess a current and valid Youth Hunting License and a valid permit for the hunting area. Youth hunters, 10 to 16 years of age, who qualify to hunt as provided for in (i) above must have a valid permit for the farm designated on the application. All youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 years or older), who must possess a proper and valid firearm license if the youth is hunting with a shotgun; or a proper and valid bow and arrow license if the youth hunter is hunting with a bow and arrow. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are set up together at the same location and hunting as a unit. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the supervising adult. All other hunting requirements for the regular Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler Season shall apply.

7:25-5.8 Mink (*Mustela vison*) muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*) and nutria (*Myocaster coypus*) trapping only.

(a) (No change.)

(b) The duration of the mink, muskrat and nutria-trapping season is as follows:

1. Northern Zone: 6:00 A.M. on [November 15, 2001 through March 15, 2002;] November 15, 2002 through March 15, 2003; November 15, 2003 through March 15, 2004; November 15, 2004 through March 15, 2005; and, November 15, 2005 through March 15, 2006, inclusive, except on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas.

2. – 3. (No change)

4. On State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas: 6:00 A.M. on [January 1–March 15, 2002;] January 1–March 15, 2003; January 1–March 15, 2004; January 1–March 15, 2005; and, January 1–March 15, 2006 inclusive.

(c) – (e) (No change.)

7:25-5.9 Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) trapping

(a) (No change.)

(b) The duration of the trapping season for beaver shall be January 1 through February 9, [2002] 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, inclusive. If the anticipated harvest of beaver has not been accomplished during this season, up to 14 additional days may be authorized by the Director.

(c) Special Permit: A special permit obtained from the Division of Fish and Wildlife shall be required to trap beaver. If the number of applications received in the Trenton office exceeds the quotas listed, a random drawing will be held to determine permit holders. Applications shall be received in the Trenton office during the period October 15 - November 15, annually. Unclaimed beaver permits may be issued over-the-counter. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and shall provide their current and valid trapping license number. Successful applicants must trap with a valid, current trapping license. The [2002] 2003 Special Beaver Trapping Permit quota is as follows:

[2002] 2003 SPECIAL BEAVER PERMIT QUOTAS

Beaver Management Number	[2002] <u>2003</u> Permit Quota*	Portions of Counties Involved
1	7	Sussex
2	8	Sussex
3	6	Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex
4	6	Sussex, Warren
5	6	Sussex, Warren
6	20	Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren
7	8	Essex, Morris, Passaic
8	7	Ocean
9	7	Burlington, Ocean

10	6 Atlantic, Burlington, Camden
11	5 Atlantic, Burlington, Ocean
12	4 Atlantic, Camden, Gloucester
13	2 Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland
14	2 Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem
15	2 Cumberland, Salem
16	6 Atlantic, Burlington
17	5 Atlantic
18	3 Atlantic, Cape May
19	6 Hunterdon, Morris, Warren
20	3 Hunterdon, Morris
21	0 Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
22	1 Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union
23	0 Bergen, Hudson, Passaic
24	1 Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset
25	1 Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset
26	1 Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth
27	2 Monmouth, Ocean
28	4 Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth
29	4 Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
30	4 Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem

Total 137

(d) – (i) (No change.)

7:25-5.10 River otter (*Lutra canadensis*) trapping

(a) (No change.)

(b) The duration of the trapping season for otter shall be January 1 through February 9, [2002] 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006, inclusive. If the anticipated harvest of otter has not been accomplished, up to 14 additional days may be authorized by the Director.

(c) – (g) (No change.)

(h) Beaver and Otter Zones are described as follows:

1. Zone 1: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New York-New Jersey state line with Rt. 519; then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 23; then south on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Colesville; then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with County Rt. 636 above Branchville, then west on Rt. 636 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south on Rt. 206 to Rt. 521, then southwest on Rt. 521 to its intersection with County Rt. 617; then south on Rt. 617 to its intersection with Rt. 624 near Fairview Lake, then northwest on Rt. 624 to its intersection with [Rt. 615, and then west on 615 to] Big Flatbrook River; then southwest along the southern bank of the Big Flatbrook River to its confluence with the Delaware River, then north along the Delaware River to the New York-New Jersey state line; then [and] south along the New York-New Jersey state line to Rt. 519, the point of beginning.

2. – 3. (No change.)

4. Zone 4: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the confluence of the Delaware and Big Flatbrook River; then northeast along the southern bank of Big Flatbrook River [intersection of Rt. 615 and the Delaware River at Flatbrookville, then east along Rt. 615] to its intersection with Rt. 624; then south on Rt. 624 to its intersection with Rt. 617, then north on Rt. 617 to its

intersection with Rt. 521 then northeast on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Newton; then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 608 at Marksboro, then south on Rt. 608 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then south on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 80 near Hope; then west on Rt. 80 to its intersection with 94 at Columbia; then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with the Delaware River [near Columbia]; then north and northeast along the Delaware River to its confluence with the Big Flatbrook River [intersection with Rt. 615], the point of beginning.

5. Zone 5: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River and Rt. [80 at Columbia,] 94 at Columbia; then north on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 521 near Hope; then north on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 608, then northeast on Rt. 608 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Marksboro; then north and east on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Newton, then north on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 15 at Ross Corner, then south on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Sparta; then southwest on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown, then west on Rt. 46 to its intersection with Water Street in Belvidere; then south along Water Street to its intersection with the Delaware River; then north on the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. [80 at Columbia] 94, the point of beginning.

6. – 7. (No change.)

8. Zone 8: That portion of Ocean County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 537 and Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, then south on Rt. 539

to its intersection with Rt. 72 near Howardsville, then east on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532, then east on Rt. 532 to its termination at Barnegat Bay; then continuing eastward across Barnegat Bay and through Barnegat Inlet to the Atlantic Ocean, then north along the Atlantic Ocean to its intersection with Rt. 528 at Mantoloking, then west along Rt. 528 (527/528) to its intersection with Rt. 195 near Jackson Mills, then west along Rt. 195 to its intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson; then southwest along Rt. 537 to its intersection with Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, the point of beginning.

9. – 10. (No change.)

11. Zone 11: That portion of Ocean, Burlington and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and Rt. 532 at Chatsworth; then east on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 72; then southeast on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532 near Howardsville, then east on Rt. 532 to its termination at Barnegat Bay; then continuing eastward across Barnegat Bay and through Barnegat Inlet to the Atlantic Ocean, then south along the Atlantic Ocean to the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City; then northwest on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 563 in Egg Harbor, then north on Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 532 at Chatsworth, the point of beginning.

12. – 14. (No change.)

15. Zone 15: That portion of Salem and Cumberland Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River at Rt. 625 at Oakwood

Beach, then east on Rt. 625 to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem, then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Pecks Corner-Cohansey Road [Rt. 32], then east on [Rt. 32] Pecks Corner-Cohansey Road to its intersection with Rt. 540, then east on Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 553, at Centerton, then south on Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 631 near Port Norris, then south on Rt. 631 to the Delaware Bay, then northwest along the Delaware Bay and Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 625 at Oakwood Beach, the point of beginning.

16. – 18. (No change.)

19. Zone 19: That portion of Warren, Morris and Hunterdon Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Water Street and the Delaware River; then north on Water Street to its intersection with [at] Route 46 [north of Belvidere] and continuing east on Route 46 to its intersection with Route 182 at Hackettstown; then south on Route 182 to its intersection with Route 517; then south along Route 517 (517/24) to Schooleys Mountain; then south on Pleasant Grove Road to Pleasant Grove; then southeast on Califon Road to its intersection with Sliker Road; then southeast on Sliker Road to its intersection with East Hill Road; then south on East Hill Road to its intersection with Route 628 at Woodglen; then southwest on Route 628 to its intersection with Route 645 at Glen Gardner; then northwest on Route 645 to its intersection with Route 635 at Hampton, then south on Route 635 (Charlestown Road) to its intersection with Route 78/22; then west on Route 78/22 to its intersection with Route 614 near Perryville; then southwest on Route 614 to its intersection with Route 519 at Spring Mills; then south on Route 519 to the

Delaware River at Milford; then northward along the Delaware River to its intersection with Water Street in [Route 46 north of] Belvidere, the point of beginning.

20. – 29. (No change.)

30. Zone 30: That portion of Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River and Route 30 at Camden; then east along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 130; then south on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 76; then south on Route 76 to its intersection with Route 42; then southeast on Route 42 to its intersection with Spur 536 near Williamstown; then south on Spur 536 to its intersection with Route 322 (322/536) at Williamstown then west on Route 322/536 to its intersection with Route 553 at Glassboro; then south on Route 553 to its intersection with Route 540 at Centerton; then west on Route 540 to its intersection with Pecks Corner-Cohansey Road; [Route 32;] then west on [Route 32] Pecks Corner-Cohansey Road to its intersection with Route 49; then northwest along Route 49 to its intersection with Route 625 at Salem; then west on Route 625 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Oakwood Beach, then northward along the Delaware River to Route 30 at Camden, the point of beginning.

(i) (No change.)

7:25-5.11 Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), striped

skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), long-tailed weasel (*Mustela frenata*), short-tailed weasel (*Mustela erminea*), and coyote (*Canis latrans*) trapping only

(a) (No change.)

(b) The duration of the regular raccoon, red fox, gray fox, Virginia opossum, striped skunk, long-tailed weasel, short-tailed weasel and coyote trapping season is 6:00 A.M. on [November 15, 2001 to March 15, 2002;] November 15, 2002 to March 15, 2003; November 15, 2003 to March 15, 2004; November 15, 2004 to March 15, 2005; and, November 15, 2005 to March 15, 2006, inclusive, except on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas.

(c) The duration for trapping on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas is 6:00 A.M. on [January 1–March 15, 2002;] January 1–March 15, 2003; January 1–March 15, 2004; January 1–March 15, 2005; and, January 1–March 15, 2006 inclusive.

(d) – (h) (No change.)

7:25-5.13 Migratory birds

(a) Should any open season on migratory game birds including waterfowl, be set by Federal regulation which would include opening day of the regular small game season

including [November 10, 2001;] November 9, 2002; November 8, 2003; November 13, 2004; and, November 12, 2005, the starting time on such date will be 8:00 A.M. to coincide with the opening of the small game season on that date. However, this shall not preclude the hunting of migratory game birds, including waterfowl, on the tidal marshes of the State as regularly prescribed throughout the season by Federal regulations.

(b) Unless otherwise provided, [hunting] methods for taking migratory birds shall be in accordance with the code of Federal hunting regulations described in the current regulatory announcement, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(c) A person shall not take, attempt to take, hunt for or have in possession, any migratory game birds including waterfowl, except at the time and in the manner prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for the current hunting season or during the period that a U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Conservation Order is in effect. The species of migratory game birds, including waterfowl, that may be taken or possessed and unless otherwise provided the daily bag limits shall be the same as those prescribed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the current hunting season or during the period that a Conservation Order is in effect. Effective September 1, 1998, anyone engaged in hunting migratory birds including waterfowl, woodcock, mourning doves, rails and gallinules must comply with the rules of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program as specified in 50 C.F.R. Part 20.20 Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program; Final Rule, incorporated herein by reference, wherein licensed hunters are required to supply

their names, addresses, and migratory bird harvest information to the hunting license authority of the state in which they hunt. Hunters are required to have evidence of participation in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program on their person while hunting migratory game birds. Evidence of participation shall include a code number the hunter will enter on his or her valid hunting license. The code number will be obtained via a telephone interview utilizing a toll free number provided by the Division.

(d) – (e) (No change.)

(f) State laws and regulations can be more stringent but not more lenient than the time and manner prescribed by the **[c]**Code of Federal **[r]**Regulations (Title 50) for taking migratory birds during a hunting season or the period that a Conservation Order is in effect.

(g) Hunting hours for waterfowl shall be those hours that are prescribed by the Department of the Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the current hunting season or during the period that a Conservation Order is in effect except that hunting hours for snow geese shall end at sunset from October 1 until the closing of the special winter Canada goose season.

(h) A special swan permit shall be required to hunt swans, if the appropriate prescribed special season is established by Federal regulations. If a special season for swan is established by Federal regulations, the special swan hunting area shall be the counties of Burlington,

Cumberland and Salem. The September Canada Goose hunting area shall be that portion of the State designated by Federal regulations. The late season Canada goose hunting areas shall be that portion of the State established by Federal regulations. A special permit shall be required to pursue snow geese during the period of any Conservation Order, authorized by Federal Regulations, is in effect.

(i) Valid and signed Federal and state waterfowl stamps are required for hunting ducks and geese for everyone 16 years of age or over. Federal stamp requirements for pursuing snow geese during any period that a Conservation Order is in effect will be as prescribed by Federal Regulations. State stamps are required for pursuing snow geese during any period that a Conservation Order is in effect. Regular state valid hunting license is also required to hunt ducks and geese and to pursue snow geese during the period that a Conservation Order is in effect that may be authorized by Federal Regulations.

(j) – (k) (No change.)

(l) A person shall not take or attempt to take migratory game birds:

1. With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells at one time or that may be fired more than three times without reloading except as may be provided for by Federal regulations during a hunting season or period that a Conservation Order is in effect;

2. – 9. (No change.)

10. Before 8:00 A.M. on [November 10, 2001;] November 9, 2002; November 8, 2003; November 13, 2004; and, November 12, 2005. However this shall not preclude the hunting of migratory game birds on tidal waters or tidal marshes of the State;

11. – 18. (No change.)

(m) Seasons and bag limits are as follows:

1. Mourning dove (*Zenaida macroura*) are protected. There will be no open season on these birds during [2000-2001] 2002-2003.

2. (No change.)

(n) – (r) (No change.)

7:25-5.15 Crow (*Corvus spp.*)

(a) Duration for the season for hunting the crow shall be Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from [August 6, 2001 through March 16, 2002;] August 5, 2002 through March 15, 2003; August 11, 2003 through March 20, 2004; August 9, 2004 through March 19, 2005; and, August 8, 2005 through March 18, 2006, or as otherwise prescribed by the Code of Federal Regulations by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the

current hunting season inclusive, except closed during the six-day firearm deer season on [December 3–8, 2001;] December 9–14, 2002; December 8–13, 2003; December 6–11, 2004 ; and, December 5–10, 2005.

(b) (No change.)

(c) The hours for hunting crows shall be sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, except on [November 10, 2001;] November 9, 2002; November 8, 2003; November 13, 2004; and, November 12, 2005, when the hours are 8:00 A.M. to 1/2 hour after sunset.

(d) (No change.)

7:25-5.17 Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*) and Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) hunting

(a) Except as noted in (c) below, the duration for the season of hunting raccoons and Virginia opossum is: [October 1, 2001 to March 1, 2002;] October 1, 2002 to March 1, 2003; October 1, 2003 to March 1, 2004; October 1, 2004 to March 1, 2005; and, October 1, 2005 to March 1, 2006, inclusive. The hours for hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except on opening days hunting may begin at one hour after sunset.

(b) – (e) (No change.)

7:25-5.18 Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*) hunting

(a) Duration for the hunting of woodchucks with a rifle including a muzzleloading rifle is March 1 through September 25, 2002; March 1 through September 24, 2003; March 1 through September 29, 2004; March 1 through September 28, 2005; and, March 1 through September 27, 2006. Licensed hunters may also take woodchuck with shotgun or long bow and arrow or by means of falconry during the regular woodchuck rifle season and during the upland game season established in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.3, 5.4 and 5.5.

(b) The hours for the hunting of woodchuck shall be [$\frac{1}{2}$ hour before] sunrise to $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset.

(c) – (f) (No change.)

7:25-5.19 Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) and coyote (*Canis latrans*) hunting

(a) The duration of the red fox, gray fox, and coyote hunting season is as follows:

1. Bow and Arrow Only: [September 29–November 9, 2001;] September 28–November 8, 2002; September 27–November 7, 2003; October 2–November 12, 2004; and,

October 1–November 12, 2005.

2. Firearm or Bow and Arrow: [November 10, 2001–February 18, 2002;] November 9, 2002– February 17, 2003; November 8, 2003–February 16, 2004; November 13, 2004–February 21, 2005; and, November 12, 2005–February 20, 2006.

(b) (d) (No change.)

(e) The duration of the special eastern coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season is [February 1–18, 2002;] February 1–17, 2003; February 2–16, 2004; February 1–21, 2005; February 1–20, 2006 and it is open statewide.

(f) The hours for the hunting of coyote, red fox and gray fox during the special eastern coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season listed in (e) above are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except as noted in (h) below which allows coyote hunting at night between ½ hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise.

(g) (No change.)

(h) During the period of special eastern coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season listed in (e) above, exclusively, [coyote] hunting methods shall be restricted to calling and stand hunting. No person shall stalk or attempt to approach a coyote, red fox or gray fox for the purpose of taking or attempting to take the animal. A [coyote] predator calling

device must be in possession while [coyote] hunting. The use of dogs or bait is prohibited. Portable lights are permitted. Fluorescent hunters orange is not required on outer clothing for coyote hunting during the special eastern coyote hunting season. A special eastern coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season permit is required from the Division. Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. A three inch by five inch index card containing the applicants name, mailing address, date of birth and evening phone number must be submitted to the Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400, between October 15 and November 15 annually. Applicants shall write special coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season at the bottom of the card. In addition, nothing in this subsection shall preclude the Division from taking application for and providing issuance of special coyote red fox and gray fox hunting permits at subsequent times, upon notice of the dates and procedures thereof by the Division. Such notification shall be announced by press and/or radio.

(i) During the special eastern coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season listed in (e) above, exclusively, coyotes may be hunted with bow and arrow, shotgun and single barrel muzzleloader rifles between ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds. All other bows must have a minimum draw pull weight of 35 pounds. Shotguns shall be no smaller than 12 gauge nor larger than 10 gauge. No shot size larger than #2 fine shot or smaller than #4 fine shot shall be used for coyote hunting with shotgun. Muzzleloader rifles shall be no less than .44 caliber. Smoothbore muzzleloaders shall be single barreled. Between ½ hour after sunset

and ½ hour before sunrise, only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns and #2 or #4 fine shot may be used.

(j) Any coyote [by a coyote permit holder] killed during regular or special hunting seasons shall be reported to a Division regional law enforcement office within [48] 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and phone number.

(k) (No change.)

7:25-5.20 Dogs

(a) A person shall not exercise or train dogs on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas May 1 to August 31, inclusive, except on portions or various wildlife management areas designated as dog training areas, and there shall be no exercising or training of dogs on any Wildlife Management Area on the day preceding the opening of the regular small game season, including: [November 9, 2001;] November 8, 2002; November 7, 2003; November 12, 2004; and, November 11, 2005.

(b) – (c) (No change.)

7:25-5.21 Squirrel (*Sciurus spp.*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), opossum (*Didelphis virginianus*), skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), weasel (*Mustela spp.*) woodchuck (*Marmota monax*) [and], coyote (*Canis latrans*), gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), and red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) **damage.**

(a) Property owners and occupants of dwellings suffering damage from squirrel, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, [and] woodchuck, gray fox, red fox and coyote, or their agents designated in writing, may control these animals by lawful procedures at any time subject to State law and local ordinances. Persons controlling coyotes under this provision must notify one of the Regional Law Enforcement Offices within 24 hours.

(b) Farmers or their agents may control squirrels, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, woodchuck, gray fox, red fox and coyotes, by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock, crops or poultry, subject to State law and local ordinances. [and] Farmers or their agents controlling coyotes under this provision must notify one of the Regional Law Enforcement Offices within 24 hours.

(c) (No change.)

7:25-5.22 Wild animals; possession, killing

(a) – (d) (No change.)

(e) No person shall have in possession a deer, bear or turkey that he himself or she herself did not kill unless it has a tag bearing the name, address, telephone number, license and permit numbers of the person who killed the deer, bear or turkey.

(1) – (2) (No change.)

(3) Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from collecting and possessing naturally shed, deer antler(s).

(f) Not for profit and non-commercial organizations, including civic associations, volunteer fire departments and first aid squads, the New Jersey State Federation

of Sportsmen's Clubs and their county affiliates, sportsmen's clubs and other conservation organizations, may conduct "wild game or venison dinner" fund raising events. These dinners/events may include prepared and ready-to-eat game and fur-bearing animal meat on a per serving basis. The game and fur-bearer animal meat, the sale of which is otherwise prohibited, must be harvested, registered if required, stored and processed in accordance with applicable State, county, and local laws and regulations.

(g) In addition to the wildlife species and/or parts listed in N.J.S.A. 23:4-27, the pelt including the tail of the eastern gray squirrel (*Sciurus carolinensis*) may be sold, as defined in N.J.S.A. 23:4-27.

Recodify existing (f) as (h) (No change in text.)

7:25-5.23 Firearms and missiles, etc.

(a) - (k) (No change.)

(l) The Division may issue special permits without fee, to shoot or hunt from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road to licensed hunters who have demonstrated in writing the nature of their disability and the need for an exemption. The applicant must provide medical documentation on the form(s) provided by the Division, which must be certified by a physician licensed to practice medicine.[after investigations, are found to be paraplegics.] Permittees are subject to all applicable New Jersey Fish and Wildlife laws and

regulations. Violation of any Fish and Wildlife law or regulation may result in the revocation of any special permit issued by the Division.

1. Individuals hunting with a permit to hunt or shoot from a motor vehicle must mark the vehicle being used for the purpose of hunting in one of the following ways: The vehicle must display handicapped license plates issued by the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles or display a sign, provided by the Division, in the rear window of the vehicle being utilized.

2. Permits issued to individuals under this subsection and under (o) below may be revoked by the Division when the applicant is found to have made false statements on their application or the applicant had been convicted of any violation of Fish and Wildlife laws and regulations.

(m) No person shall have both a firearm and a bow and arrow in his possession or under his control in the woods or fields or on the water while hunting any wild bird or mammal. This does not preclude a person from carrying both a firearm and [n]bow and arrow in a motor vehicle. This does not apply to duly constituted law enforcement officers.

(n) (No change.)

(o) Physically challenged persons whose need for alternative methods of taking game animals can not be addressed by the provisions of [(m)] (l) above and N.J.A.C. 7:25

5.24 (e) may apply to the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further exemption from the existing regulations concerning methods of [take including alternative equipment] taking wildlife including alternative equipment on forms provided by the Division. Applicants must demonstrate in writing the nature of the disability and the need for an exemption and must provide [supportive medical documentation on the form(s) provided by the Division from a physician licensed to practice medicine in New Jersey] medical documentation on the form(s) provided by the Division, which must be certified by a physician licensed to practice medicine. The Division will review each request submitted under (l) above, this subsection, and N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.24(e) and may determine the need to schedule interviews with the applicants and/or their physician[s] to verify the circumstances and determine the specific requirements of each applicant, and assess the ability of each applicant to [safety] safely and effectively use alternative equipment or methods. Additional medical information and/or evaluation may be required if deemed necessary by the Division in order to make a determination of the validity of the application. The cost of the additional medical testing is the responsibility of the applicant. Each permit shall designate the specific alternative methods [of] to take wildlife, including equipment permitted and the term of the permit for each individual determined to be qualified. All handicapped permit [A]applications will be accepted during the period of January 1 [-] to August 31 of each year. Within 60 calendar days from the [issuance of] denial of any application by the Division, the applicant may appeal to the Fish and Game Council. Any further right of appeal shall be determined and handled in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1. Such disputes will be referred to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing.

(p) - (u) (No change.)

7:25-5.24 Bow and arrow, general provisions

(a) – (d) (No change.)

(e) The Division may issue a Special Bow Use Permit to certain physically handicapped individuals which would allow these individuals as specified below in this subsection to hunt with a longbow, recurved bow or compound bow that has been modified such that it has a mechanical device built into or attached to, that will enable the archer to draw and lock the bow at full or partial draw. Crossbows are ~~[prohibited]~~ permitted under a Special Use Bow Permit. Special Bow Use Permit applications will require certification and testing by a physician licensed to practice medicine ~~[in the State of New Jersey]~~ and be subject to Division review and ratification. For the purposes of this permit, a handicapped individual is defined as one who is incapable of using a bow due to a permanent disability resulting from the loss of, or loss of use of, one or both arms as a result of birth defects, injury or disease. Permittees are subject to all applicable Fish and Game laws and regulations. Violation of any Fish and Wildlife law or regulation may result in the revocation of any special permit issued by the Division.

(f) (No change.)

7:25-5.25 White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) fall bow season

(a) Duration of the fall bow season is as set forth in (a)1 through 2 below. [Deer Management Zones 38, 56-60 61, 64 and 67 are not open for this season.] Legal hunting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

1. [September 29–October 26, 2001 and] September 28–October 25, 2002, September 27- October 24, 2003, October 2- 29, 2004 and October 1- 28, 2005 in Zones 1–4, 6, 15–19, 21–31, 34, 35, 37, 39, 43, 45–48, 52–55, 63, 65 and 66.

2. [September 8–October 26, 2001 and] September 7–October 25, 2002, September 6 – October 24, 2003, September 11 – October 29, 2004 and September 10 – October 28, 2005 in Zones 5, 7–14, 36, [39] 40–42 and 49–51.

(b) Bag Limit: Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the fall bow season. Hunters taking an antlered buck in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have a “Fall Bow Only Antlered Buck Stub” from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license which is designated for use during the fall bow season. [Only antlerless deer may be taken from September 8, through 28, 2001 and September 7 through September 27, 2002 in applicable Zones where the season is open.] The standard bag limit is two deer, either one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless in Zones: 1, 3, 4, 6, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53, 55, and 65. [Only one deer, which must be antlered, may be taken in Zone 4 as part of the fall bow season standard bag limit.] In Zones: 2, 5, 7-15, [16], 17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 39-42, 47-51, 54, 63, and 66 the bag limit is one

antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer. In Zones 5, 7-14, 36, 40, 41, 50 and 51, an antlerless deer must be taken from one of these zones before an antlered deer may be taken throughout the season. In Zones 42 and 49, an antlerless deer must be taken before an antlered deer from September 7 through 27, 2002, September 6 – 26, 2003, September 11 – October 1, 2002 and September 10 – 30, 2005; after these periods, the earn-a-buck requirement does not apply. Properly licensed hunters who harvest their first deer during the fall bow season subject to the provisions of this section will be given a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” (supplemental tag), upon registration of their deer at a designated deer check station. This tag will be valid for the taking of one additional deer, either an antlered or antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlerless; or, an antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlered. The supplemental tag may be used in any zone that is open for the season subject to the limitations of this section. Properly licensed hunters that harvest a second deer may obtain a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” upon registration of their second deer at a designated check station. Supplemental tags for the taking of a third or subsequent deer are valid only in zones that have a bag limit of an unlimited number of antlerless deer listed above. [Supplemental tags for the taking of a third and subsequent deer will only be valid in the following Zones: 2, 5, 7-17, 19, 22, 25-29, 35, 36, 39-42, 47-51, 54, 63 and 66.] After taking a second deer, hunters may not hunt deer during the fall bow season in the following Zones: 1, 3, 4, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53, 55 and 65. One additional supplemental tag, valid only in zones with an unlimited antlerless deer bag limit, will be issued upon registration of each subsequent deer until the season concludes. After harvesting the season limit of one antlered deer, supplemental deer tags will only be valid for taking antlerless deer. All supplemental tags are

valid on the date of issuance in all zones that are open for this season. Deer shall be tagged immediately with completely filled in "transportation tag" and shall be transported to a deer checking station before 8:00 P.M. D.S.T. or E.S.T., whichever is in effect, on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked on the deer before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station.

Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. The supplemental tag shall be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck must detach, date and initial the current year "Fall Bow Only Antlered Buck Stub" from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station.

1. – 2. (No change.)

(c) This season shall be open only to holders of a valid and current bow and arrow hunting license or all around sportsman license that contains an attached fall bow and arrow deer "transportation tag" or a proper and valid supplemental tag. If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, additional days of bow and arrow deer hunting may be authorized by the Director. Such authorization and dates thereof shall be announced by press and radio. Handicapped individuals hunting with a modified bow must have a valid Special Bow Use Permit on their person while hunting in addition to a valid Bow and Arrow Hunting License.

(d) (No change.)

7:25-5.26 White-tailed deer winter bow season

(a) Duration of the winter bow season is from January 1 - 31, [2002] 2003, 2004 and 2005, and January 2 - 31, 2006 in zones : 1- 4, 6, 15-19, 21-31, 34, 35, 37, 39, 40, [42 - 49,] 43, 45-48, 52, 53, 54, 55, 63, 65 and 66; and, [January 1-February 16, 2002] January 1 - February 15, 2003, January 1 - February 14, 2004, January 1 - February 19, 2005 and January 2 - February 18, 2006 in zones: 5, 7-14, 36, [39-] 41, 42, 49, 50 and 51. [Deer management zones 38, 56-60, 61, 64 and 67 are not open for this season.] Legal hunting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

(b) Bag Limit: Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the winter bow season where the season is open. Hunters taking an antlered buck in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have an antlered buck stub from their bow and arrow hunting license or all around [hunting] sportsman license which is designated for use during the winter bow season. [Upon checking an antlered buck hunters must surrender the buck stub from their license which is designated for use during the winter bow season.] The standard bag limit is two deer, one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53, 55 and 65. In Zones 2, 5, 7-15, [16] 17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 39-42, 47-51, 54, 63 and 66 the bag limit is one antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer. [In Zones 5, 7-14, 36, 40, 41, 50 and 51, an antlerless deer must be taken from one of these zones before an antlered deer may be taken

throughout the winter bow season.] Properly licensed hunters who take their first deer during the winter bow season will be given a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” (supplemental tag), upon registration of their first deer at a designated deer check station. This tag will be valid for the taking of one additional deer, either an antlered or antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlerless; or, an antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlered. The supplemental tag may be used in any zone that is open for the winter bow season subject to the limitations of this section. Properly licensed hunters that take a second deer may obtain a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” upon registration of their second deer at a designated check station. Supplemental tags for the taking of a third or subsequent deer are only valid in zones that have a bag limit of an unlimited number of antlerless deer. Supplemental tags for the taking of a third and subsequent deer will only be valid in the [following Zones: 2, 5, 7-17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 39-42, 47-51, 54, 63 and 66] zones listed above having an unlimited bag limit for antlerless deer. After taking a second deer, hunters may not hunt deer during the winter bow season in the following Zones: 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53, 55 and 65. One additional supplemental tag, valid only in zones with an unlimited antlerless deer bag limit, will be issued upon registration of each subsequent deer until the season concludes. Supplemental tags and transportation tags attached to the regular license are only valid for taking antlerless deer except that they are valid for taking an antlered deer when accompanied by a proper and valid antlered buck stub designated for use during the winter bow season. After harvesting the season limit of one antlered deer, supplemental tags will only be valid for taking antlerless deer. All supplemental tags are valid on the date of issuance in all zones that are open for the winter bow season. [Deer shall be tagged

immediately with completely filled in "transportation tag" and shall be transported] Upon harvesting a deer, hunters must immediately detach, completely fill out and attach the "transportation tag" to the deer, and then take the deer to a deer checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked on the deer before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck must detach, date and initial the current year "Winter Bow Only Antlered Buck Stub" from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station.

1. - 2. (No change.)

(c) This season will be open only to holders of a valid and current bow and arrow hunting license or all around sportsman license which contains an attached winter bow season "transportation tag" or a proper and valid supplemental tag. If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, additional days of special winter bow and arrow deer hunting may be authorized by the Director. Such authorization and dates thereof shall be announced by press and radio. Handicapped individuals hunting with a modified bow must have a valid Special Bow Use Permit on their person while hunting in addition to a valid Bow and Arrow Hunting License.

(d) (No change.)

7:25-5.27 White-tailed deer six-day firearm season

(a) Duration for this season will be [December 3-8, 2001;] December 9-14, 2002; December 8–13, 2003; December 6–11, 2004; and, December 5-10, 2005, inclusive with shotgun or muzzleloader rifle, exclusively.

1. A special youth deer hunting day with shotgun or muzzleloader rifle will be [Saturday, November 17, 2001;] Saturday, November 23, 2002; Saturday, November 22, 2003; Saturday, November 20, 2004; and, Saturday, November 18, 2005, inclusive. Youth hunters must possess a current and valid youth firearms license or be less than 16 years of age on the season date and qualified to hunt without a license under the farmer license exemption. Possession of a proper and valid rifle permit is also required if a muzzleloading rifle is used. All youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 years of age or older), who must also possess a proper and valid firearm license and a rifle permit, if the youth hunter is using a muzzleloading rifle. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the supervising adult. Any firearm and ammunition approved for deer hunting may be used. Legal hunting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset EST. All other hunting requirements for the six-day firearm season shall apply, except as noted in (b)3. below.

(b) Bag Limit: Two antlered deer, with antler at least three inches long. Deer

shall be tagged immediately with the "transportation tag" appropriate for the season, completely filled in and shall be transported to a checking station before 7:00 P.M. on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked on the deer before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. The possession of a deer after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal possession seal shall be deemed illegal possession. Upon completion of the registration of the first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag" will be issued which will allow that person to continue hunting and take one additional deer with antler at least three inches long during the current, six-day firearm season. The supplemental tag shall be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck this season must detach, date and initial the current year "Antlered Buck Stub 6-Day Firearm Only" for their first buck; and, "Antlered Buck Stub - 6-Day Firearm or Permit Shotgun Only" for their second buck from their firearm hunting or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. Hunters who take two antlered deer during the six-day firearm season are prohibited from taking an antlered buck during the regular permit shotgun season. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to a check station by closing time shall be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. This deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag". If the season has concluded, this deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag". It

is unlawful to attempt to take or to continue to hunt for more than the number of deer permitted.

1. – 3. (No change.)

(c) This season shall be open only to holders of a valid and current firearm hunting or all around sportsman license which contains an attached six-day firearm season transportation tag or a proper and valid supplemental tag. In addition hunters participating in this season must have a valid antlered buck stub attached to their firearm or all around sportsman license which is designated for use during the six-day firearm season. If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, additional days of deer hunting may be authorized by the Director, with the approval of the Council. Such authorization and dates thereof shall be announced by press and radio.

(d) – (f) (No change.)

7:25-5.28 White-tailed deer muzzleloader rifle permit season

(a) – (b) (No change.)

(c) Bag Limit: Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the muzzleloader rifle permit season, regardless of the number of permits obtained. Hunters taking an antlered buck in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have

an “Antlered Buck Stub” from their firearm or all around sportsman license which is designated for use during the “Permit Muzzleloader Only” season. Two deer, one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless may be taken on a permit in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 16,18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53, 55 and 65. One antlered and an unlimited number of antlerless deer may be taken in Zones 2, 5, 7-15, [16]17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 38-42, 47-51, 54, 57-59, 61, 63, 66 and 67, except as noted [above] below and in (c) 1 and 2 below. Only one deer may be taken at a time per permit until the season limit is reached except in Zones 5, 7-15, 25, [35,] 36, 38-42, [48] 49-51, and 59 [and 66] where the limit is two deer at a time per permit until the season concludes. In Zones 2, 5, 7-15, [16]17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 38-42, 47-51, 54, 57-59, 61, 63, 66 and 67 supplemental tags for the taking of a third and subsequent deer will be issued upon registration of deer at official deer checking stations until the season concludes. In Zones 5, 7-14 [15, 25, 33,] 35, 36, 41,[42 and 48 -] 50 and 51 only antlerless deer may be taken on applicable muzzleloader season permits during the period of November [19-21 and December 3-8, 2001] 25, 26, 27 and 29, and December 9 – 14, 2002. In Zones 15, 25, 42 and 49 only antlerless deer may be taken during the period of December 9 – 14, 2002. All supplemental tags are valid on the date of issuance and only in the zone for which the special season permit was issued. All deer registration requirements apply. Deer shall be tagged immediately with the muzzleloader rifle permit season permit, transportation tag completely filled in, and shall be transported to a deer checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked on the deer before leaving the deer check

station. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck must detach, date and initial the current year "Antlered Buck Stub – Permit Muzzleloader Only" from their firearm or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. The possession of a deer after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal possession seal shall be deemed illegal possession. Except as noted in (c)1 through 3 below upon completion of registration of first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag" (supplemental tag) will be issued which will allow this person to continue hunting and take one additional deer either an antlered deer or antlerless deer if the first deer was antlerless or an antlerless deer if the first deer was antlered during the current muzzleloader rifle permit season. The supplemental tag shall be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply.

1. In Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 36, [38, 40,] 41, 50, and 51 [and 67], an antlerless deer must be taken before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer [throughout the season] on December 2 or 3, 2002; an antlerless deer taken in these zones on November 25, 26, 27 or 29, 2002 also satisfies the earn-a buck requirement. It shall not be necessary to harvest an antlerless deer before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer during muzzleloader, permit season days scheduled after the conclusion of the six-day firearm season.

2. – 3. (No change.)

(d) Duration of the muzzleloader rifle permit season is as set forth in (d)1 through 13 below. There is no season in the following Zones: 56, [60] and 64. Legal

hunting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset E.S.T.

1. [November 26 and 27; December 10, 11, 15-24, 26-31, 2001; and, January 1-4, 2002] December 2, 3, 16, 17, 21 - 24, 26 - 31, 2002 and January 1 - 10, 2003. in Zones 1-3, 6, 16-19, 21-24, 26-31, 34, 35, 43, 45-~~[47,]48~~, 55, 57, 58, 61, 63 and 65.
2. [November 26 and 27; December 10, 11 and 15-20, 2001] December 2, 3, 16, 17, 21 - 24, 26 and 27, 2002 in Zone 4.
3. [November 19 - 21, 26, 27; December 3-8, 10, 11, 15-24, 26 - 31, 2001; and, January 1- February 16, 2002] November 25 - 27 and 29, and December 2, 3, 9 - 14, 16, 17, 21 - 24, 26 - 31, 2002, and January 1 - February 15, 2003 in Zones 5, 7-14, 36, 41, 50 and 51.
4. [November 26, 27; December 3-8, 10, 11, 15-24, 26-31, 2001; and, January 1-31, 2002] December 2, 3, 9 - 14, 16, 17, 21 - 24, 26 - 31, 2002 and January 1 - 31, 2003 in Zones 15[,] and 25[, 35, 42, 48 and 49].
5. [November 5 - 9; December 10-15, 17-22 and 24-28, 2001] November 4 - 8, and December 9 - 14, 16 - 24, 26 and 27, 2002 in Zones 37 and 52.
6. [November 28-December 1, 2001] December 4 - 7, 2002 in Zone 38.
7. [November 26 and 27; December 10-31, 2001; and, January 1-31, 2002] December 2 - 7, 16 - 31, 2002, January 1 - 31, 2003 in Zone 39.
8. [December 10-15, 2001] November 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, and December 16 - 21, 2002 in Zone 40.
9. [November 24-30; and, December 1, 10-15, 17-22 and 26-28, 2001]

November 30, and December 2 – 7, 16 – 24, 26 – 31, 2002, and January 1 – 10, 2003 in Zone 53.

10. [November 26, 27; and December 10-31, 2001] December 2, 3, 16, 17, 21 – 31, 2002, and January 1 – 10, 2003 in Zone 54.

11. [December 10–15; 17- 22, 2001] December 16 – 24 and 26 – 31, 2002 in Zone 59

12. [November 26–30; December 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2001] December 2 – 7 and December 14, 21 and 28, 2002 in Zone 66.

13. [November 5-9 and 12-15, 2001] November 11 – 14 and 18 – 21, 2002 in Zone 67.

14. December 2, 3, 9 – 14, 16, 17, 21 – 31, 2002, and January 1 – 31, 2003 in Zones 42 and 49.

Recodifying existing 14. as 15. (No change in text.)

(e) (No change.)

(f) Method: The taking of two deer one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless except as noted in (c)1 through 3 above or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts is authorized to holders of valid permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season in designated deer management zones. The taking of two deer one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts is authorized to holders of valid farmer

permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season only on the farm occupied and designated on the permit application.

1. Limited quota, special deer permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses and qualified farmers. Only one application per regular firearm license holder may be submitted, whether for muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit seasons, during the initial application period. During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a left-over shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing. Duplicate or multiple applications will cause all applications to be void. All persons, while their hunting licenses are void under the authority of law or as imposed by a court are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring a muzzleloader deer permit. For special management zones where the agency administering the affected land requires that hunters attend mandatory hunter orientation as a condition of access, failure to attend the designated session shall result in invalidation of the muzzleloader season permit for the zone. Limited quota, special deer permit zones include the following deer management zones: [3, 4, 18, 23, 24,] 37, 38, 39, 40, [43, 46,] 52, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, 61, 66 and 67.

2. All other deer permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses and rifle permits at designated license issuing agents. These permits may be issued beginning on the effective date of the current Game Code, or as authorized by the Division, through the last day of the

season. Qualified applicants may purchase permits from authorized agents for the following deer management zones: 1[, 2, 5-17,] - 19, 21[, 22, 25] - 31, 34 - 36, 41[, 42,] - ~~43,~~ 45, ~~46~~ [47] - 51, 55, 63 and 65. Qualified farmers may obtain permits as provided in section (i) below.

(g) (No change.)

(h) Muzzleloader Rifle Permit Season limited quota, special deer permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Holders of valid and current firearm hunting licenses shall apply by [detaching from their hunting license the stub marked Special Deer Season for the current year signing, as provided on the back, and sending the stub, together with the permit fee and an] submitting an application form which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions. First time permit applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply for a muzzleloader rifle deer season permit provided they have applied for a hunter education course prior to the permit application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application. Application forms may be obtained from:

i. - v. (No change.)

2. (No change.)

3. Only one application whether for limited quota muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit season[, accompanied by the hunting license stub] or as provided for in (h)1 above, may be submitted by any regular firearm license holder during the initial permit application period. During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a left-over shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing. Applications for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void and subject the applicant to prosecution.

4. – 6. (No change.)

7. Nothing contained herein shall preclude the Division from issuing unfilled limited quota, special deer permits on a first come-first served basis to any properly licensed hunter or qualified farmer after the permit selection process.

(i) Occupant and non-occupant Farmer Muzzleloader Rifle Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Occupant Farmers: Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or the immediate members of his family 10 years of age or older who also reside thereon, may apply on forms provided for an occupant farmer, muzzleloader rifle permit season permit. Under this subsection a farm is an area of five acres or more and producing a gross income in excess of \$500.00 and is tax assessed as farmland.

Farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permits will be issued only in those deer management zones where a muzzleloader rifle, permit season is prescribed.

2. Non-occupant Farmers: The owner or lessees of a farm, who does not reside thereon, or the immediate members of their family 10 years of age or older who reside with them, may apply on forms provided for a non-occupant farmer deer permit. Under this subsection, applicants must farm 30 tilled acres that are tax assessed as farmland. Wood lots are not included in acreage needed to qualify. Properties do not need to be contiguous. No more than five individuals may receive a permit for the season for a property. The applicants must be the farmer or farmers, their spouses and their children.

3. – 6. (No change.)

(j) (No change.)

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The [2001-2002] 2002-2003 Muzzleloader Rifle Deer Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

[2001-2002] 2002-2003 MUZZLELOADER RIFLE PERMIT SEASON PERMIT
QUOTAS

Deer Mgt. Zone No.	Season Dates Code	[Anticipated Deer Harvest 2001-2002]	Permit Quota [2001-2002] <u>2002-2003</u>	Portions of Counties Involved
1	1	[331]	1,140	Sussex
2	1	[788]	2,510	Sussex
3	1	[283]	[1,175] <u>1,180</u>	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen
4	2	[473]	[1,180] <u>1,270</u>	Sussex, Warren
5	3	[1,185]	3,510	Sussex, Warren
6	1	[372]	1,760	Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren
7	3	[574]	1,690	Warren, Hunterdon
8	3	[1,143]	2,920	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
9	3	[199]	[490] <u>530</u>	Morris, Somerset
10	3	[856]	1,760	Warren, Hunterdon
11	3	[442]	1,090	Hunterdon
12	3	[814]	1,860	Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
13	3	[140]	[350] <u>365</u>	Morris, Somerset
14	3	[328]	1,020	Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington
15	4	[403]	1,260	Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex
16	1	[254]	1,240	Ocean, Monmouth
17	1	[241]	[810] <u>845</u>	Ocean, Monmouth
18	1	[203]	[611] <u>660</u>	Ocean
19	1	[449]	1,570	Camden, Burlington
21	1	[414]	1,350	Burlington, Ocean
22	1	[223]	[570] <u>350</u>	Burlington, Ocean
23	1	[406]	[1,306] <u>1,420</u>	Burlington, Camden, Atlantic
24	1	[285]	[650] <u>700</u>	Burlington, Ocean
25	4	[351]	[1,030] <u>1,265</u>	Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem
26	1	[685]	[1,670] <u>1860</u>	Atlantic
27	1	[284]	1,050	Salem, Cumberland
28	1	[523]	1,330	Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester
29	1	[266]	[950] <u>965</u>	Salem, Cumberland
30	1	[166]	[500] <u>610</u>	Cumberland
31	1	[114]	[370] <u>435</u>	Cumberland
34	1	[493]	1,720	Cape May, Cumberland
35	[4] <u>1</u>	[371]	1,460	Gloucester, Salem
36	3	[18]	100	Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic
37	5	[132]	390	Burlington (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
38	6	[1]	[50] <u>20</u>	Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge)
39	7	[25]	[50] <u>60</u>	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station)

40	8	[3]	[10]50	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station – Waterfront)
41	3	[284]	590	Mercer, Hunterdon
42	[4]14	[118]	[420]500	Atlantic
43	1	[101]	[195]255	Cumberland
45	1	[173]	590	Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May
46	1	[183]	528	Atlantic
47	1	[89]	[340]440	Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester
48	[4]1	[210]	780	Burlington
49	[4]14	[24]	120	Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
50	3	[163]	510	Middlesex, Monmouth
51	3	[155]	410	Monmouth, Ocean
52	5	[59]	[151]180	Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
53	9	[23]	60	Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station)
54	10	[12]	[18]25	Morris (Picatinny Arsenal-ARRAD Com)
55	1	[63]	210	Gloucester
56		[0]	0	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
57	1	[13]	40	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
58	1	[18]	[40]50	Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
59	[12]11	[9]	25	Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge)
[60]		[0]	[0]	[Hunterdon (Round Valley Recreation Area)]
61	1	[4]	30	Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System)
63	1	[62]	280	Salem
64			0	Monmouth (Monmouth Battlefield State Park)
65	1	[111]	390	Gloucester, Camden
66	12	[6]	10	Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center)
67	13	[282]	350	Sussex (High Point State Park)
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Total		[16,400]	[48,589]	
			<u>49,688</u>	

(l) – (n) (No change.)

7:25-5.29 White-tailed deer shotgun permit season

(a) – (b) (No change.)

(c) Bag limit: A properly licensed hunter who did not take two antlered deer during the current year, six-day firearm season may take one antlered deer during the shotgun permit season. Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the shotgun permit season, regardless of the number of permits obtained. Hunters taking an antlered deer in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have a valid “Antlered Buck Stub 6-Day Firearm Or permit Shotgun Only” from their firearm or all around sportsman license. One deer, either antlered or antlerless, may be taken on a permit in Zones 3, 4, 6,18, 21, 23, 24, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53, [55] and 65. Two deer, either one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless may be taken on a permit in Zones 1, [6,] 16, 30, [and] 34 and 55. One antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer may be taken on a permit in Zones: 2, 5, 7-15, [16] 17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 38-42, 47-51, 54, 56-59, [60] 61, 63, 64 and 66. In Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 36, 38, [40], 41, 50, and 51 [and 60, an antlerless deer must be taken before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer throughout the permit shotgun season on permit shotgun season permits. No antlered deer may be taken on November 19 – 21 and December 3-8, 2001 on permit shotgun season permits in Zones: 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 35, 36, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50 and 51] only antlerless deer may be taken on November 25, 26, 27 and 29, and December 9-14, 2002. Only one deer may be taken at a time per permit until the season limit is reached except in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, [35,] 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, [48,] 49, 50,

51, 56, and 59 [60, and 66] where the limit is two deer at a time per permit until the season concludes. New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags are valid on the day of issuance in all zones. All deer tagging and registration provisions apply. In addition, hunters taking an antlered deer must detach, date and initial the current year, “Antlered Buck Stub – 6-Day Firearm or Permit Shotgun Only,” from their firearm or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. The season bag limits apply to both regular and farmer deer permits; however, all farmer shotgun permits are valid for taking antlerless deer only, when used during the six-day firearm buck season and on any other days authorized through the last day of the six-day firearm buck season.

1. (No change.)

(d) Duration of the permit shotgun deer season is as set forth in (d) 1 through [19] 20 below. There is no season in the following Zone 67. Legal hunting hours shall be from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset on the following dates:

1. [December 12–14, 2001] December 18 - 20, 2002 in Zones 1, [6] 16, 30, 34 and 55 [60].

2. [December 12–14, 2001; and January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2002] December 18 - 20, 2002 and January 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2003 in Zones 2, [16] 22, 27–29, 31 and 63.

3. [December 12, 2001] December 18, 2002 in Zones 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 43,

45, 46, [55] and 65.

4. [November 19–21; December 3–8, 12–14, 2001; and, January 5–February 16, 2002] November 25 - 27, 29 and December 9 - 14, 18 - 20, 2002, and January 4 – February 15, 2003 in Zones 5, 7–14, 36, 41, 42, and 49- [50 and] 51.

5. [November 19–21; December 3–8, 12–14, 2001; and, January 5–31, 2002] November 25 - 27, 29 and December 9 - 14, 18-20, 2002, and January 4-31, 2003 in Zones 15, and 25 [35, 42, 48 and 49].

6. [December 12–14, 2001; and, January 5–31, 2002] December 18 - 20, 2002, and January 4 - 31, 2003 in Zones 17, 19, 26, 35, [and] 47 and 48.

7. [December 29, 2001] December 28, 2002 in Zones 37 and 52.

8. [November 28–December 1, 2001] December 4 – 7, 2002 in Zone 38.

9. [December 15, 22 and 29, 2001; and, January 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2002] December 7, 21 and 28, 2002 and, January 4, 11, 18 and 25, 2003 in Zone 39.

10. [December 10–15, 2001] December 16 - 21, 2002 in Zone 40.

11. [January 5, 2002] January 11, 2003 in Zone 53.

12. [December 15, 2001 and January 12, 2002] December 21, 2002, and January 11, 2003 in Zone 54.
13. [December 10–14, 2001] December 16 – 20, 2002 in Zone 56.
14. [December 3–5 and 12–14, 2001] December 9 - 14, 2002, and January 11 – 31, 2003 in Zones 57 and 58.
15. [November 29–December 1, 2001] December 5 – 7, 2002 (first segment); [December 27–29, 2001] December 26 – 28, 2002 (second segment); and, [January 24–26, 2002] January 23 – 25, 2003 (third segment) in Zone 59.
16. [December 3–8 and 12–14, 2001] December 9 – 14, and 18 – 20, 2002 in Zone 61.
17. [January 9, 11, 16 and 18, 2002] January 15, 17, 22 and 24, 2003 in Zone 64.
18. [November 26–December 1, and December 8, 15, 22 and 29, 2001] December 2 – 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2002 in Zone 66.
19. – 20. (No change.)

(e) (No change.)

(f) Method: The taking of deer with a shotgun under a shotgun permit season permit or a farmer shotgun permit season permit is permitted in designated deer management zones by holders of a shotgun permit season permit and, on their own property, by holders of a farmer shotgun permit season permit.

1. Limited quota, special deer permits for shotgun permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses, persons who have applied for the shotgun hunter education course prior to the permit application period and qualified farmers. Only one application, whether for shotgun or muzzleloader permit season[, accompanied by the hunting license stub,] may be submitted by regular firearm license holders for the initial permit drawing. During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a leftover shotgun or muzzleloader permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing. Applications for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void and subject the applicant to prosecution. All persons, while their hunting licenses are void under the authority of law or as imposed by a court are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring, a shotgun deer permit. For special management zones where the agency administering the affected lands requires that hunters attend mandatory hunter orientation as a condition of access, failure to attend the designated session shall

result in invalidation of the shotgun season permit for the zone. Limited quota, special deer permit zones include the following deer management zones: [3, 4, 18, 23, 24,] 37, 38, 39, 40, [43, 46,] 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, [60,] 61, 64, 66 and 67.

2. All other special deer permits for shotgun permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses at designated license issuing agents. These permits may be issued beginning on the effective date of the current Game Code, or as authorized by the Division, through the last day of the season. Qualified applicants may purchase permits from authorized agents for the following deer management zones: 1[, 2, _5-17, 19, 21, 22, 25]-31, 34-36, 41, 42, 43, 45[, 47]-51, 55, 63 and 65. Qualified farmers may obtain permits as provided in section (i) below.

(g) Permits for shotgun permit season consist of a back display, which includes a "deer transportation tag", or proper and valid supplemental tag. The back display portion of the permit will be conspicuously displayed on the outer clothing in addition to the valid firearm license in the case of a shotgun permit season permit, and without the license in the case of the farmer shotgun permit season permit. Upon harvesting a deer during this season, [T]the "deer transportation tag" portion of the permit must be detached, completely filled out, and affixed to the deer immediately upon killing. This completely filled in "deer transportation tag" allows legal transportation of the deer of either sex to an authorized checking station only. Personnel at the checking station will issue a "possession tag." Any permit holder killing a deer [of either sex] during this season must transport this deer to an authorized

checking station by 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on date killed to secure the legal "possession tag." The possession of a deer of either sex after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal "possession tag" shall be deemed illegal possession. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked on the deer before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to the check station by closing time must be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Said deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag." If the season has been concluded said deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag." For deer management zones where the shotgun permit season is more than one day and the bag limit is two deer, a valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag" will be issued upon registration of the first deer. This permit will allow this person to continue hunting and take one additional legal deer during the shotgun permit season, provided the season is open the following day(s) or on any additional days that shotgun permit season hunting is authorized. For deer management zones where the shotgun permit season is three days or more and the bag limit is three deer or more, additional "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags" will be issued upon registration of the second, third or applicable deer until the bag limit is reached. This permit will allow this hunter to continue hunting and take one additional legal deer during the shotgun permit season, provided the season is open or on any additional days that shotgun permit season hunting is authorized. Permittees will be able to continue hunting on the [following] designated season dates after registration of

deer and issuance of appropriate tags. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck must detach, date and initial the current year “Permit Shotgun Only Antlered Buck Stub” from their firearm or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station.

(h) Shotgun Permit Season limited quota, special deer permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Holders of valid and current firearm hunting licenses including juvenile firearm license holders may apply [by detaching from their hunting license the stub marked Special Deer Season for the current year, signing as provided on the back, and sending the stub, together with the permit applied for and] by submitting an application form properly completed in accordance with instructions. First time permit applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply for a shotgun deer hunting permit provided they have applied for a hunter education course prior to the permit application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application. Application forms may be obtained from:

i. – iv. (No change.)

2. Permits for shotgun permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses, and persons with hunter education courses pending as indicated in (h)1 above. Only one application whether for shotgun or

muzzleloader, permit season[, accompanied by the hunting license stub] or as provided for in (h)1 above, may be submitted by any one individual during the initial application period and only one application whether for a leftover shotgun or leftover muzzleloader permit may be submitted by any one individual during the initial application period. Applications for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications to be void and subject the applicant to prosecution.

3. – 6. (No change.)

(i) Occupant and Non-occupant Farmer Shotgun Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. – 5. (No change.)

6. In deer management zones where no regular permit shotgun season has been authorized, the season for qualified and permitted farmers will include the six-day firearm season and the Wednesday following the six-day firearm season and as provided for in (d) 19 above, and the bag limit will be one deer per permit. Only one antlerless deer may be taken on this permit during the six-day season. On the Wednesday following six-day firearm season, either an[d] antlered or antlerless deer may be taken, if no antlerless deer were taken on this permit during the six-day season. If two antlered deer were taken by the farmer permittee during the regular six-day firearm season, the permit is only valid for taking one antlerless deer.

(j) (No change.)

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The [2001-2002] 2002-2003 Shotgun Permit Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

[2001-2002] 2002-2003 SHOTGUN PERMIT SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

Deer Mgt. Zone No.	Season Dates Code	[Anticipated Deer Harvest 2001-2002]	Permit Quota [2001-2002] <u>2002-2003</u>	Portions of Counties Involved
1	1	[116]	[510] <u>645</u>	Sussex
2	2	[1,104]	3,250	Sussex
3	3	[13]	303	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen
4	3	[106]	744	Sussex, Warren
5	4	[3,463]	8,360	Sussex, Warren
6	[1] <u>3</u>	[290]	2,210	Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren
7	4	[1,572]	3,490	Warren, Hunterdon
8	4	[3,451]	7,280	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
9	4	[628]	1,240	Morris, Somerset
10	4	[2,061]	3,590	Warren, Hunterdon
11	4	[1,370]	2,370	Hunterdon
12	4	[2,533]	4,140	Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
13	4	[438]	1,000	Morris, Somerset
14	4	[1,632]	2,820	Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington
15	5	[1,544]	2,650	Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex
16	[2] <u>1</u>	[422]	1,630	Ocean, Monmouth
17	6	[690]	1,650	Ocean, Monmouth
18	3	[6]	[118] <u>120</u>	Ocean
19	6	[961]	2,830	Camden, Burlington
21	3	[16]	270	Burlington, Ocean
22	[6] <u>2</u>	[228]	[670] <u>785</u>	Burlington, Ocean
23	3	[28]	[214] <u>260</u>	Burlington, Camden, Atlantic
24	3	[13]	106	Burlington, Ocean
25	5	[1,269]	3,400	Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem
26	6	[413]	[1,060] <u>2,365</u>	Atlantic
27	2	[312]	1,540	Salem, Cumberland
28	2	[349]	1,530	Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester
29	2	[281]	1,390	Salem, Cumberland

30	1	[107]	520	Cumberland
31	2	[69]	[250]390	Cumberland
34	1	[284]	1,370	Cape May, Cumberland
35	[5]6	[1,087]	2,910	Gloucester, Salem
36	4	[120]	260	Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic
37	[8]7	[4]	47	Burlington (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
38	[9]8	[264]	[450]480	Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge)
39	[10]9	[207]	180	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station)
40	[11]10	[69]	50	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station – Waterfront)
41	4	[797]	1,300	Mercer, Hunterdon
42	[5]4	[464]	1,330	Atlantic
43	[4]3	[4]	55	Cumberland
45	3	[13]	170	Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May
46	3	[14]	146	Atlantic
47	6	[168]	[820]850	Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester
48	[5]6	[1,123]	1,760	Burlington
49	[5]4	[94]	310	Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
50	4	[824]	1,780	Middlesex, Monmouth
51	4	[618]	1,510	Monmouth, Ocean
52	[8]7	[3]	[24]25	Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
53	[12]11	[6]	31	Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station)
54	[13]12	[24]	31	Morris (Picatinny Arsenal-ARRAD Com)
55	[3]1	[17]	80	Gloucester
56	[14]13	[30]	25	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
57	[15]14	[9]	40	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
58	[15]14	[27]	50	Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
59	[16]15	[60]	75	Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge)
[60]	[1]	[36]	[120]	[Hunterdon (Round Valley Recreation Area)]
61	[17]16	[21]	80	Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System)
63	2	[121]	600	Salem
64	[18]17	[75]	100	Monmouth (Monmouth Battlefield State Park)
65	3	[2]	120	Gloucester, Camden
66	[19]18	[24]	55	Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center)
67		[0]	0	Sussex (High Point State Park)
Total		[31,913]	[76,914]78,397	

(l) – (n) (No change.)

(o) Permit quotas for Zones 37, 38, 39, 40, 52-54, 56–~~59~~, [60] 61, 64, 66 and 67 are contingent upon approval by appropriate land management agencies for those zones.

(p) Deer Management Zones are located as follows:

1. – 11. (No change.)

12. Zone No. 12: That portion of Somerset, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 22 at Clinton; then east on Rt. 22 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Somerville; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 546 at Lawrenceville; then west on Rt. 546 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at the Pennington traffic circle; then north along Rt. 31 to the point of beginning at Clinton. That portion of Round Valley Recreation Area designated as open to deer hunting [(Zone 60) is excluded from Zone 12] is included in Zone 12.

13. – 21. (No change.)

22. Zone No. 22: That portion of Ocean and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Garden State Parkway and [Rt., 37 near Toms River] Rt. 72 near Manahawkin; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Stage Road; then west along Stage Road to its intersection with Leektown

Road; then west along Leektown Road (which turns into Rt., 653 to its intersection with the Wading River; then south along the east bank of the Wading River to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then east along the Atlantic-Burlington County line to the Atlantic Ocean, then east to the Atlantic Ocean; then north along the Atlantic Ocean to [Rt. 37 in Seaside Heights Boro; then west along Rt. 37 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway near Toms River,] Rt. 72 at Ship Bottom; then west along Rt. 72 to the Garden State Parkway, [to] the point of beginning. [Then east to the Atlantic Ocean; then north along the Atlantic Ocean to Rt. 37 in Seaside Heights Boro; then west along Rt. 37 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway near Toms River, the point of beginning.] The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 58) is excluded from Zone 22,

23. – 50. (No change.)

51. Zone No. 51: That portion of Monmouth and Ocean Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 547 and Rt. 571 near Lakehurst; then southeast along Rt. 571 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south on the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with [Rt. 37 near Toms River; then east along Rt. 37] Rt. 72 near Manahawkin; then east along Rt. 72 to the Atlantic Ocean at Ship Bottom; then north along the Atlantic coastline to the intersection with Rt. 36 in Long Branch; then west on Rt. 36 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway near Eatontown; then south on the parkway to the intersection with 547; then south on Rt. 547 to the intersection with county route 38 (Wayside Road) at the eastern fenced boundary of Naval Weapons

Station- Earle; then south along the eastern fenced boundary of Naval Weapons Station, Earle to the intersection with Rt. 34; then south on Rt. 34 to the intersection with Tinton Falls Rd. and Rt. 33; then south on Tinton Falls Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 547 (Asbury Rd.); then south on Rt. 547 through Farmingdale to the intersection with Rt. 571, the point of beginning.

52. – 59. (No change.)

60. Zone No. 60. [That portion of Round Valley Recreation Area, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Hunterdon County.] Not designated.

61. – 67. (No change.)

7:25-5.30 White-tailed deer bow permit season

(a) – (b) (No change.)

c) Bag Limit: Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the bow permit season, regardless of the number of permits obtained. Hunters taking an antlered deer in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have a valid “Antlered Buck Stub Permit Bow Only” from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license. Two deer, one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless may be taken on a permit in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 16, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 52, 53, 55 and 65. One antlered

and an unlimited number of antlerless deer may be taken in Zones 2, 5, 7-15, [16] 17, 19, 22, 25 - 29, 31, 35, 36, 39- 42, 47-51, 54, 57-59, 61, 63 and 66, except as noted in (c)1 and 2 below. Only one deer may be taken at a time per permit until the season limit is reached. All supplemental tags are valid on the date of issuance and only in the zone for which the special season permit was issued. All deer registration requirements apply. In Zones: 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 36, 40, 41, 50 and 51 an antlerless deer must be taken before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer [throughout the season] through December 14, 2002; from December 16 through December 31, 2002, the earn a buck requirement shall not apply. Deer shall be tagged immediately with the bow and arrow permit "transportation tag", completely filled in, and shall be transported to a checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked on the deer before leaving the deer check station. In addition, hunters taking an antlered deer must detach, date and initial the current year, "Antlered Buck Stub – Permit Bow Only" from the bow and arrow or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. The possession of a deer after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal possession seal shall be deemed illegal possession. Upon completion of the registration of the first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag" (supplemental tag) will be issued which will allow the person to continue hunting and take one additional deer during bow permit season, provided the season is open. The supplemental tag shall be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply.

1. In Zones 2, 5, 7-15, [16] 17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 39-42, 47-51, 54, 57-59, 61, 63 and 66 supplemental tags for the taking of a third and subsequent deer will be issued upon registration of deer at official deer checking stations until the season concludes. A supplemental tag may be used to take an antlered or antlerless deer, subject to the above provisions and is only valid in that deer management zone for which the special season permit was originally issued. The supplemental tag is valid on the date of issuance. All tagging and registration requirements apply.

2. (No change.)

(d) Duration of the bow permit season is: as set forth in (d) 1 through 3 below.

There is no season in the following Zones: 38, 56, [60,] 64 and 67 or any time as determined by the Director. Legal hunting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

1. [October 27–November 24, 2001] October 26 - November 23, 2002 in Zones 1– 4, 6, 15 –19, 21–31, 34, 35, 37, 43, 45–48, 52, 53, 55, 57–59, 63 and 65.

2. [October 27–December 31, 2001] October 26 – November 23, November 30 - December 24, 26 - 31, 2002 in Zones 5, 7–14, 36, [39–] 41, 42, and 49–51[, 54 and 66].

3. [October 27, 2001–January 31, 2002] October 26 – December 31, 2002, and January 1 - 31, 2003 in Zone 61.

4. October 26 – December 31, 2002 in Zones 39, 40, 54 and 66.

(e) (No change.)

(f) Method: The taking of two deer one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless except as noted in (c) and (c)1 above or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts with a bow under a bow permit season permit or a farmer bow permit season permit, is permitted in designated deer management zones by holders of a bow permit season permit and on the farm occupied and designated in the application by holders of a farmer bow permit season permit.

1.- 2. (No change.)

3. Limited quota, special deer permits for bow permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current bow licenses and qualified farmers. Limited quota, special deer permit zones include the following deer management zones: [3, 4, 18, 23, 24,] 37, 38, 39, 40, [43, 46,] 52, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, 61 and 66.

4. All other special deer permits for bow permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses and rifle permits at designated license issuing agents. These permits may be issued beginning on the effective date of the current Game Code, or as authorized by the Division, through the last day of the season. Qualified applicants may purchase permits from authorized agents for the following deer management zones: 1[, 2, 5 – 17,] _ 19, 21[, 22, 25] – 31, 34 - 36, 41, 42, 43, 45[,47] –

51, 55, 63 and 65. Qualified farmers may obtain permits as provided in I below.

(g) (No change.)

(h) Bow Permit Season limited quota, special deer permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Holders of valid bow and arrow licenses including juvenile bow license holders, and all around sportsman licenses shall apply [by detaching from their bow hunting license the stub marked Special Deer Season for the current year license, signing as provided on the back, and sending the stub together with the permit fee and an] by submitting an application form which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions. First time permit applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply to a bow permit season hunting permit provided they have applied for a hunter education course prior to the permit application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application. Application forms may be obtained from:

i. – iv. (No change.)

2. – 8. (No change.)

(i) – (j) (No change.)

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The [2001 – 2002] 2002-2003 Bow Permit Season Quotas are as follows:

[2001-2002] 2002-2003 BOW PERMIT SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

Deer Mgt. Zone No.	Season Dates Code	[Anticipated Deer Harvest 2001-2002]	Permit Quota [2001-2002] <u>2002-2003</u>	Portions of Counties Involved
1	1	[143]	[900] <u>1,105</u>	Sussex
2	1	[417]	[2,690] <u>2,790</u>	Sussex
3	1	[142]	1,185	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen
4	1	[300]	[1,110] <u>1,140</u>	Sussex, Warren
5	2	[739]	[4,030] <u>4,300</u>	Sussex, Warren
6	1	[280]	2,210	Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren
7	2	[371]	2,100	Warren, Hunterdon
8	2	[983]	4,210	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
9	2	[263]	[1,020] <u>1,115</u>	Morris, Somerset
10	2	[614]	2,440	Warren, Hunterdon
11	2	[406]	1,580	Hunterdon
12	2	[854]	3,080	Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
13	2	[486]	1,650	Morris, Somerset
14	2	[675]	2,290	Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington
15	1	[267]	1,820	Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex
16	1	[181]	1,850	Ocean, Monmouth
17	1	[93]	880	Ocean, Monmouth
18	1	[136]	[610] <u>635</u>	Ocean
19	1	[288]	1,910	Camden, Burlington
21	1	[135]	970	Burlington, Ocean
22	1	[110]	[670] <u>480</u>	Burlington, Ocean
23	1	[179]	[1,010] <u>1,020</u>	Burlington, Camden, Atlantic
24	1	[58]	[350] <u>370</u>	Burlington, Ocean
25	1	[158]	[1,260] <u>1,455</u>	Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem
26	1	[224]	[1,290] <u>1,315</u>	Atlantic
27	1	[129]	[1,090] <u>1,285</u>	Salem, Cumberland
28	1	[255]	1,400	Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester
29	1	[123]	[980] <u>1,145</u>	Salem, Cumberland
30	1	[65]	[430] <u>435</u>	Cumberland
31	1	[74]	[380] <u>390</u>	Cumberland
34	1	[171]	1,240	Cape May, Cumberland

35	1	[206]	1,740	Gloucester, Salem
36	2	[128]	500	Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic
37	1	[29]	190	Burlington (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
38		[0]	0	Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge)
39	[3]4	[38]	110	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station)
40	[3]4	[27]	80	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station – Waterfront)
41	2	[189]	830	Mercer, Hunterdon
42	2	[64]	600	Atlantic
43	1	[53]	[180]185	Cumberland
45	1	[54]	420	Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May
46	1	[51]	300	Atlantic
47	1	[28]	[310]360	Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester
48	1	[145]	1,040	Burlington
49	2	[29]	[280]285	Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
50	2	[249]	1,320	Middlesex, Monmouth
51	2	[120]	740	Monmouth, Ocean
52	1	[14]	[55]65	Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
53	1	[7]	35	Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station)
54	[2]4	[22]	[30]40	Morris (Picatinny Arsenal-ARRAD Com)
55	1	[16]	140	Gloucester
56		[0]	0	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
57	1	[13]	40	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
58	1	[8]	[40]50	Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
59	1	[9]	35	Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge)
[60]		[0]	[0]	[Hunterdon (Round Valley Recreation Area)]
61	[4]3	[4]	30	Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System)
63	1	[33]	320	Salem
64		[0]	0	Monmouth (Monmouth Battlefield State Park)
65	1	[53]	390	Gloucester, Camden
66	[2]4	[6]	100	Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center)
67		[0]	0	Sussex (High Point State Park)
Total		[10,914]	[58,490] 59,740	

(l) See (d)1 through [3] 4 above for corresponding season date codes.

(m) Permit quotas for zones: 37, 39, 40, 52-54, 57, 58, 59, 61 and 66 are contingent upon approval by the appropriate land management agencies for these zones.

(n) Limited quota, bow and arrow permit season permits not applied for by the deadlines enumerated in sections (h)4 and (i)4 may be reallocated to muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit season permit applicants.

7:25-5.31 White-tailed deer permit shotgun season and permit muzzleloader season, Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 38).

(a) – (b) (No change.)

(c) Duration of the Great Swamp Permit Shotgun Season and Permit Muzzleloader Season shall be from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset on the following dates [November 28–December 1, 2001] December 4 – 7, 2002 (concurrent) or as may otherwise be designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during the season, one or more of the following days of shotgun permit deer hunting may be authorized by the Director: [January 9–12, 2002]January 8 - 11, 2003. Such authorization and date thereof would be announced by press and radio.

(d) Bag Limit: One antlered deer may be taken with a Great Swamp Permit

Shotgun Season Permit or a Great Swamp Permit Muzzleloader Season Permit provided that the hunter has a valid antlered buck stub for the appropriate season, and an unlimited number of antlerless deer, may be taken with a Great Swamp Permit Shotgun Season Permit or a Great Swamp Permit Muzzleloader Season Permit; however, an antlerless deer must be taken before an antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time per permit. All tagging and registration regulations apply.

(e) (No change.)

(f) Method: The taking of the designated bag limit of deer with a Great Swamp (Zone 38) permit shotgun season permit or permit muzzleloader season permit will be permitted in designated areas of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. A total of [450] 480 Great Swamp, shotgun permit season permits and [50] 20 muzzleloader permit season permits will be issued. Daily hunter quotas, hunt procedures and hunting methods in this area shall be provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(g) – (i) (No change.)

7:25-5.32 Special Wildlife Management Permits

(a) – (c) (No change.)

(d) Subject to the requirements of the subsection, the Director may, in his or her discretion, designate special deer management areas and issue Special Deer Management Permits to administer alternative deer control methods as part of an approved community based deer management plan.

1. – 5. (No change.)

6. Upon approval of the Special Deer Management Area and community based deer management plan by the Division and the Council, the Division shall issue a special deer management permit authorizing the cooperator to implement the alternate control method(s). The permit shall incorporate the community based deer management plan by reference and shall identify duration of the permit, the time, place and alternate control method authorized by the Division and Council, the name of each individual authorized to administer the alternate control method, any exemption or variance from a law, rule or regulation authorized by the Council and any special conditions established by the Council.

i. Individuals administering the alternative control method must not have been convicted of any violation of the fish and game laws of this state or any other state, or of any violation of any provision of the New Jersey Fish or Game Codes within five years of the issuance of the special deer management permit; or of violation of any law included in NJSA 23:4-16.d, 23:7-1, 23:7-3, 23:9A-1 or 23:9A-2, or NJSA 23:4-42, 23:4-43, 23:4-44, 23:4-45, 23:4-46, 23:4-47, 23:4.47.1., or 23:4-48, or regulations authorized by these statutes within ten

years of issuance of the special deer management permit. Any individual who has been convicted of said laws or regulations shall be ineligible to administer alternate control methods as provided for in the deer management permit.

7. – 10. (No change.)

(e) (No change.)

7:25-5.34 Controlled hunting - hunting restrictions on wildlife management areas

(a) No wildlife management areas have been selected for limited hunter density for the [2000-2001 season] 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005 or 2005-2006 seasons. However, hunting with firearms shall be prohibited [November 10, 2000] on the day prior to the opening of the regular small game seasons for pheasant established in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.2 and quail established in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.3 including November 8, 2002, November 7, 2003, November 12, 2004 and November 11, 2005 on those wildlife management areas designated as pheasant and quail stamp areas in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.33.

(b) (No change.)

Based upon consultation with staff, I hereby certify that the Federal Standards Analysis statement addressing the requirements of Executive Order 27 (1996) contained in the document permits the public to understand accurately and plainly the purposes and expected consequences of these proposed amendments. I hereby authorize the publication of these proposed amendments.

Date

John W. Bradway, Chairman
Fish & Game Council