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## Commissioner's Message

By Bradley M. Campbell

Anyone who spends time in New Jersey's great outdoors knows why sportsmen and women say the Garden State offers some of the best wildlife-related recreation found anywhere on the East Coast.

From the ridgetops in the Highlands to the sandy shores of southern Cape May, New Jersey boasts more than a million acres of publicly owned open space, including 118 wildlife management areas in which a rich variety of habitats and a wealth of wildlife resources are maintained and enhanced.

Every year, New Jersey's wildlife contributes to our economy by attracting millions of people who enjoy all kinds of recreational opportunities from hunting and fishing to hiking and bird watching. We know, too, that the aesthetic value of these natural resources and the ways they enrich our quality of life cannot be measured in dollars.

New Jersey's ability to develop and maintain abundant and diverse wildlife resources and habitats depends in large part on our strong partnership with the sportsmen and women who pursue the traditions of hunting and fishing in our great state. Through the purchases of hunting and fishing licenses, New Jersey's hunters and anglers have funded a multitude of programs to restore

and protect our fish and wildlife. Elsewhere in this edition of New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest, for example, you can read about New Jersey's successful trap-and-transfer program that has reestablished a flourishing population of the once-nearly extinct wild turkey.

As longstanding advocates of environmental stewardship, New Jersey's sportsmen and women are also valuable partners in Gov. James E. McGreevey's effort to end the rampant sprawl that is rapidly devouring our open space, and threatening to spoil our precious water supplies and other vital natural resources.

Before all the state's remaining land is lost, we must find ways to balance New Jersey's future growth needs with the fundamental needs of our people so we all can enjoy a cleaner, healthier environment and the accompanying benefits which include a vibrant economy and more opportunities for outdoor recreation.

Under Governor McGreevey's leadership, New Jersey is on a new path to smart growth. Protecting our water resources and our open space is among the governor's highest priorities, and initiatives such as these are key to ensuring suitable habitats for wildlife to flourish. Offering our citizens and visitors better access to natural areas will enable hunters to preserve their sporting traditions for generations to come, and will keep New Jersey's economy strong.

The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Division of Fish and Wildlife has a proud history of safeguarding its wealth of natural resources. We are now entering a new era of environmental protection, one that requires all of us to renew our commitment to stewardship by strengthening protection of New Jersey's land, water and air through smart growth.

On behalf of everyone at DEP, I thank you for your continued interest in managing and enhancing New Jersey's wildlife resources. Have a safe and successful season.

## Be A Mentor, Keep Hunting Tradition Alive

By Marty McHugh

Providing public access to New Jersey's fish and wildlife resources is a key part of our long-standing mission at the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

During the past several years, Fish and Wildlife has stepped up its efforts to help New Jerseyans learn more about the state's unique natural resources and ways to enjoy them. As part of our work, we partner with the Fish and Game Council to encourage people to experience the wonders of New Jersey's outdoors through special programs such as "Take Me Fishing" events, free fishing days, "Becoming an Outdoors Woman" workshops and a variety of youth hunting days.

Popular with the public, these recreational programs offer novice hunters and anglers opportunities for pleasant, memorable learning experiences with a teacher or mentor. At Fish and Wildlife, we are grateful for the many volunteers who generously devote time and talent to teaching others the skills of hunting and fishing.

Growing up in New Jersey, I was fortunate to have as mentors my father, uncles, cousins and family friends, all of whom contributed greatly to

### OUR MISSION:

**To protect and manage** the state's fish and wildlife to maximize their long-term biological, recreational and economic value for all New Jerseyans.

### OUR GOALS:

**To maintain** New Jersey's rich variety of fish and wildlife species at stable, healthy levels and to protect and enhance the many habitats on which they depend.

**To educate** New Jerseyans on the values and needs of our fish and wildlife and to foster a positive human/wildlife co-existence.

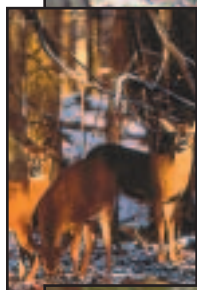
**To maximize** the recreational and commercial use of New Jersey's fish and wildlife for both present and future generations.

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## License Information & Fees 2003–2004

(Licenses are valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31 of each year.)

### Firearm Licenses

Resident Firearm Hunting (16–64 yrs.)	\$ 27.50
Senior Resident Firearm Hunting (65 yrs & older)	15.50
Non-Resident Firearm Hunting	135.50
Non-Resident Two-Day Small Game Firearm Hunting	36.50
Special One-Day Hunting (On Commercial Preserves Only)	12.50
Youth (10–15, see page 4)	FREE

### Bow and Arrow Licenses

Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	31.50
Senior Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting (65 yrs & older)	16.50
Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	135.50
Youth (10–15, see page 4)	FREE

### Trapping Licenses

Resident Trapping	32.50
Non-Resident Trapping	200.50

### Permits

Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun or Muzzleloader	28.00
Youth Deer and Turkey Permit	12.00
Turkey Season Permit	21.00
Rifle Permit (2-year Permit)	19.00
Youth Rifle Permit	10.00

### Stamps

Pheasant & Quail Stamp	40.00
Resident Waterfowl Stamp	5.00
Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp	10.00

### Miscellaneous Licenses

All-Around Sportsman (Includes Resident Firearm Hunting, Bow & Arrow Hunting & Fishing Licenses)	72.25
Duplicate License	2.00

See page 4 for additional license information

# New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Telephone Directory

Internet Address . . . . . www.njfishandwildlife.com

Commercial Preserves & Semi-Wild Preserves . . . . . 609-984-6211

**Hunting Permit Hotline** . . . . . 609-292-9192

DEP ACTION LINE - 24 HOURS . . . . . 877-WARNDEP

Exotic & Nongame Captivity Permits . . . . . 609-292-9591

Falconry Permit Information . . . . . 908-735-8793

Field Trial Permits . . . . . 609-259-2132

**General Information** . . . . . 609-292-2965

Horseback Riding Permits . . . . . 609-259-2132

Hunter Education . . . . . 877-2HUNTJ

Hunting, Fishing, & Duplicate Licenses . . . . . 609-292-2965

Operation Game Thief . . . . . 800-222-0456

Outstanding Deer Program . . . . . 609-292-9450

Pheasant & Quail Stocking Information . . . . . 609-984-0547

Rifle Permit Information . . . . . 609-984-1400

Trout Stocking Hotline . . . . . 609-633-6765

Wildlife Conservation Corps Information . . . . . 856-629-1014

Wildlife Management Area Information . . . . . 609-984-0547

### Trenton Office

501 E. State St., Station Plaza 5, 3rd Floor,

PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400

Endangered and Nongame Species . . . . . 609-292-9400

Freshwater Fisheries . . . . . 609-292-9450

Land Management . . . . . 609-984-0547

Law Enforcement . . . . . 609-292-9430

Marine Fisheries . . . . . 609-292-2083

Shellfisheries . . . . . 609-984-5546

Wildlife Education . . . . . 609-292-9450

Wildlife Management . . . . . 609-292-6685

### Freshwater Fisheries Lab

PO Box 394, Lebanon, NJ 08833 . . . . . 908-236-2118

### Northern Region Office

26 Route 173 W., Hampton, NJ 08827

Wildlife Management . . . . . 908-735-7040

Endangered and Nongame Species . . . . . 908-735-8975

Hunter Education . . . . . 877-2HUNTJ

Wildlife Control . . . . . 908-735-8793

Land Management . . . . . 973-383-0918

Law Enforcement (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties) . . . . . 908-735-8240

### Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center

605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863 . . . . . 908-637-4125

### Central Region Office

1 Eldridge Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Land Management . . . . . 609-259-2132

Hunter Education . . . . . 877-2HUNTJ

Wildlife Control . . . . . 609-259-7955

Law Enforcement (Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties) . . . . . 609-259-2120

### Southern Region Office

220 Blue Anchor Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Information . . . . . 856-629-0090

Hunter Education . . . . . 877-2HUNTJ

Land Management . . . . . 856-629-5006

Freshwater Fisheries . . . . . 856-629-4950

Wildlife Control . . . . . 856-629-7224

Law Enforcement (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties) . . . . . 856-629-0555

### Nacote Creek Research Station

P.O. Box 418, Route 9, Milepost 51

Port Republic, NJ 08241

Marine Fisheries . . . . . 609-748-2020

Shellfisheries . . . . . 609-748-2040

Marine Education . . . . . 609-748-2031

Wildlife Management . . . . . 609-748-2063

**Marine Law Enforcement** . . . . . 609-748-2050

### Bivalve Shellfish Office

P.O. Box 432, Port Norris, NJ 08349 . . . . . 856-785-0730



## Hunting & Trapping Licenses

*Deer Permits are valid for the 2003–2004 hunting season.  
New Jersey sporting licenses are valid for the calendar year.*

All persons hunting or trapping must be properly licensed. It is unlawful for any person age 10 or older to hunt without a hunting license. It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. See below for youth license information. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license or permit on their outer clothing and must show their license to any police officer or any person requesting to see it.

Licenses and stamps may be purchased from participating county or municipal clerks, license agents and selected Division of Fish and Wildlife offices.

**Farmer License Exemption** A farmer and the immediate members of the family who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit (a farm is defined as an area of at least five acres and having gross income of at least \$500, and tax assessed as farmland).

This exemption does not apply to a tenant or employee who is not an immediate family member. *Also: See Farmer Deer Permits section.*

**Hunter & Trapper Education Requirements** New Jersey requires that anyone applying to hunt with a shotgun, rifle or bow show a previous resident license of the appropriate type from this or any state, or a course completion card from the appropriate hunter education course.

The New Jersey Hunter Education course is now offered as a home study video-based program. Students can obtain course materials at most license agents and Division field offices. After completing an extensive homework assignment, the student may choose from a list of testing facilities and dates to complete their Hunter Education course. More details on the program, including course material availability, facility locations and dates, see page 70 or go to the Division's web page [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com) or call 877-2HUNTJ.

**Lost Licenses** Lost licenses can be replaced at all Division regional offices, the Trenton office and the Pequest Natural Resource Education Center. To replace a lost license, either mail or hand deliver the carbon copy issued with the license along with a \$2 check to any Division law enforcement office, the Trenton office, or Pequest. Duplicate stamps will not be issued, but may be purchased separately.

**National Guard, Licenses** Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free licenses, permits, and stamps. Further information can be obtained by writing to: NJ Department of Military/Veteran Affairs, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Attn: 1st Sgt. Turrien, or call 609-530-6866.

**Non-Resident Licenses** Non-residents must show either a resident license from their state or proof of successfully completing an appropriate hunter education course, in order to obtain a license to hunt or trap in New Jersey. Non-immigrant aliens who temporarily import firearms

to the United States must first obtain a Form 6 Import Permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). The approval may take up to 12 weeks. Contact ATF's Explosives Imports Branch at 202-927-8320 or download a form from their web site at [www.atf.treas.gov](http://www.atf.treas.gov).

**Non-Resident Servicemen, Licenses** Any person on active duty in the armed services may buy a resident hunting license upon presenting a previous resident license (from this or any other state) of the appropriate type or proof of successfully completing the appropriate hunter education course to the agent.

**One-day License** A one-day license may be issued for hunting on a licensed commercial shooting preserve. This license may be obtained at the shooting preserve and is valid only on the day issued for the species covered by the preserve's license. Hunter Education requirements still apply.

**Resident Licenses** Resident licenses may be purchased if one has resided in the state for six months immediately prior to application.

**Revocation of Licenses** Anyone convicted of a second fish and game violation within a period of five years will have their New Jersey hunting and fishing privileges revoked for two years. Certain violations carry greater periods of revocation, ranging from three years to lifetime revocation. Two convictions of any Wildlife Management Area regulation results in a five year revocation. Two convictions of the following will result in lifetime revocation: safety zone violation, causing damage to real or personal property and negligent use of a firearm or bow. The Division may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

**Social Security Numbers on Licenses** Public Law 1998c1 "The Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires that the Division of Fish and Wildlife collect and maintain a record of Social Security numbers whenever a license or permit is sold. The visible display of the Social Security number on the license is not required and therefore it is the official policy of the Division that the holder of the license may black out their Social Security number once the license has been purchased. No other changes may be made to the license.

**Youth Licenses, Resident & Non-Resident** Properly licensed youth hunters ages 10–13 may hunt only when accompanied by a properly licensed adult aged 21 or older. Youths, 15 years of age and under, are able to hunt, fish, and trap for free, provided they have passed a Hunter Education course. Youth hunters who have passed a hunter education course should have received their new Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow license. The Youth Firearm, Bow and Arrow or Trapping License is valid from time of issuance until end of the year that he or she turns 16. Resident and nonresident youths who have not received their license can obtain licenses by calling the Division's Pequest, Trenton, Northern, Central or Southern region offices.

## Disabled Veteran's Licenses, Stamps and Permits

*Free hunting and fishing licenses, stamps and permits are available for resident disabled veterans.*

For the purposes of this program, the legislation defines Disabled Veterans as: "...any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service from any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree..."

Disabled Veteran hunting licenses are available at the Division's Trenton office, as well as selected Division field offices. For questions, call (609) 292-2965.

Disabled Veterans are entitled to **one free permit for the Permit Bow Season, and one free firearm permit (your choice), for either the Permit Shotgun or the Permit Muzzleloader Seasons**. Disabled Veterans **cannot** receive free permits at license agents. These free permits **only** can be obtained through the Division. To ensure inclusion on our database, Disabled Veterans are encouraged to apply for free deer permits by mail using the special Disabled Veteran application (see below). In the event that the deadline is missed, Disabled Veterans may obtain their free permits at selected Division offices.

### Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of current benefits for a service-connected disability and proof of honorable discharge (such as a copy of your DD-214, VA card or monthly check stub) must be presented to obtain a free disabled veteran license.
2. Applicant must provide a hunter education course (archery, shotgun or rifle) certificate applicable to the license for which you are applying or previously issued resident archery or firearm license or rifle permit. Resident licenses from other states issued to hunters prior to establishing residency in New Jersey will be accepted if the license indicates the sporting arm for which it was valid. Non-resident licenses from other states are not acceptable.
3. To obtain the free Disabled Veteran Deer permits one must first have a Disabled Veteran hunting license.
4. Those applying for free deer permits must fill out one 2003 Disabled Veteran Deer Permit Application. Applications will be sent to all Disabled Veterans who are currently listed in our database. If you do not receive an application, one can be obtained at selected

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# 2003–2004 Hunting Permits and Stamps

## Permits

### Beaver & Otter Permits

- Trapping allowed by special permit only.
- Applications and additional information will be available beginning September 30 on the Division's web site ([www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)) and at Division offices.
- Application period is **October 15–November 15**.
- Leftover permits will be made available over-the-counter. During the week of December 1, 2003 check the web site or call the permit hotline at 609-292-9192, to learn if and when those sales will take place.
- See trapping regulations, page 54.

### Black Bear Hunting Permits

A total of 10,000 special black bear hunting permits will be available to properly licensed firearm hunters who successfully complete a mandatory black bear hunting seminar. Black bear permit applicants must submit their name, mailing address, 2003 firearm hunting license number, telephone number, and all other required information on applications provided by the Division which will be available at Division offices and license agents during the first week of August. Permits are free, however **applications must be received by the Division of Fish and Wildlife at the address provided on the application no later than September 30, 2003**. If more than 10,000 applications are received, a random lottery will be conducted. Black bear hunting permits are not transferable and must be in the possession of the hunter while hunting black bear. Hunters are limited to one black bear hunting permit.

### Captive Wildlife Permits

The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is regulated and only for limited purposes. Information and applications may be obtained by calling:  
 Nongame and Exotics—609-292-9591  
 Game birds and Mammals—609-984-6211 or from our web site, [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)

## Disabled Veteran's Licenses, Stamps & Permits

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- Division offices, on the Division web site ([www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)) or by calling (609) 292-2965. **Do not** complete the regular application found in this Digest.
5. Disabled Veteran applications will be accepted for **all zones** that are open for deer hunting; this includes zones sold only at license agents and zones that still have a lottery system. Disabled Veterans may purchase additional permits at the regular price of \$28.
- Using a Disabled Veteran Permit Application does not give the applicant preference in the lottery.

### Coyote, Red and Gray Fox Hunting Permits

- Permits are required to hunt coyote, red or gray fox from February 2–16, 2004.
- Application period: **October 15–November 15**.
- To apply, send a \$2 application fee and a 3 x 5-inch index card with your name, mailing address, date of birth and **evening** telephone number.
- Write "Special February Coyote/Fox Season" on bottom of index card.
- Application fee must be in the form of a check or money order payable to "NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife"
- Mail the fee and index card to: NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife, Coyote Permits, PO Box 003, Trenton, NJ 08625-0003.
- Permits will also be made available at Division offices beginning January 19, 2004.
- See coyote and fox hunting regulations, pages 50 and 52.

### Deer Road-Kill Permits

Deer accidentally killed by motor vehicles may be possessed for private consumption only by obtaining a free permit from the local police department or from a Division regional law enforcement office. The permit only authorizes the possession of the meat for consumption and is good only for 90 days. The possession of all other parts, such as antlers, under terms of this permit, are expressly prohibited. Wrapped packages of the venison must be labeled with the permit number. The permit only authorizes the possession of the meat for consumption and prohibits the possession of any other parts.

### Deer Season Permits

- Permits are required during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Seasons.
- Permits may be purchased either at participating license agents or through a mail-in lottery, depending on the zone. See pages 6 to 10 for details.
- Permits are valid only for the season and zone indicated, are non-transferable and non-refundable.
- **For the mail-in lottery, permit applications must be postmarked by August 31.**

### Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is allowed only with a Falconry Permit and a hunting license. See the section on falconry for hunting rules, page 53.

### Rifle Permits

A valid rifle permit is required for coyote, deer, squirrel and woodchuck hunting with a muzzle-loading rifle; raccoon and opossum hunting with a .22 caliber rifle; and for dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat with a .22 caliber rifle. Initial rifle permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed a rifle hunter education course. Applications for rifle permits may be obtained at the Division's Trenton Office or our web site. Rifle permits for 10 to 17 years olds will be valid only for muzzleloader. No persons under 18 years old may hunt with centerfire or rimfire rifles.

### Turkey Hunting Permits

- Hunting by permit only.
- Spring and fall season applications are made simultaneously on one application.
- Applications are located in the 2004 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement, available in late January/early February at Division offices, on our web site and at participating license agents.
- Applications must be postmarked between January 25 and February 23.

### Turkey Permits, Fall

- At press time, the 2003 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery has not been completed.
- **Tentative** date: Monday, September 29, 2003 has been scheduled for over-the-counter sale of leftover permits, if available.
- After July 18, 2003 check the web site or call the 24-hour automated Permit Hotline at 609-292-9192 for more detailed information.

## Permits for Farmers

### Deer Season

- Approved farmers are eligible for one **free** bow, shotgun and muzzleloader permit for the applicable deer management zone.
- Farmers may submit only one application.
- **Preferred farmer application period: June 1–August 31.**
- For all applications received after October 1, the Division cannot guarantee that permits will be received in time for opening day.
- Farmers on our database were sent applications in early June.
- To ensure inclusion in our database, farmers are strongly urged to submit completed applications early.
- There are two types of farmer permits, **occupant** and **non-occupant**. Applicants may decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify.
- For Farmer Deer Permits **only a qualified farmer or the spouse or children of that farmer who reside in the farmer's household**, are eligible to apply for occupant and non-occupant farmer deer permits.
- Farmer Permits are contingent upon approval by the Division's Bureau of Law Enforcement.
- Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at license agents) regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer permits.
- Farmer Permits are **ONLY** available through the Division's Trenton Office.

### Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- Applicant must be the owner, leasee or immediate family (spouse and children only) who actually **reside on** the farm property.
- Must have at least five acres of land tax-assessed as farmland.
- Occupant permits are valid only on the farm property where the applicant resides.

### Non-Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- Applicants are not required to live on the farm property.

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- Farmer(s) and their immediate family members (spouse and children only) may qualify, up to a total of five people.
- Must actively till at least 30 acres of land which is tax-assessed as farmland.
- Woodlots do not qualify.
- If applying to hunt leased farmland, a copy of all leases authorizing the agricultural and hunting uses of the land must be attached to the application.
- Non-occupant permits are valid in the entire zone for which the permit was applied.
- An applicant who lives on a farm and actively tills at least 30 acres may apply *either* as an occupant *or* a non-occupant.

### Farmer Turkey Permits

- Qualified farmers may apply only if their land is in a turkey hunting area open to hunting.
- Approved farmers will receive a permit valid for both the entire spring and fall seasons if they apply for both permits on their Farmer Turkey Permit Application.
- Applications will be made available at Division offices, the Division web site, county agricultural agents and from conservation officers throughout the state.
- Farmer Turkey permits are available only to the farmer and immediate family who **reside on** the farm.
- For the purpose of Farmer Turkey Permits “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.
- Application period is January 23–February 23. Farmers whose applications are received after February 23 cannot be guaranteed that their permits will arrive by opening day.

## Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

### Permits for Physically Challenged Hunters

A permit for certain physically challenged persons may be issued to use alternative methods/equipment for taking game during the prescribed seasons. The application period is January 1 to August 31 of each year.

### Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

A permit to shoot or hunt from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who have a permanent or irreversible physical disability which limits their ambulatory ability, suffer from cardiovascular disease and are classified as Class 3 or 4 heart patients according to American Heart Association standards, or suffer from chronic lung disease. This permit will be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician or chiropractor.

Individuals hunting with a permit to hunt or shoot from a motor vehicle must mark the vehicle

being used for the purpose of hunting either with handicapped license plates issued by the Division of Motor Vehicles or by displaying the sign, provided by Fish and Wildlife, in the rear window of the vehicle being used.

### Bow Use Permit

A special bow use permit may be issued to disabled hunters who cannot use a conventional bow as described in the Game Code. This permit will allow the alteration of a long bow, recurved bow or compound bow with a mechanical device that will enable the archer to draw and cock the bow at full or partial draw length or in cases of demonstrated need, a permit to use a crossbow may be issued. Special bow use permit applicants must have a disability that meets any one of the following criteria: amputation or other loss of one or both arms above the wrist; an amputation or other loss of index or middle finger on the hand used to draw and release the bow; permanent, substantial loss of function or range of motion in one or both arms, one or both hands, or one or both shoulders; or suffer from cardiovascular disease and are designated as a Class 3 or 4 heart patient according to the American Heart Association standards. These permits will only be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician.

Information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions can be requested in writing from the Division’s Trenton Office, Handicapped Permits, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625 or downloaded directly from our web site: [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com)

## Stamps

Stamps are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink.

### Pheasant & Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose youth license remains valid through the end of the year in which they turn 16) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated Wildlife Management Areas shall have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp (free youth hunting licenses include pheasant & quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood, Howardsville, Heislerville, Tuckahoe, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. Other designated areas include the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Fort Dix. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January–December.

### New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Duck Stamp. Both of these stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1–June 30. An HIP number is also required. See page 56 for details.

# APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

(Application postmark deadline—AUGUST 31, 2003)

- Note:** A rifle permit is required while muzzleloader hunting. Hunters are limited to purchasing one permit per zone for each of the permit seasons (permit bow, permit muzzleloader, permit shotgun). Blank applications may be photocopied. Print clearly. Follow instructions carefully.
1. **HUNTER INFORMATION:** Complete the hunter’s name, birth date, mailing address, Social Security number and daytime telephone number.
  2. **HUNTING LICENSE NUMBER:** Please be aware that we no longer have permit ID Stubs on hunting licenses. Bow applicants must include their 2003 Archery or 2003 All-Around license number. Shotgun or muzzleloader applicants must include the number from their 2003 Firearm or 2003 All-Around license. Those who applied for a hunter education course by August 31, should enter “8888888888” in the license box.
  3. **PERMIT BOW SECTION:** To apply for a bow permit, write your zone choices next to the “B” under the first lottery section. For a second bow permit, write your zone choices next to the “B” under the second lottery section. **PERMIT FIREARM SECTION:** To apply for a shotgun or muzzleloader permit, place an “S” (shotgun) or “M” (muzzleloader) in the box and write your zone choices under the first lottery section. For an additional firearm (shotgun or muzzleloader) permit, place an “S” (shotgun) or “M” (muzzleloader) in the box and write your zone choices under the second lottery section. **Reminder:** Hunters will only be able to take one buck during each of the permit seasons regardless of the number of permits they have.
  4. **PERMIT FEE:** A \$28 fee (\$26 permit fee plus a \$2 nonrefundable application fee) per adult permit or a \$12 fee (\$10 permit fee plus a \$2 nonrefundable application fee) per youth permit must accompany your application. You must enclose with your application a check or money order payable to “NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife”. Include your name and address on checks and money orders. Applications not chosen to receive permits will receive a refund for permit fee only (\$26 or \$10 per permit in late January).
  5. **PERMIT FEE:** A \$28 fee (\$26 permit fee plus a \$2 nonrefundable application fee) per adult permit or a \$12 fee (\$10 permit fee plus a \$2 nonrefundable application fee) per youth permit must accompany your application. You must enclose with your application a check or money order payable to “NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife”. Include your name and address on checks and money orders. Applications not chosen to receive permits will receive a refund for permit fee only (\$26 or \$10 per permit in late January).
  6. Cut out application along dotted line and mail with all fees to the address below. Envelopes must be postmarked by August 31.
- NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife**  
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**2003 DEER PERMIT APPLICATION**  
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Public Law 1998c1 "The Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires that we collect your Social Security number on this application. No permit will be issued without it.

Birthdate Month    Day    Year 	First Name 	M.I. 	Last Name 	State 	
Mailing Address 				City 	
Zip Code           -	Telephone Number 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (         )         -	Social Security number         -			
<b>PERMIT BOW SEASON</b>					
<b>YOUTH PRICE*</b> <b>Bow, 1st Lottery</b> Price: \$12 Amt. Paid \$ _____ <b>Bow 2nd Lottery</b> Price: \$12 Amt. Paid \$ _____ <b>Firearm, 1st Lottery</b> Price: \$12 Amt. Paid \$ _____ <b>Firearm, 2nd Lottery</b> Price: \$12 Amt. Paid \$ _____ Total Amount Youth \$ _____ 1 Permit = \$ 12 2 Permits = \$24 3 Permits = \$36 4 Permits = \$48	<b>First Lottery</b> [ B ] 1st Zone Choice   2nd Zone Choice   3rd Zone Choice   		<b>ADULT PRICE</b> <b>Bow, 1st Lottery</b> Price: \$28 Amt. Paid \$ _____ <b>Bow, 2nd Lottery</b> Price: \$28 Amt. Paid \$ _____ <b>Firearm, 1st Lottery</b> Price: \$28 Amt. Paid \$ _____ Total Amount Adult \$ _____ 1 Permit = \$ 28 2 Permits = \$ 56 3 Permits = \$ 84 4 Permits = \$112		
<b>PERMIT FIREARM SEASON</b>					
<b>First Lottery</b> [ B ] 1st Zone Choice   2nd Zone Choice   3rd Zone Choice   		Apply for these Zones Only: 37 52 57 58 59 61			
<b>Second Lottery</b> [ B ] 1st Zone Choice   2nd Zone Choice   3rd Zone Choice   		Apply for these Zones Only: 37 S or M 38 S or M 52 S or M 56 S only 57 S or M 58 S or M 59 S or M 61 S or M 64 S only 67 M only			
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## Deer Season Permits

Permit hunting seasons play a major role in the Division's deer management program. The three permit seasons provide a means to control hunting pressure, and thereby harvest, in each deer management zone to meet specific deer management objectives. With the additional harvest and recreational opportunity these seasons provide, an additional fee is charged for each permit.

- Permits are required to hunt during the permit bow, permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun seasons.
- **Permits are zone specific and are valid for the duration of the specified zone's permit season, even when that season extends into the 2004 calendar year.**
- Hunters are limited to purchasing **one permit per zone for each of the permit seasons.** Example: If you hunt only in Zone 19, you are limited to purchasing one muzzleloader, one bow and one shotgun permit for Zone 19. If you hunt in more than one zone you may purchase one muzzleloader, one bow and one shotgun permit for each zone.
- Regardless of how many permits one has, hunters are limited to taking **one buck** during each of the permit seasons. (See *Licenses, Permits and Tagging Requirements* for details, page 21.)
- Either a regular, non-resident or youth hunting license is a prerequisite to purchasing a deer

permit. See page 4 for more information regarding hunting licenses.

- Muzzleloader season permits are not valid unless accompanied by both a valid rifle permit and a firearm or all-around hunting license.
- It is illegal to use a permit for a zone or season or hunter other than what is written on the permit. Deer permit violations are subject to a fine of \$100–\$500 for each offense.
- The cost per permit is \$28 for each adult and \$12 for each youth permit.

### Permits Available at Participating License Agents

- Permits may be purchased at participating license agents (listed on page 13) only for the following zones: **1–19, 21–31, 34–36, 41–43, 45–51, 55, 63 and 65.** (See *Mail-in Lottery Permits* for zones with lower quotas).
- Bow, muzzleloader and shotgun permits will be available for sale **beginning September 8, 2003.**
- Participating license agents will be selling permits through **February 14, 2004.**
- Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent.
- To purchase a permit at a license agent, a hunter **MUST** present his or her valid current year's hunting license.
- Hunters need not be present; a person may purchase a permit for an absent hunter only if

they show the hunter's valid hunting license. **Photocopies of licenses are not accepted.**

- The **hunter** is responsible to know in what zone and period they want to hunt.
- Hunters are urged to review their permit **before** leaving the license agent.
- Once a permit has been paid for and leaves the store, **there will be no returns, exchanges or refunds. NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- As with licenses, hunters are reminded to keep the purchaser's copy in a separate, safe location. This is your receipt and proof of permit, should the original be lost.

### Special Area Deer Management Zones

- Special areas include Federal Military Installments, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges.
- Zone dependant, permits are either purchased over-the-counter at the special area, or through the mail in lottery.
- There may be specific, qualifying criteria which hunters must meet before obtaining a permit. Some zones are not open to the public.
- Refer to the *Special Area Hunting Seasons* section on page 35 for specific details and instructions.

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## Be A Mentor, Keep Hunting Tradition Alive

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my interest in and knowledge of hunting and fishing, my appreciation and understanding of natural resources and even my career choices.

Studies show most people who enjoy hunting were introduced to the sport by a family member or friend. By sharing their knowledge, experienced hunters help beginners learn hunting techniques, safety and ethics. Mentoring often leads to new friendships and hunting companions. The strong bonds that develop between hunting partners can last a lifetime. I can personally attest to the strength of the lifelong relationships developed among the relatives and friends with whom I have shared many days in the field.

While there are times we all relish the solitude that hunting offers and may prefer to hunt alone, we also cherish memories that include our hunting buddies. We remember the hunting camp conversations, the duck-blind badgering, sharing in our partners' successes, reminding them about their failures, and the sunrises and sunsets over the marsh, fields or forests—the good times and the good-natured ribbing to be recounted for years to come.

Sometimes, men and women who have enjoyed hunting for years may decide to abandon the sport. This decision is often attributed to the loss of something they considered essential to the hunting experience, such as a favorite hunting

spot, a hunting buddy or even a beloved hunting dog. In some cases, hunters relocate and simply don't know how to find good hunting locations or opportunities in a new state. Further, most private hunting land is posted, open only to a club, family or small group.

Many of us have the knowledge and experience necessary either to introduce newcomers to hunting or to encourage a hunter to continue pursuing the sport, so we should consider serving as mentors. Keep in mind that when we invite a family member, friend or acquaintance to join us for a day in the field, we also are preserving the tradition of hunting in New Jersey.

For myself, I consider it a responsibility and a tribute to my mentors to pass along the hunting knowledge, values and ethics they thoughtfully conveyed to me. For all of us, mentoring a new hunter could be the beginning of many years of camaraderie and the first of many rewarding experiences in New Jersey's great outdoors.

**Marty McHugh is director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.**



## Deer Season Permits (continued from page 9)

### Military Zones

Military base zones include the following: Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54), Earle NWS (Zones 39 & 40), Lakehurst NAES (Zone 53), FAA Tech Center (Zone 66) and Fort Dix (Zones 37 & 52). All have lower quotas and a limited amount of permits will be made available. Due to heightened security measures, permits for most military base zones will be available for purchase only at each base location except permits for Ft. Dix, Zones 37 and 52, will be sold through the mail-in lottery. Permits will be available beginning September 7, 2003, however please refer to the Special Area Section on page 35 for complete details. At the time of this printing the status of zone 66, FAA Tech. Center, is still unknown—prospective hunters should refer to the information on Zone 66 in the Special Area Section.

### Mail-In Lottery Permits

Zones which have a limited permit quota necessitate a mail in lottery. Hunters may apply for a total of four deer permits (two bow, two firearm) through the mail-in lottery. Two random lotteries will be conducted. The first lottery will choose applicants from the first lottery section of the permit application.

The second lottery will assign permits leftover from the first lottery. These permits will be assigned, where available, to applicants completing the second lottery section of the application.

**The second lottery is NOT a continuation of the first lottery.** The computer will attempt to fill the first, second, or third choice of each applicant in the second lottery *independent* of any previous request in the first lottery. If permits remain after both computerized lotteries are conducted, they will be available for purchase over-the-counter at selected Division offices.

- Permits will be available by lottery **ONLY** for the following zones: **37, 38, 52, 56, 57, 58, 59, 61, 64 and 67.**
- Application and instructions can be found on page 6 and 7.
- Applications must be **postmarked by August 30, 2003.**
- **Only ONE application per hunter.** If you make a mistake do not submit a second application. The computer will automatically void both applications. See *Notification*, below.
- Consult the permit quotas for lottery zones table on the table below to ascertain your chances of winning a permit. This table shows last years permit quotas and the number of applicants, you can use it to compare to this year's permit quotas.

- returned for correction, to be resubmitted promptly.
- Any applicant not selected to receive a permit will receive a notice of non-selection. A refund, minus a \$2 application fee, will be issued at a later date.
- All applicants will receive notification by October 17 for bow permits, and October 24 for shotgun and muzzleloader permits.
- If you have not received notification by these dates, contact the Division.
- Hunters not receiving a deer permit *or* notice of non-selection must contact the Division before the end of the appropriate season or the hunter will not receive a refund for undeliverable permits or those lost in the mail.
- For questions concerning the permit process, call the 24-hour automated permit hotline: 609-292-9192.

### Over-the-Counter Sale of Leftover Lottery Permits

- Should there be leftover permits after both computerized lotteries are conducted, they will be sold over-the-counter at selected Division offices.
- Leftover permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Sale of permits will be Mondays through Fridays only, **tentatively beginning Monday October 27, 2003.**
- During the week of October 17, 2003, check the web site or call the 24-hour automated permit hotline at 609-292-9192 for more detailed information.

### Notification

- Late applications will be returned.
- Incorrect or incomplete applications will be

### 2003 Permit Quotas For Lottery Zones

This table shows the permit quotas for 2002 along with the number of applicants who requested that zone as their first choice in the first lottery. The 2003 Permit Quota is also listed. Hunters can ascertain their chances of winning a permit by looking at the number of permits allotted (the permit quota) and comparing them to the number of permits requested.

ZONE	2002 Permit Bow Quota	1st Choice Bow Requests 2002	2003 Permit Bow Quota	2002 Permit Shotgun Quota	1st Choice Shotgun Requests 2002	2003 Permit Shotgun Quota	2002 Permit Muzzleloader Quota	1st Choice Muzzleloader Requests 2002	2003 Permit Muzzleloader Quota
37*	190	N/A	190	47	N/A	75	390	N/A	300
38	0	0	0	290	281	290	10	4	10
52*	65	N/A	65	25	N/A	25	180	N/A	180
56	0	0	0	25	21	25	0	0	0
57	40	18	40	40	16	40	40	8	40
58	50	27	50	50	45	75	50	19	50
59	35	36	35	75	23	75	25	18	25
61	30	19	40	80	25	80	30	11	40
64	0	0	0	100	175	100	0	0	0
67	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	249	350

\* See Fort Dix segment in the Special Areas Hunting Section on page 36.

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