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BY DAVE CHANDA

Technology has irreversibly changed nearly every aspect of modern civilization and our daily lives. Some of us have a love/hate relationship with technology, resisting some of the trappings of being plugged-in, while embracing others. As I

write this, I find myself thinking about the irony of now welcoming the very technology we often seek to avoid (or at least to take a break from temporarily) when we go about "de-stressing" ourselves by spending time in the natural world.

This issue of the *Digest* announces two major technological advances that will enhance enjoyment and participation in hunting, fishing and every other outdoor experience in New Jersey. Hunters who harvest a deer this year will have no choice but to accept one of those advances, the Automated Harvest Report System. Hunters can choose not to embrace the other advance, the new smartphone app known as the New Jersey Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife Pocket Ranger® App, but it is such a powerful and convenient information resource that it just might convert even the most hardcore of technophobes.

The Automated Harvest Report System was successfully unveiled for reporting Winter Bow deer harvests at the beginning of 2012. The Automated Harvest Report System is now fully implemented and replaces the physical deer check station with a virtual one where hunters report all deer harvested either by phone or online. For hunters, reporting deer through the automated system means no more searching for open check stations or waiting in line to check a deer after a long day of hunting. The automated system will also reduce the reporting cost per deer by more than 50%, will free up biologists' time for other important deer management work and will provide Fish and Wildlife with instant access to deer harvest data. It also benefits our law enforcement efforts, as all patrol vehicles will be equipped with computers to enable easy data look-up in real-time.

The other technological advance we are excited to announce is the new smartphone app for fish and wildlife-related recreation in New Jersey. This free New Jersey Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife Pocket Ranger® App is jammed solid with information on places to hunt, fish and watch wildlife along with information and photos for game and nongame species plus both freshwater and marine fish.

Hunters will especially appreciate easy access to licensing and permit information, wildlife management areas, season regulations, GPS mapping features and community boards where harvest photos and discussions about experiences in the field can be shared. Developed by the same company that created the New Jersey State Parks and Forests Pocket Ranger® App, users will be able to access information seamlessly from whichever app they are currently using. If you are on the fence about wanting or needing a smartphone, the New Jersey Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife Pocket Ranger® App may very well be the nudge you've needed to "go techno."

As you prepare for another year of fabulous New Jersey hunting opportunities, please take the time to learn more about our Automated Harvest Report System and the smartphone app through the information contained in this *Digest* issue. It is our hope that both will help our residents and visitors spend more meaningful time in the outdoors enjoying all of New Jersey's open spaces and abundant fish and wildlife resources. 🦌

**Dave Chanda is the Director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.**

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# Highlights of Regulation Changes

## 2012-2013 HUNTING AND TRAPPING

### CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

The only change to deer regulations for the 2012-13 seasons is the use of Fish and Wildlife's new automated method to report your deer harvest, now in effect for ALL seasons.

For the upcoming deer season, successful deer hunters must report their harvest using Fish and Wildlife's new **Automated Harvest Report System** which replaces all deer check stations. Under the new system, all hunters must still report their deer but will no longer do so at a check station. Instead, hunters must report their deer via telephone or online. The phone number and website address are printed on all hunting licenses and deer permits.

**All Deer Hunters:** Before going hunting, use the new Deer Hunting Location Viewer on Fish and Wildlife's website ([NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm)) and write down the DMZ, county, township and Deer Management Unit for your hunt location prior to harvesting a deer! Record this information on your license, permit or the Deer Harvest Report Card (page 29) so it is accessible when you

report your harvest. See pages 32 and 33 for more information on the new Automated Harvest Report System.

All farmers who deer hunt must now have a Conservation ID number. A CID is obtained free at license agents or online at [www.NJWildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJWildlifeLicense.com). A CID is essential to report a deer harvest now that Fish and Wildlife has implemented the Automated Harvest Report System as described above. Farmers who either receive free deer permits or have purchased a hunting license or deer permit already have a CID in our licensing system.

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#### Law and Regulation Information



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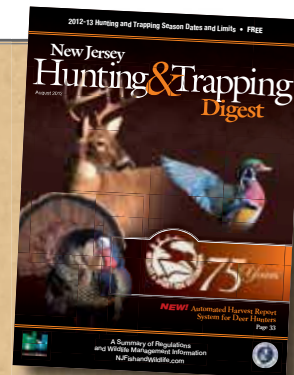
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The format of the 2012 hunting licenses is changed to accommodate the introduction of Fish and Wildlife's new mandatory Automated Harvest Report System.

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. (See *Farmer License Exemption*, this page.) It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. See page 1 for license and permit fees. See page 10 for youth license information. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license and any applicable deer, turkey or bear permit in the middle of the back on their outer clothing and must show their license to any law enforcement officer or any person requesting to see it.

Licenses, permits and stamps may be purchased using Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site ([www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com)), from approved license agents listed on page 20, or by calling (888) 773-8450.

Do NOT heat laminate the durable license or permit. High temperature will destroy these waterproof, heat-sensitive documents.

### Child Support Certifications

The "Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires Fish and Wildlife to collect and maintain Social Security numbers and a child support obligation certification from license applicants and to make the collection of this information part of the license application. To comply, Fish and Wildlife, working with the Division of Law in the Office of the Attorney General, created the Supplemental License Application available on the Fish and Wildlife website at [NJFishandWildlife.com/child\\_support\\_info.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/child_support_info.htm) or at license agents.

The online child support application allows an individual to be certified from the privacy of their home. Once completed—either over the Internet or at a license agent—the certification remains valid for the calendar year in which the certification was completed.

### Farmer License Exemption

A farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition under *Farmer Regulations*, page 28) who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. For details, see *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 28.

All farmers **must** have a Conservation Identification number (CID). Apply online now for a free CID at [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com). No purchase is required. All hunters must now have a

CID to utilize the mandatory Automated Harvest Report System for all deer seasons.

### Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements

New Jersey requires that everyone, age 10 and above, applying to hunt with a shotgun, rifle or bow must 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. See also *Youth Licenses*, page 10.

The New Jersey Hunter Education Program is offered as a home study, video-based course. Students may obtain course materials at most license agents and Fish and Wildlife field offices or download from our website. After completing an extensive homework assignment, the student will choose from a list of testing facilities and dates to complete their hunter education course. For more Hunter Education Program details, including course material availability, facility locations, dates and course registration, go to Fish and Wildlife's website at [NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm) or call (877) 2HUNT NJ.

Trapper education courses are offered four times throughout the state in the months of September and October. To enroll in a trapper education course, go to the Fish and Wildlife website or call (877) 2HUNT NJ to register.

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## Disabled Veteran Licenses, Stamps and Permits

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

For the purposes of this program, 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..."

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps at the following Fish and Wildlife field offices:

- Pequest Trout Hatchery/Natural Resource Ed. Ctr, Oxford, Warren Co., (908) 637-4125;
- Central Region Office, Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co., (609) 259-2132;
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### 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 (archery, shotgun or rifle) course certificate applicable to the license for which he or she is applying or a 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/turkey permits one must **first** have a **free** disabled veteran hunting license.



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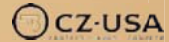
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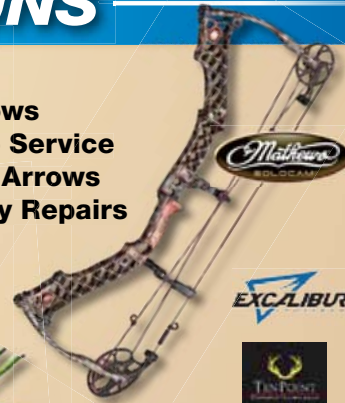
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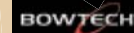
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### Lost Licenses

A license, permit or stamp can be replaced at any license agent, at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site, [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com), or by calling (888) 773-8450. Licenses and permits which contain Harvest Report stubs can be duplicated at license agents or on the Internet sales site only twice. All subsequent duplicates of these license and permit types must be handled in person at Fish and Wildlife regional offices or the Pequest Natural Resource Education Center. The Trenton office is no longer open to the public for license and permit sales. A \$2 fee is charged for each duplicate license/permit.

### National Guard Licenses

Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free licenses, permits and stamps. Further information can be obtained by visiting [www.nj.gov/military/fishing\\_application.html](http://www.nj.gov/military/fishing_application.html) or writing to: NJ Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, 101 Eggerts Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Attn: 1st Sgt. Turrian, 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 an application for the permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). For importation of firearms, use both forms ATF F 5330.3A and .3B. The approval may take up to 12 weeks. Contact ATF's Explosives Imports Branch at (202) 927-8320 or download a form from their website at <http://www.atf.gov/forms/download/atf-f-5330-3a.pdf>.

### Active Duty Military Licenses

Any person on active duty in the armed services, regardless of their current residency, may buy a New Jersey resident hunting license. Present a previous resident license (from this or any other state) of the appropriate type or show proof to the license agent of successful completion of the appropriate hunter education course along with proof of your current active duty status in the armed services.

### 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

A resident license may be purchased if one has resided in the state for at least 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 will result in a five-year revocation of *all* sporting privileges. 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. Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

### Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-Resident

A Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow License is valid from 10 years of age (or the time of issuance) until the end of the year when the youth turns 16. Note that properly licensed youth hunters age 10–13 may hunt only when under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult hunter age 21 or older. See also *Youth Hunting*, page 27. **Youth licenses are issued free to youths ages 10–15 upon completion of a hunter or trapper education course; see page 8 for course information.** Youth hunters who pre-registered for—and successfully complete—a hunter education course will receive their youth hunting license at the course. A Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow License is valid from the time of issuance until end of the year when the youth turns 16. See *Take a Kid Hunting* pages 22–24.

### Permits for Hunters and Trappers

#### Lottery Permit Application Process

For permit and license fees, see page 1.

A lottery is conducted to allocate turkey, beaver, otter and black bear hunting or trapping permits; application is required for these lottery permits. **There is no lottery for deer permits.** To receive certain permits you must first apply for the lottery. The application period is listed below with each permit type. Apply at license agents or via the Internet. Be sure to have your Conservation ID (CID) number on hand. A non-refundable \$2 application fee is charged for each lottery application.

Hunters or trappers will have three choices in each lottery. If you will accept a permit only for one particular zone (and/or period), complete only a first choice selection. There is no obligation to select a second or third choice; these are optional. When an applicant's first choice cannot be filled, the computer will check for the second choice listed. If this selection is also sold out, the computer will check for your third choice. Each lottery is completely random and awards only ONE permit—not three. Your chance of winning a permit in the lottery depends on the number of applicants and the number of permits allocated (permit quota).

### Application via the Internet— Before You Start

- Know your Conservation ID (CID) number or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB).
- Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable, time period or season. **Note:** After a period of inactivity, the Internet transaction will time out, requiring you to start over from the beginning.
- Have your payment ready. Internet transactions may be paid either by electronic check (e-check) or major credit card. For e-check transactions, have ready your bank routing number and your check book before you begin.
- During every transaction, there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections, if necessary. **Once a purchase transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** Permit applicants will have the opportunity to edit their application at any time during the permit application period; see *Changing Your Lottery Application*, below. Applicants are responsible to make application carefully. When the process is complete, print the confirmation page or note the transaction number for your records.

### Application at License Agent

#### Locations—Know Before You Go

- Know your Conservation ID (CID) number or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB).
- Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable, time period or season. The store proprietor or clerk is not responsible to know the zone/area of your hunting/trapping property. Be sure to review the map and zone descriptions at home before you arrive at the license agent. Not sure of your area? Use a county map, then follow the zone or area description shown either on Fish and Wildlife's website, [NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm), in this hunting *Digest* or in the turkey permit supplement to drive around the zone boundary.
- To speed your transaction, write down your information (CID#, DOB, lottery type, first, second and third choices) and hand it to the license agent.
- **NOTE** for applying at license agents: Agents using a VeriFone® machine (a special keypad) can print a transaction receipt, but might do so only at your request. Therefore, you should ask for a receipt of the transaction. This receipt will list your choices and the transaction number. Agents using Web-based (computer) systems may or may not be able to print a receipt. **ASK FIRST!** When an agent cannot print a receipt, it's important to have the clerk orally verify your application choices and to provide your transaction number. Keep this transaction number; it can be helpful should a problem occur with your application.
- Each agent decides what types of payment to accept. Learn this in advance, then have the correct payment ready when you arrive. ➤

### Changing Your Lottery Application

Regardless of where or how you applied for a lottery, applicants may review their information at any time from any computer with Internet access. Check your application status or edit your application if you discover a correction is necessary. With your CID and DOB, visit [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) to access your profile and follow the prompts. Applications may be edited only during the actual application period. Once the application period is closed, it is impossible to change your application. License agents and Fish and Wildlife offices DO NOT have the ability to change your application once submitted. Only you can make changes, so take care during the application process.

### Application Status Check

Hunters and trappers may check their application status at any time. Go to the licensing website ([www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com)) to access your profile using your CID and DOB, then follow the prompts. The license system displays if the lottery has been run and if you won a permit. When the system shows 'pending,' the lottery has not been completed. During the application period the system displays your application as 'pending.'

### Notification of Lottery Results (Did you win a permit?)

Once the lottery is complete, applicants will be notified of their results. When hunters or trappers first apply, the system may have asked your choice for either e-mail or postcard lottery results notification. For those who choose e-mail, be sure to review your junk or spam e-mail filters so the lottery results notification is accepted by your computer. When applying at a license agent, applicants may or may not be asked to choose a notification mode. Some license issuing machines must use the default method of mailing a postcard notification. Applicants who don't receive notification by the date posted in this *Digest* can check their application status online.

### Claiming Your Permit

Lottery permit winners may claim their permit(s) by going to any license agent or via the Internet. See the corresponding lottery permit "pick up" dates listed in this *Digest* for beaver/otter, black bear and fall turkey permits. Recall that at the time of application, you paid only the non-refundable \$2 application fee; the actual permit fee must still be paid. At license agents, be sure to bring your CID; tell the agent you're there to pick up

your Fish and Wildlife-awarded lottery permit. Permits claimed via the Internet are subject to an additional convenience fee and will take 7-10 business days to arrive.

### Purchasing Non-lottery and Unclaimed Lottery Permits

Leftover (unclaimed) lottery permits and non-lottery permits are available at license agents and online. Internet permit purchases CANNOT be printed at home. Plan ahead, as it may take 7-10 business days for your permit(s) to arrive. During every transaction there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections now, if necessary. **Note:** Once a purchase transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges. When purchasing permits at a license agent, speed your transaction by presenting to the agent a written note with your CID# and DOB, plus the season and zone of your permit choices.

### Beaver and Otter Permits

- Beaver and otter trapping are allowed by special permit only.

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- Additional information—including the zone map and descriptions—becomes available Sept. 12 on Fish and Wildlife’s website, NJFishandWildlife.com.
- Application period: Oct. 1–31.
- Leftover permits, if available, will be sold at all license agents and at Fish and Wildlife’s Internet license sales site. Award notifications will go out during the week of Nov. 13. Successful applicants may begin to claim their awards on Nov. 13. Beaver and Otter Permits awarded in the lottery must be claimed prior to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3. Awarded permits that are not claimed prior to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3 will be returned to the quota and become available for sale over the counter. Leftover and unclaimed permits will become available for sale beginning at 10 a.m. on MONDAY, Dec. 10, 2012. However, trappers may possess only one Special River Otter Trapping Permit. Permits will be available at all license agents and via the Internet. For leftover and unclaimed permit availability, see our website late in the afternoon of Thursday, December 6, 2012.
- For trapping season information including regulations, season dates and bag limits see *Trapping Regulations*, page 70.

### Black Bear Hunting Permits

A total of 10,000 black bear hunting permits, allocated by black bear hunting areas, will be available to properly licensed hunters and farmer hunters. **There will be two lotteries this year. Black bear hunters are limited to two permits, however only one bear may be taken, regardless of the number of permits one possesses. Only two applications may be submitted per individual—one application for an initial permit lottery and one application for a secondary/leftover permit for a different bear management zone.**

Application can be made at any license agent or online on our Internet sales site. Hunters are limited to two black bear hunting permits, however they must be for *different zones*. Application fee: \$2 per lottery. Application period: Sept 14–Oct 15.

Award notifications and permit pick-up period begins on October 22. Permits awarded in the lottery must be claimed prior to 11:59 P.M. on SUNDAY, November 11.

Any leftover and unclaimed permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 14, 2012. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and on our Internet sales site. Leftover permit availability will be posted on our website by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 13, 2012.

2012 Black Bear Hunting Permit Quota	
Black Bear Management Zone	# of Permits
1	2,000
2	3,000
3	3,000
4	2,000

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### Special Coyote, Red and Gray Fox Hunting Permits

- A \$2 permit is required to hunt coyote, red or gray fox during the special permit season from Jan. 1–March. 15.
- Permits will be available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife’s Internet license sales site beginning Dec. 3, 2012. A 2013 hunting license must be purchased prior to, or in conjunction with, the purchase of a 2013 Coyote/Fox Permit.
- For season details, see coyote and fox hunting regulations, page 62.

### Deer Hunting Permits

Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons. **There will be no lottery for deer permits this year.** See *Special Areas*, page 50, for specific deer permit requirements on those properties.

Permits may be purchased either at a license agent or at Fish and Wildlife’s Internet license sales site [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com). For details, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.

### Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Permits

DMAP allows landowners, administrative agencies, municipalities, organizations and managers to improve localized deer management success by allocating additional hunting permits for problem properties located within deer management zones that have restricted bag limits. See also page 28 under *Permits for Farmers*, for more information and contact numbers. Visit our website at [NJFishandWildlife.com/dmap.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/dmap.htm) for details.

### Farmer Permits

See *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 28.

### Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is allowed only with both a falconry permit and a hunting license. For hunting regulations see *Falconry*, page 25.

### Rifle Permits

A valid rifle permit is required, and must be in possession, while hunting coyote, deer (during the permit muzzleloader season, including with the use of a *single* projectile smooth-bore muzzleloader), fox, squirrel and woodchuck with a muzzleloading 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.

- Rifle permits may be purchased at license agents or at Fish and Wildlife’s Internet license sales site. Rifle permits are valid for all ages of permit holders.
- Rifle permits are valid from July 1–June 30.

### Turkey Hunting Permits, General

- Turkey hunting is by permit only. For turkey season details, see page 67.
- Spring and fall permit applications are handled on two separate applications; only one application may be made for each season.
- Complete instructions for the 2013 Spring Gobbler season will be detailed in the *2013 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, available in late January at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices, and on our website at [NJFishandWildlife.com](http://NJFishandWildlife.com).

### Turkey Permits, 2012 Fall Season

- Fall turkey hunting is by permit only.
- The 2012 fall turkey permit lottery application period is Aug. 1–Aug. 31.
- Award notification and permit pickup will begin Sept. 10.
- All permits awarded in the lottery will be held until 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 30. Unclaimed, awarded permits will be placed in the over-the-counter sale. Application fee(s) will not be refunded for unclaimed permits.
- Leftover permits will go on sale beginning Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 10 a.m., first come, first served, at license agents and at Fish and Wildlife’s Internet sales site [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com).
- Detailed information on the application procedures, season dates, bag limits, permit quotas and the status of available permits are available in the *2012 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, which can be found on Fish and Wildlife’s website or at license agents.

### Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

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

### Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

A permit to hunt or shoot from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who:

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3. suffer from chronic lung disease. This permit will be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician or chiropractor.

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# Licenses, Permits & Stamps

## LICENSES AND PERMITS

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Additional information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions is available by calling (609) 292-1473 or by writing: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Handicapped Permits, MC501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or downloaded directly from our website: [NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm).

### Permits, Other

#### Captive Wildlife Permits

The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is regulated and allowed only for limited purposes. Information and applications may be obtained online or by calling:

- Nongame and exotics permits at (908) 735-5450, [NJFishandWildlife.com/exotic\\_apps.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/exotic_apps.htm);
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#### Deer Road-kill Permits

Deer accidentally killed by motor vehicles may be possessed only for private consumption by obtaining a free permit from the local police department or from a Fish and Wildlife regional law enforcement office. The permit authorizes only possession

of the meat for consumption and is valid only for 90 days. The possession of all other parts such as antlers, under terms of this permit, are expressly prohibited. Wrapped venison packages must be labeled with the permit number.

### Stamps

Stamps (such as federal migratory bird stamps) are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink. Stamps need not be affixed to the license. State waterfowl "stamps" now print either directly on your hunting license or as a separate stub, replacing the former paper stamp for these privileges. Pheasant and quail "stamps" also print directly on your license at the time of purchase, replacing the former paper stamp for these privileges. Waterfowl stamps may be purchased **ONLY** for a specific individual; hunters can no longer purchase multiple stamps on behalf of a fellow hunter.

#### Pheasant and 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 and which contains a free youth pheasant and quail stamp) hunting or possessing pheasant (or quail only

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on Greenwood Forest or Peaslee WMAs) on the following designated wildlife management areas must have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp:

- Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest, Howardsville, Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is also a designated pheasant and quail stamp area. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January–December. **Quail may be hunted or possessed ONLY on Peaslee or Greenwood WMAs.**

#### New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp (now printed directly on your license at the time of purchase) in addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp. Both stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1–June 30. A Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is also required. For HIP details, see *Migratory Bird Regulations*, page 72. ♡

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# Deer Season Permits

## PERMIT INFORMATION

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**PERMIT HUNTING SEASONS** play a major role in Fish and Wildlife's deer management program. The three permit seasons provide a means to control hunting pressure, and thereby the 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.


Farmer deer permit information is detailed in the *Farmer Hunting Information* section beginning on page 28. Farmers purchasing non-farmer permits should also read this deer season permit section, below.

For application and purchasing procedures, see *Permits for Hunters and Trappers*, page 10.

- A permit is required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons.
- The zone-specific deer permit is valid **only** for hunting antlerless deer. **To take an antlered buck during any permit season, hunters must purchase one Antlered Buck Permit. An Antlered Buck Permit is not zone-specific but is valid only when used in conjunction with a zone-specific deer permit.**

- Hunters are still limited to purchasing one Antlered Buck Permit *per permit season* (i.e., one Antlered Buck Bow Permit, one Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit and one Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit). **Buck permits are valid in any zone for which the hunter has a valid antlerless zone-specific permit.**
- **Note:** Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, except in those zones in Regulation Sets 6 and 8 where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons.
- Antlerless deer permits are zone-specific and are valid for the duration of the specified zone's permit season, including when that season extends into the 2013 calendar year. Hunters are still limited to purchasing one zone-specific permit per zone per permit season. Example: If you hunt only Zone 19, you may purchase only one muzzleloader, one bow and one shotgun antlerless 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 the number of zone-specific antlerless permits in possession, **hunters are limited to taking one buck during each of the permit seasons ONLY after first purchasing a Buck Permit for that season.** (See *Deer Hunting Regulations, Licenses and Permits* for details, page 30.)
- A resident, non-resident or youth hunting license is a prerequisite to purchase a deer permit. See pages 1 and 10 for hunting license information.
- Muzzleloader season permits are not valid unless accompanied by both a valid rifle permit and a Firearm or All-around Sportsman License while hunting.
- Permits are valid only for the season and zone indicated, are **non-transferable** and **non-refundable**.
- It is illegal to use a permit for a zone, season or hunter other than those named on the permit. Deer permit violations are subject to a fine of \$100-\$500 for each offense.
- The cost per permit [both the Antlerless (zone-specific) Deer Permit or Antlered Buck Permit] is \$28 for each adult and \$12 for each youth permit. ➤



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### Important

Antlered Buck Permits may be purchased only during specific time frames. Antlered Buck Permits go on sale with all deer permits beginning Monday, Sept. 10, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. and must be purchased by 11:59 p.m. on the first day of each permit season as follows:

- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Bow Season **must be purchased by Oct. 27** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Muzzleloader Season **must be purchased by Nov. 26** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season **must be purchased by Dec. 12** at 11:59 p.m.
- For hunters who do not purchase a deer permit until after the season opens, an Antlered Buck Permit **may be purchased only with** the initial antlerless zone-specific permit. There will be no other chance to purchase an Antlered Buck Permit after your initial permit purchase for a given permit hunting season.
- There are **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

### Permits Available at Participating License Agents (Except Special Areas Zones)

- The following deer management zones have permit quotas that far exceed hunter demand: Zones 1-19, 21-31, 34-36, 41-43, 45-51, 55, 63, 65, 67 and 68. These permits are available on a first come, first served basis. In the unlikely event that sales reach the permit quota for a specific zone and season combination, those permit sales will end.
- Permits sales are available at license agents listed on page 20 and on Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com).
- Bow, muzzleloader, shotgun and antlered buck permits will be available for sale beginning at 10:00 am on Monday, September 10, 2012 and continue until each season ends. Some seasons run through Feb. 9, 2013. See *Regulation Sets*, page 44.
- Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent. Be prepared.
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# Deer Season Permits

## PERMIT INFORMATION

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1. The absent hunter has already completed a Child Support Certification (see page 8) through the Integrated Electronic Licensing System via the Internet or at a license agent and
  2. The buyer shows the absent hunter's valid hunting license and identifying information (date of birth and Conservation ID Number or Social Security Number). License photocopies not accepted.
- The hunter is responsible to know in what zone and season he or she wants to hunt.
  - Hunters are urged to review their permit before leaving the license agent.
  - **Once a permit fee is paid and the buyer leaves the store, there will be no returns, exchanges or refunds. No exceptions.**
  - Permits purchased online via the Internet will take 7-10 days for delivery. Hunters have the option to pay extra for express delivery.

### Special Area Deer Management Zones

- Special Areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges. Special Area zones include: 37, 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 68 and 70. Some of these zones have specific qualifying criteria which

hunters must meet before obtaining a permit. Certain zones are not open to the public. It is the hunters' responsibility to arrange for property access prior to purchasing a permit.

- **There will be no lottery for Special Area Permits this year.** This is in response to a decrease in the demand for these permits and an increase in the number of complaints from prospective hunters who participate in these hunts. Permits will be available for a limited time on a first-come, first-served basis. Removing the lottery will streamline the process, making it more convenient for all hunters. Hunters will know immediately whether or not they will receive a permit. **Note: Most of these Special Areas permits will be available for sale only for a limited time. It is the hunters responsibility to pay attention to all deadlines. Exceptions cannot be made.**
- Refer to a specific Special Area (see *Special Areas Hunting Seasons*, page 50) for complete details including when each permit sale will occur.

### Military Zones

Military base deer management zones include the following: Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54), Earle NWS (zones 39 and 40), Lakehurst Section of Joint Base

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Refer to a specific Special Area (see *Special Areas Hunting Seasons*, page 50) for complete details including when each permit sale will occur. ♫

### Create Your Own WMA Map

New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has a Web-based tool called NJ-GeoWeb. Those with Internet access can create maps for any Wildlife Management Area. NJ-GeoWeb provides a wealth of other environmental information, too!



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To access NJ-GeoWeb, go to the DEP's website at [www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/geoweb/splash.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/gis/geoweb/splash.htm). Click on "Launch NJ - GeoWeb," then "GeoWeb Profile."

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## YOUTH DEER HUNTING DAYS

Youth Bow Hunt, Saturday, September 22, 2012

Youth Firearm Hunt, Saturday, November 17, 2012

### TAKE THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE YOUTH HUNTERS TO DEER HUNTING!

#### Who can hunt:

Hunters with a valid youth hunting license. See *Youth Licenses*, page 10.

- The youth hunter **MUST** be under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 21 years old and who has a valid firearm or bow and arrow license corresponding to the season hunted. Direct supervision is defined as both the youth hunter and parent/guardian set up together at the same location, hunting as

a unit, not hunting independently. The adult **CANNOT** hunt on this day. The adult may grunt, call or rattle for the youth. In addition to the youth, the adult accompanying the youth should wear the required hunter orange during the youth firearm deer hunt.

#### Bag limits

Youth may hunt statewide for one deer of either sex on each of the above dates.

- During the Youth Firearm Deer Hunt, youths may hunt either with a shotgun or muzzleloader. No bows.
- If the youth is hunting with a muzzleloader, both the youth and the adult must possess a valid rifle permit.

- Antler Point Restrictions and Earn-A-Buck requirements do **NOT** apply on these days for the youth hunter.
- These hunts are extensions of the Fall Bow and Six-day Firearm seasons; no special season deer permit is required. Youth hunters may still use a bow to harvest one antlered deer during the Fall Bow Season, and use an appropriate firearm to harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season.

#### Report Your Harvest

The youth hunter should complete all information requested on the Harvest Report Card provided on page 29.

- The card, or hand-made version, should include the youth hunting license number or Conservation ID number, sex of deer, number of antler points, date, zone, deer management unit, county and township from which the deer was taken, in order to have your information ready for when you report your harvest through the Automated Harvest Report System. Youth hunters do not need a harvest number during youth hunts or non-permit deer seasons.

For additional harvest reporting requirements, see pages 32 and 33.

- ◀ There was much excitement and pride from Anthony (age 10) and Taylor (age 13) Cinelli of Howell after both harvested deer on their first-ever hunt during last year's Youth Deer Hunt Day in Kingwood Township, Hunterdon County.



Jay Cinelli



## YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT November 3, 2012

The 2012 Take a Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt will allow properly licensed hunters with a valid youth license (see *Youth Licenses*, page 10) to hunt on one of nine stocked Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on Saturday morning, Nov. 3, 2012. In a cooperative effort between the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, volunteer hunting mentors with trained bird dogs will guide youth hunters on a pheasant hunt. This experience will increase the young hunters' opportunity for harvesting a pheasant in a setting which encourages responsible and safe hunting practices.

All guided hunt participants must pre-register and be accompanied to the check-in by a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians are welcomed and encouraged to follow the hunters through the fields. All pre-registered hunters will receive an information packet. One session will be offered, starting at 7 a.m.

Only 50 youth hunters will be allowed on each WMA during each session. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of slots available, a random drawing will be held to select participants. To register, please send the application below to:

Take a Kid Hunting, NJ Div. of Fish and Wildlife, Northern Region Hunter Education, 26 Rt. 173 W, Hampton, NJ 08827. All entries must be post-marked by Oct. 10, 2012. Information will be mailed around Oct. 22, 2012.

### Selected Wildlife Management Areas for the Youth Pheasant Hunt

WMA	Guided Morning	Open After 1 p.m.	Open All Day
Whittingham	•	•	
Black River	•	•	
Flatbrook			•
Clinton	•	•	
Assunpink	•	•	
Colliers Mills	•	•	
Glassboro			•
Millville	•	•	
Peaslee	•	•	
Winslow	•	•	

#### Guided Morning—pre-registration required.

**Open—afternoon:** Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license under the direct supervision of a licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed wildlife management areas on Nov. 3, 2012 from 1 p.m. until sunset. No registration required.

**Open—all day:** Any youth hunter with a valid youth hunting license under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed, non-shooting adult (aged 21 or older), will be permitted to hunt on the listed wildlife management areas on Nov. 3, 2012 from 8 a.m. until sunset. No registration required.

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## Youth Pheasant Hunter

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Youth Hunting License # \_\_\_\_\_

1. Select WMA (Check only one):

- Assunpink     Black River     Clinton     Colliers Mills  
 Millville     Peaslee     Whittingham     Winslow

2. Have you attended the Take A Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt before?

- NO     YES—2011     Other (list year) \_\_\_\_\_

3. With what gauge shotgun will you be hunting?

- 12     16     20     28     .410 caliber

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Michael Mangual

## YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY

April 20, 2013

Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license who have obtained a turkey permit may begin their spring turkey season on the special youth turkey hunting day, April 20, 2013. See *Youth Licenses*, page 10. Youth must be under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years or older who possesses a valid New Jersey hunting license. Adults may not hunt on this day.



Brian Kirkpatrick

## YOUTH UPLAND BIRD HUNT DAY

Saturday, November 3, 2012

Youth hunters with a valid youth hunting license (see *Youth Licenses*, page 10), under the direct supervision of a New Jersey-licensed, non-hunting adult 21 years or older, will be permitted to hunt on licensed semi-wild hunting preserves. Youths may hunt for pheasant, quail and/or chukar on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012 from 8 a.m. to sunset. Take advantage of this great opportunity for hunters belonging to semi-wild preserves to introduce youth hunters to upland bird hunting without competition from adult hunters who may not hunt on this day.

Madison (left) and Libbie Kirkpatrick love to hunt with Dad and pointing dog Maggie, here after a successful hunt in Sussex County. The girls love making "pheasant nuggets" from their harvest.

On youth turkey hunt day at Assunpink WMA, young hunter Darick Mangual bagged this turkey at 43 yards after his father, Michael, called in multiple gobblers. Michael said he couldn't contain his excitement as he whispered guidance for Darick to accurately and steadily place the gun's bead on the turkey's neck. Daughter Lilly joined them to observe the hunt. Michael has been eager to share his love of the outdoors with his children since they were born. Memories of this hunt will be cherished for a lifetime.



Ted Nichols



## YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

Youth hunters 15 years and under with a valid youth hunting license (see *Youth Licenses*, page 10) and under the direct supervision of a non-shooting New Jersey-licensed adult hunter (age 21 or older) will be permitted to hunt for waterfowl from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset on the following dates by zone:

- North Zone . . . . . Oct. 6; Nov. 3**
- South Zone. . . . . Oct. 13; Nov. 10**
- Coastal Zone . . . . . Oct. 27; Nov. 3**

See the New Jersey 2012–13 *Migratory Bird Regulations* for further details including written zone boundary descriptions and species bag limits. Non-toxic shot is required. An HIP number is required. See page 72 for all waterfowl hunting requirements. Federal and state waterfowl stamps are not required on these youth days. Daily bag limits for ducks, Canada geese, brant, snow geese, coots, moorhens and gallinules will be the same as those allowed during the regular season. Adults may not hunt on this day.

A great day afield was shared pursuing geese—quite successfully!

Regulations in **red** are new this year.  
**Purple** text indicates an important note.

**THIS IS NOT THE FULL LAW.** The information in this *Digest* is based on N.J.S.A. Title 23, Title 13:1B-34 and N.J.A.C. 7:25-5. The amended regulations are known as the Game Code and implement the statute laws. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Law Enforcement for further details. See the *Telephone Directory*, page 6, for regional Law Enforcement offices. All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal documents.

No person shall hunt except as prescribed by law. See section *Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions*, page 12, for special rules.

Persons required by law to wear corrective lenses to operate a motor vehicle (as noted on a valid driver's license) must wear corrective lenses when hunting with any kind of bow or firearm.

### Bow and Arrow

"Bow" means any long bow, recurve bow, compound bow or crossbow. Hand held release devices are permitted.

See additional regulations under *Specifically Prohibited*, page 27.

All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds at the archer's draw length, except compounds, which must have a minimum peak draw weight of 35 pounds and crossbows which must have a minimum draw weight of 75 pounds. Crossbows must have a minimum stock length of 25 inches.

See crossbow safety tips on this page. Crossbows are not legal for bowfishing. Crossbows are now permitted for hunting migratory birds. See below for restrictions when taking game birds in flight.

All arrows used for hunting deer, turkey, coyote, fox or woodchuck must be fitted with an edged

head of well-sharpened metal and a minimum width of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Arrows fitted with heads other than specified for deer, turkey, coyote, fox or woodchuck may be carried in the woods and fields during the small game season or other seasons which overlap with the bow and arrow deer season **except that for taking game birds in flight, arrows equipped with an edged head are prohibited.** Also, flu flu arrows are required for taking game birds in flight because the arrow is designed to fly only a short distance. For the purpose of discharging a crossbow, hunters may carry judo points, target points or blunts. Canada geese and turkeys which are *not* in flight may be taken with standard fletched arrows and an edged head as described above.

Sunday bowhunting for deer is now legal only on private land and state wildlife management areas.

### It is unlawful to:

- use or possess a poison arrow or one with an explosive tip
- use an edged head for taking game birds in flight
- use a bow one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during any hunting season
- use a bow and arrow from any vehicle, moving or stationary
- have both a firearm and bow in possession or under control while hunting
- transport in a vehicle a crossbow in the cocked position

### Closed Seasons

- **Bobcat:** The bobcat season remains closed in New Jersey. The possession and sale of bobcat pelts and parts is allowed from bobcats legally harvested from other states or provinces, when lawfully tagged with a CITES tag.

- **Mourning Dove:** There is no mourning dove season in New Jersey.

### Dogs, Hunting and Training

Allowing dogs to run at large is prohibited.

Persons may train dogs without firearms in daylight at any time except during any open firearm deer season.

No person shall train a raccoon or opossum hunting dog on WMAs other than during the periods of Sept. 1 to Oct. 1 and from Mar. 1 to May 1 each year. Training hours shall be one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

It is illegal to use dogs to pursue or run deer or black bear or to track wounded deer or bear.

**Note:** Regulations for dog training on wildlife management areas are on page 74.

### Delaware River, Hunting

Hunting on the Delaware River is restricted by state boundaries. A valid hunting license and any appropriate permit/stamp is required for your location.

### Falconry

No person shall use a raptor for hunting without a falconry permit and a valid hunting license. No person under 14 years of age may hunt by means of a raptor. Hunting migratory birds with raptors on Sunday is prohibited.

Falconry permits will be issued only to persons who pass a comprehensive examination and who can provide proper facilities for housing a raptor.

Beginning falconers must be sponsored by an experienced falconer.

No person shall possess a firearm while hunting with raptors.

For additional information, write to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or call (908) 735-8793.

### Farmer Regulations

See *Farmer Hunting and Permit Information*, page 28.

### Firearms and Missiles

For the purpose of hunting in New Jersey, *firearms* refer to shotguns, muzzleloaders (rifled or smooth-bore) and modern rifles.

- A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed seasons.
- Airguns are not legal hunting firearms.
- It is unlawful to possess in the woods and fields shot larger than #4 fine shot except for hunting deer, bear, waterfowl, woodchuck (farmers only) and coyote/fox during the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season.
- Rimfire and centerfire rifles are not legal to hunt deer.
- See sections on specific game animals for permitted firearms and ammunition.

*(continued on page 26)*

## 10 Safety Tips for Crossbow Shooting Success

1. Always read the manufacturers directions and use the recommended arrow (bolt) weight and length.
2. Always visually inspect crossbow and accessories before shooting to ensure all are in good condition.
3. Keep fingers and thumb low on the crossbow forearm, below the rail; the flight path of string and cable can cause serious personal injury.
4. Never walk with a crossbow cocked and arrow loaded.
5. Never cock a crossbow while in a treestand, except for crank-type models.
6. Always raise and lower unloaded crossbows from a treestand using a haul line.
7. Before shooting, check that bow limbs will hit nothing when they flex forward during the release. Crossbow limbs store enough energy to knock a hunter to the ground should the bow contact the tree or your stand.
8. Carry in your quiver an arrow with either a field point, judo or blunt. Uncock the crossbow at day's end by shooting that arrow into a target or soft ground.
9. Never dry-fire a crossbow; releasing the trigger without an arrow in place can damage to the bow limbs or cause serious personal injury.
10. Never store or transport a crossbow in the cocked position.

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- No person shall use a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells at one time or that may be fired more than three times without reloading except for the September Canada goose season (see page 72) and during a light goose conservation order season, if any.
- See additional regulations under *Specifically Prohibited* on page 27.

### Hunter Orange

Firearm hunters must wear a cap made of solid daylight fluorescent orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while engaged in hunting. A camo-orange hat alone is not adequate. See exceptions below and also newer fluorescent orange requirements.

This applies to all persons while hunting with a firearm for deer, bear, rabbit, hare, squirrel, coyote, fox, railbirds, and game birds including while in a tree stand. All firearm *and* bow and arrow deer hunters utilizing a **ground blind** when a firearm deer season is open concurrently must display 200 square inches of hunter orange atop the blind and visible from all sides or within five feet outside the blind and higher than the blind or at least three feet off the ground, whichever is higher. During these concurrent seasons, bowhunters in treestands also should consider wearing hunter orange.

Exceptions: the hunter orange law does not apply to waterfowl, crow, wild turkey, coyote/fox (during the special permit season, page 62), woodchuck nor bowhunters except that a bowhunter using a deer decoy must wear hunter orange, as described above, while transporting the decoy into and out of the woods and fields. During the Six-day Firearm Season, it is recommended that bowhunters wear hunter orange.

### Landowner Liability Act

(Excerpted from N.J.S.A. 2A:42A-2 *et seq.*) a. An owner...of a premises, whether or not posted and whether or not improved or maintained in a natural condition, or used as part of a commercial enterprise, owes no duty to keep the premises safe for entry or use by others for sport and recreational activities, or to give warning of any hazardous condition of the land or in connection with the use of any structure or by reason of any activity on such premises to persons entering for such purposes; b. An owner of a premises who gives permission to another to enter upon such premises for a sport or recreational activity or purpose does not thereby (1) extend any assurance that the premises are safe for such purpose, or (2) constitute the person to whom permission is granted an invitee to whom a duty of care is owed, or (3) assume responsibility for or incur liability for any injury to person or property caused by any act of persons to whom the permission is granted. Note: A landowner's liability changes if a fee is charged (or other consideration) or if

there is a "willful or malicious failure" to warn of a dangerous condition on the property.

### Muzzleloaders

It is unlawful to use smokeless powder in a muzzleloader while hunting in New Jersey. Only black powder or black powder equivalents, such as Pyrodex and Triple Seven, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting.

Properly licensed and permitted hunters 10 years and older may hunt with a muzzleloading rifle. A valid rifle permit must be possessed while hunting with a muzzleloading rifle. Permitted action types include percussion, flintlock and inline. Electronic ignitions are not legal. For muzzleloader barrel types and legal hunting ammunition, see regulations for each game species.

It is unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle on WMAs, except for deer, bear and during the special seasons for coyote/fox and squirrel hunting. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 64. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see page 30. For rifle permit information, see page 12. For muzzleloader coyote/fox hunting, see page 62.

### Non-Resident Game Removal

A non-resident licensee may remove from the state each day a daily bag limit of game. However, a non-resident may not take more than two day's bag limit from the state after one week's stay (Sunday to Saturday inclusive.) This restriction does not apply to game raised or killed at a licensed commercial preserve and legally tagged.

### Possession Of Certain Wildlife By Persons, Taxidermists & Butchers

No person shall have in possession a deer, bear, migratory game birds or turkey that they did not kill unless it has a label bearing the name, address, telephone number, license and permit numbers of the person who killed the deer, bear, migratory game bird or turkey. Those in the business of processing deer, bear or turkey (that is butchers, taxidermists, etc.) shall keep a ledger of all of their customers. Each customer's name, current address, day and evening telephone numbers, Conservation ID Number and possession seal number of any black bear or turkey, or Confirmation Number for deer being processed shall be included in the ledger. The ledger shall be made available for inspection upon request during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by any law enforcement officer or employee of the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

Possession of naturally shed deer antlers is legal. Parts of deer possessed, other than shed antlers, must be from lawfully harvested deer. Proof of lawful harvest (Confirmation Number or seal) should be retained for verification. Road killed deer with a permit are intended only for consumption; antler possession from these deer is not legal.

### Protected Wildlife

It is illegal to capture, kill, injure or have in possession any wild bird other than a game bird. The sale of wild birds or game animals or parts thereof is prohibited except as described in N.J.S.A. 23:4-27. For more specific information, refer to our website, NJFishandWildlife.com. See also *Sale of Wildlife*, this page.

No one may rob a bird's nest.

All nongame mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians are protected. Penalties for taking these species range from \$250-\$5,000.

There is no open season on bobcat or fisher. It is illegal to kill or attempt to kill a bobcat or fisher in New Jersey. Bobcat pelts from animals legally harvested in other states may be possessed or sold provided a CITES tag from the state of harvest is attached. Fishers legally harvested in other states may be possessed or sold.

See also *Possession of Certain Wildlife*, this page.

### Property Damage

Hunters must not hunt in unharvested crops unless first obtaining permission from the owner. Anyone causing damage to cultivated crops, orchards, fences, buildings or livestock may be arrested without warrant by the owner, occupant, lessee, or any officer of the law. Violators are liable for a fine of up to \$2,000 and restitution to the property owner in addition to the loss of hunting privileges for a period of five years.

### Public Land Hunting

For public land hunting, refer to pages 74, 88 and 89.

### Rifles, .22 caliber

A valid rifle permit must be in possession while hunting with a .22 caliber rifle.

It is unlawful to possess and use .22 caliber rifle except while hunting woodchuck (no rifle hunting on wildlife management areas), hunting raccoon and opossum with hounds, and dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat.

A .22 caliber rifle must be loaded with short cartridges only, except when hunting woodchuck.

A .22 caliber rifle need not be plugged, but may be loaded with no more than three cartridges. Rifle permit holders of all ages may hunt with all rifle types as allowed by New Jersey laws.

See chart on page 66 for details on small caliber rifle ammunition legal for hunting woodchucks.

### Sale of Wildlife

The sale of wild birds and game animals, or parts thereof, is prohibited in New Jersey with the following exceptions: legally trapped furbearers may be sold plus the sale of white-tailed deer hides, tails and the lower portion of the legs is legal. See also *Closed Seasons, Bobcat*, page 25. Questions should be directed to a regional Fish and Wildlife law enforcement office; see page 6. ➤

### Safety Zone

No firearm hunter may carry a loaded firearm or hunt within 450 feet of a building or any school playground, even if unoccupied, except the owner or lessee of a building, and persons specifically authorized by him in writing. No bowhunter may carry a nocked arrow or hunt within 150 feet of a building or within 450 feet of any school playground, even if unoccupied, except the owner or lessee of a building, and persons specifically authorized by him in writing. Persons authorized to bowhunt *within* 150 feet of a building must hunt from an elevated position to shoot down toward the ground. Note: persons authorized to hunt with a firearm within 450 feet, or with bow and arrow within 150 feet of a building must be in possession of that written permission while hunting. Shooting into a safety zone is prohibited. (See *Safety Zone Awareness*, page 89, for diagram and safety zone explanation.)

### Shotguns

Shotguns larger than 10-gauge are prohibited for hunting. Shotguns may not be capable of holding more than three shells except for September Canada goose hunting; see page 72. For information on legal shot sizes, see regulations for each game species to be hunted.

### Stealing Traps or Trapped Animals

(*Excerpted from N.J.S.A. 23:4-40*) No person shall take or unlawfully appropriate, with intent to steal, a trap or the property of another, set along, by or in any of the public or private ditches, streams, ponds or waters in this state for the purpose of catching furbearing animals, or remove an animal from the trap of another person.

### Sunday Hunting

No person may hunt with firearms or any other weapon or carry a gun in the woods or fields or on the waters on Sunday except on semi-wild and commercial shooting preserve lands for the purpose of shooting stocked game; and when using a .22 rifle for dispatching trapped animals. See note below.

**NOTE:** Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on state wildlife management areas and private property.

Persons are allowed to hunt raccoon or opossum between midnight on Saturday and one hour before sunrise on Sunday during the prescribed season.

### Trespass Law

Hunters and trappers must have permission (oral or written) from the landowner or lessee prior to entering either posted lands or agricultural lands (which are not required to be posted.) Hunters also must obtain permission to enter posted land and agricultural land to recover deer. Hunters

and trappers may not enter unposted land after having been forbidden to trespass by the owner, lessee or occupant.

If a hunter or trapper is charged with trespass, they must provide documentation of written permission in court for their defense. See page 75 for the Hunt SMART Courtesy Card.

### Wildlife Damage Control

Property owners and occupants of dwellings, or their agents designated in writing, suffering damage from squirrel, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, woodchuck, gray fox, red fox and coyote may control these animals by lawful procedures at any time subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may also control the above species by lawful procedures when found destroying livestock, crops or poultry at any time subject to state and local ordinances.

**Note:** Persons who kill a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.

### Youth Hunting

A youth hunter means the possessor of a youth hunting license—or the immediate family member of a qualified occupant farmer—who is at least 10 years of age. Youth hunter status continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which the youth turns 16. For youth hunters from 10 through 13 years of age, they MUST hunt under the direct supervision of a person who is at least 21 years old and who has a valid firearm or bow and arrow license corresponding to the season hunted. Direct supervision is defined as both the youth hunter and parent/guardian set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit, not hunting independently. See also *Youth Licenses*, page 10. Youth licenses are issued free to youths ages 10–15 upon completion of a hunter or trapper education course. Youth hunters who pre-registered for and successfully complete a hunter education course will receive their youth hunting license at the course. See *Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements*, page 8 and *Youth Licenses*, page 10. Be sure to visit the *Take a Kid Hunting* section on pages 22–24. 🐾

### Specifically Prohibited:

- Carrying a loaded firearm within 450 feet, or a nocked arrow within 150 feet of a building or within 450 feet of any school playground (whether or not occupied) is prohibited, except the owner or lessee of a building and persons specifically authorized by him in writing may hunt with a firearm within 450 feet or a bow within 150 feet of the building. **Note:** persons authorized to hunt with a firearm within 450 feet or with a bow and arrow within 150 feet of a building must be in possession of that written permission while hunting. (See page 89 for diagram with complete safety zone explanation. See also *Safety Zone*, page 27.)
- Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow on or across highways or roads.
- Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow from a motor vehicle.
- Sights which project a spot or light onto the game animal.
- Hunting for or shooting any wildlife by aid of a light, except when hunting raccoon, opossum while on foot or when hunting coyote/fox during the special coyote/fox season.
- Hunting or shooting with the aid of a light attached to or carried in a vehicle.
- On national wildlife refuges, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait. Also, no Sunday hunting on these lands.

- Hunting with arrows, darts or any other device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
- Possessing a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle, including all-terrain vehicles (ATVs). Possession of a loaded firearm in or upon a vehicle is considered proof of pursuing or taking of wildlife.
- Transporting an uncased firearm in or on a motor vehicle or ATV or transporting a cocked crossbow in or on a motor vehicle or ATV.
- Shooting into a squirrel's nest.
- The removal of the skin or feathers or mutilation of any wild bird or mammal in the woods or fields for the purpose of concealing sex or identity is illegal.

### In the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the following apply:

- Baiting is prohibited.
- No permanent tree stands or screw-in steps are permitted.
- You cannot possess a loaded firearm while on any publicly traveled roadway within the area.
- Trapping is prohibited.
- No Sunday bowhunting.

### Farmer License Exemption

All farmers hunting deer must have a Conservation Identification number (CID) for 2012. Farmers who already receive free farmer deer or turkey permits, and farmers who have purchased a hunting license/permit and/or freshwater fishing license since 2006 already have an assigned, permanent CID number. This year, *all* hunters must have a CID as Fish and Wildlife implements the Automated Harvest Report System in 2012. Farmers who are exempt from the license requirement and hunt only during non-permit seasons still must obtain a CID number in order to report their harvested deer. Apply for a free CID online at [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com). No purchase is required but you must create a profile in the online license sales site. From our homepage at [NJFishandWildlife.com](http://NJFishandWildlife.com), click 'Buy your licenses and permits' and follow the instructions to create a profile. There will be options to purchase a license, apply for permits or print an identification card. Choose 'Print an Identification Card.' A card will print with your 9-digit CID number.

**All Farmer Deer Hunters:** Before going hunting, be sure to go to Fish and Wildlife's website ([NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm)) and write down the DMZ, county, township and Deer Management Unit for your hunt location *prior* to harvesting a deer! Record this info on your license, permit or the Deer Harvest Report Card (page 29) to have accessible for when you report your deer and to record your assigned Confirmation Number. When reporting a deer harvest on your farm property, farmers do not need a Harvest Number during the non-permit deer seasons. To report a deer call (855) IHUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or online at [NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm). See pages 32 and 33 for additional information.

A farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition below) who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit. (See page 29 for a cut-out Harvest Report Card.) All hunting, fishing and trapping must be conducted in the manner provided by law during the prescribed seasons. 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.

**Immediate Family:** For the purpose of farmers hunting and trapping, "immediate family" includes the spouse, mother, father, child, grandchild, 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.

### Farmer Regulations

The occupant of a farm may allow his or her dog to run at large on land he or she occupies, except not during the firearm deer seasons.

Farmers and their lessees occupying or farming their land, members of their immediate family (see definition above), or their farming employees may kill crows, woodchuck and fox on farm property at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. However, they must use legal firearms, ammunition and other lawful procedures. See also *Wildlife Damage Control*, page 27. See also *General Regulations*, page 25.

Farmers must possess the appropriate permit to legally hunt the farm during any hunting or trapping season which requires a permit. Permits are provided free to all qualified farmers for the following seasons: Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons plus the spring and fall Turkey Permit seasons and the Black Bear Season.

Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on state wildlife management areas and private property.

Farmers may trap fox destroying poultry, crops or property at any time, subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may shoot or trap coyotes by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. **A regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office must be notified within 24 hours of killing a coyote.** See *Telephone Directory* page 96.

### Permits for Farmers

Fish and Wildlife reviews the Farmer Permit database periodically to ensure compliance and for re-inspection. Letters of re-inspection are sent in May. If you were a new farmer or re-inspected in 2010 or 2011 you will not be re-inspected in 2012.

New farmers (or farmers who did not apply for reapplication in 2010 or 2011) must submit an application to obtain free turkey, deer and/or bear permits. Applications are available on our website at [NJFishandWildlife.com/farmer.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/farmer.htm) under *Farmer Certification Application for Deer and Turkey Permits*. Print out both pages and use the instruction sheet to fill out the application.

Applications are also available at your local county agricultural extension office.

Fish and Wildlife will send notification when your farmer status is due for re-evaluation. Farmer status will be inactivated if you delay the re-evaluation process.

The preferred application period for farmers is June 1–August 1.

Once approved, farmers may claim their farmer permits by going to any license agent. The dates when permits will become available are listed below.

### Farmer Deer Permits

- Farmers may claim deer permits beginning Monday, September 10, 2012 at 10 a.m. at any license agent.
- Approved farmers are eligible for one free bow, shotgun and muzzleloader permit and one free Antlered Buck Permit for each of the three permit seasons. See *Farmer License Exemption*, above. See also *Farmer Regulations*, above.

- Two types of farmer permits—occupant and non-occupant farmer—allow the applicant to decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify; see below. Farmers who must change the occupancy status for their deer permit should call (609) 292-1473.
- Only a qualified farmer and members of the immediate family (see definition on this page) who reside on the farm, are eligible to apply for occupant and non-occupant farmer deer permits.
- Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer permits. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.
- Farmers are eligible for a Farmer Buck Permit which are limited to only one per person per season. If a farmer claims their FARMER Buck Permit they cannot purchase an Antlered Buck Permit. Likewise, if a farmer first purchases an Antlered Buck Permit, the farmer cannot claim a Farmer Buck Permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is valid for any zone in which the farmer has an antlerless permit for the season.

### Occupant Farmer Deer Permits

- Applicants must be the owner, lessee or members of the immediate family (see definition on this page) who actually reside on the farm property.
- Land must be at least five acres, 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.
- Farmer(s) and members of their immediate family (see definition on this page) 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.
- To apply for hunting 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 only on private land within the deer management zone designated on the permit and are not valid on public lands within that zone.
- 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 Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP) Permits

Farmers whose property lies within deer management zones having restricted antlerless bag limits and who need to manage problematic deer populations under current deer hunting seasons may apply for the Deer Management Assistance Program. For details visit [NJFishandWildlife.com/dmap.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/dmap.htm) or call your regional deer biologist: ➤

- North—(908) 735-7040
- Central—(609) 259-6965
- South—(609) 748-2043

Farmers and their immediate family members may qualify for one free DMAP permit if accepted into the program.

### Farmer Turkey Permits

Farmers may claim fall season turkey permits beginning Monday, September 10, 2012 at 10 a.m. at any license agent.

Qualified farmers may apply only if their land is in a turkey hunting area open to hunting.

Farmer turkey permits are available only to the farmer and immediate family who reside on the farm. See definition of "immediate family" on page 28.

Farmers may also apply for (or purchase at any license agent) regular turkey permits in addition to the free farmer permits. See the turkey permit supplement, distributed each January or on our website for details.

### Farmer Bear Permits

Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or members of his immediate family 10 years of age or older who also reside thereon, may apply on forms provided for a special farmer black bear permit. See definition of "immediate family" on page 28. Under this section a farm is an area of five acres or more, producing a gross income in excess of \$500 and is tax assessed as farmland. Special farmer black bear permits will be issued only in those Black Bear Management Zones where a season is prescribed.

Farmers who applied for a farmer black bear permit in 2011 do not need to re-apply this year provided that their information and farm situation has not changed. New farmers and those who did not apply in 2011 must submit an application. These will be reviewed and approved by Law Enforcement.

Application forms may be obtained from Fish and Wildlife's website or at county agricultural extension offices.

Include on the application your Conservation ID Number; fill in the entire form. Properly completed applications will be accepted in the Trenton office **no later than October 15**. There is no fee; all qualified applicants will receive a Special Farmer Black Bear Permit via mail.

Submit only one farmer application per individual during the initial application period. Application for a farmer black bear permit shall not preclude a farmer (as a holder of a valid hunting license) from applying for—and Fish and Wildlife issuing—one regular black bear season permit. However, the season bag limit remains one black bear regardless of the numbers of permits held.

For the 2012 Black Bear Season, the Special Farmer Black Bear Permits will NOT be issued via the electronic license system. Permits will be mailed to qualified farmers only after receiving valid applications approved by Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Law Enforcement. 🐾

## Emergency Contact Information Card

Fill in and carry with your hunting/trapping license in case of an emergency.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Religion \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 Relation \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Personal Doctor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medical History \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Medications \_\_\_\_\_  
 Blood Type \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### Deer Harvest Report Card

Record your deer harvest information here prior to using the Automated Harvest Report System via phone or the Internet for deer taken during the Fall Bow, Six-day Firearm, Winter Bow or Youth Hunt Day seasons when there is no permit on which to record youth or farmer harvest data. To report your deer, call (855) I HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ CID or Youth License # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Deer Killed \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting Season \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deer Mgt Zone \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_  
 Deer Mgt Unit\* \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_

\* Find this number through DFW's website link shown above *prior* to hunting.

Check only one box:

Antlerless	Antlered	Antler Points
Female	Male > 3 in	Left
Male <3 in	Shed	Right
Button Buck	Broken	

Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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Confirmation Number: \_\_\_\_\_

# Deer Hunting

## REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.  
Purple text indicates an important note.

**Legal Deer Hunting Hours:** half hour before sunrise to half hour after sunset

**ONLY ONE ANTLERED DEER** may be taken per season statewide, except during the Six-Day Firearm Season, regardless of the number of antlered buck permits in possession. **To be legal, all deer harvested must be reported using Fish and Wildlife's new Automated Harvest Report System (see pages 32 and 33), either online or by telephone. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number in place of the metal possession seal formerly provided at check stations. This Confirmation Number, like the metal seal, must be kept with the deer and its parts.** Note: Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, except in those zones in Regulation Sets 6 and 8 where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons.

**NOTE:** Sunday bowhunting for deer is legal only on state wildlife management areas and private property.

### Feral Hogs

With the ongoing presence of feral hogs in the Gloucester County area, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife will allow deer hunters in Deer Management Zones 25 and 65 to hunt feral hogs during the regular deer seasons. Feral hogs must be checked. Hunters who harvest a feral hog must call (856) 629-7224 to schedule a time to check in the hog. The Sportsmen's Outpost will no longer check feral hogs.

### Key Concepts and Definitions

- **Antlered deer** is defined as any deer with at least one antler measuring at least three inches in length as defined below.
- **Antler length** is defined as the maximum length of a deer antler measured from the lowest outside edge of the antler burr along the outer curve to the most distant point of what is or appears to be the main antler beam. For the purposes of this definition, the antler length does not include the pedicel or portion of skull between the skull plate and base of the antler point.
- **Antler point** is defined as any point at least one inch long from its tip to its base line, and the length must exceed the width at some location at least one inch down from the tip.
- **Antlerless deer** is defined as any deer that does not have an antler length measuring at least three inches. For the purposes of this definition, adult male deer that have shed their antlers, button bucks and adult males with antlers less than three inches are considered antlerless deer.
- **Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or Antlered Buck Bow Permit** refers to the antlered buck permits available for purchase which are valid *only*

when used in conjunction with the antlerless, zone-specific deer season permit. The antlered buck permits contain an antlered deer Harvest Report Stub (formerly called a transportation tag) and allows for the pursuit and harvest of an antlered deer only.

- **Antler Point Restriction** zones include Zones 3, 9, 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 34, 35, 37, 40, 47, 63 and 67. The harvest of antlered deer from these zones during any open season is restricted to deer with at least one antler having a minimum of three antler points as defined above. The goal of the antler point restriction strategy, as part of Quality Deer Management, is to reduce harvest pressure on the 1½ year-old antlered deer in the expectation that they will survive to produce larger antlers as older animals.

### Six-day Firearm Deer Season Dec. 3–8, 2012

- **Special Areas Deer Management** zones include Zones 37, 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 61, 64, 66, 67, 68 and 70. They are generally small, publicly-owned properties administered by county, federal or state agencies (other than Fish and Wildlife) where deer season dates, bag limits or regulations differ from those of the surrounding deer management zone. See page 50 for details.
- **Youth Hunter** status applies to the possessor of a valid Youth Hunting License (or the immediate member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age) and continues until Dec. 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years of age. **The Youth Bow Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Sept. 22, 2012. The Youth Firearm Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Nov. 17, 2012.** The bag limit for youth hunters on this day is one deer of either sex. Antler Point Restrictions and Earn-A-Buck requirements do not apply for deer taken on this day by youth hunters. See page 22 for details. See page 29 for a cut-out Harvest Report Card.

### Licenses and Permits

- See *License, Permits and Stamps*, page 8, for details and for Hunter Education requirements.
- Additional hunting licenses may not be purchased in order to harvest additional deer.
- Although hunters may purchase multiple deer permits, **they are limited to only one zone-specific ANTLERLESS permit per zone during each of the permit seasons.** For example, a hunter may buy an ANTLERLESS muzzleloader permit for each of Zones 18, 21 and 24. A hunter may purchase a bow permit, a muzzleloader permit and a shotgun permit for Zone 24; however, they may not purchase two ANTLERLESS bow permits (nor two shotgun permits nor two muzzleloader permits) for Zone 24.
- It is unlawful to use a bow and arrow for hunting deer while using a firearm license (except during

the Six-day Firearm Season) and unlawful while using a shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit. A bow and arrow license and permit (when required) must be in possession using this hunting equipment.

- **The zone-specific Bow, Muzzleloader and Shotgun Permits are valid ONLY for the pursuit and harvest of ANTLERLESS deer.** Hunters who want to pursue and take an antlered deer during any of these seasons must purchase an Antlered Buck Bow, Antlered Buck Muzzleloader or Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. Hunters may purchase only one Antlered Buck Permit per season. An Antlered Buck Permit must be used in conjunction with zone-specific antlerless permit. The Antlered Buck Permit is not zone-specific; it is valid for use in any zone for which the hunter already holds a zone-specific antlerless season permit, but only one buck may be harvested per season. Adult deer permits are \$28; youth deer permits are \$12.

**IMPORTANT: Antlered Buck Permits must be purchased by 11:59 p.m. on the following dates: Oct. 27 for Permit Bow; Nov. 26 for Permit Muzzleloader and Dec. 12 for Permit Shotgun seasons, UNLESS you are buying your first zone-specific antlerless permit AND an Antlered Buck Permit at the same time after these dates.**

**Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP)** permits are available to help landowners and managers cope with undesirable deer densities while utilizing current deer hunting seasons by removing additional antlerless deer. See pages 12 and 28 for more information.

### Firearms, Ammunition and Sights

- See page 25 for general hunting regulations which also apply to deer hunting.
- **All firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles, including on all-terrain vehicles.** A muzzleloader is considered unloaded when, in the case of a percussion cap rifle or shotgun, the percussion cap has been removed from the nipple; in the case of a flintlock, when the powder is removed from the pan and a boot or cover made of nonmetallic material is placed over the frizzen.
- Hunters using or possessing **any shotgun slug** in the field during the deer seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- **Telescopic sights** of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for deer hunting on all firearms, including muzzleloader rifles and smoothbore muzzleloader shotguns. No permits are required for telescopic sights.
- Any sight or device that casts a beam of light upon the deer is prohibited.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as **pumpkin balls are prohibited.**
- While deer hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal ▶



- to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for deer hunting.
- When hunting during the overlapping firearms seasons for deer and when in possession of the proper permits for the current seasons, hunters may carry the firearms legal for the current seasons. For example, when Six-day Firearm and Permit Muzzleloader seasons run concurrently, a hunter may be in possession of a shotgun and *either* a muzzleloading rifle *or* smoothbore muzzleloader.
- Double-barreled muzzleloading rifles are not permitted during the Six-day Firearm or Permit Muzzleloader seasons.
- Only one muzzleloading rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be in possession while deer hunting, but not both simultaneously.
- Only **black powder or black powder equivalents**, such as Pyrodex and Triple Se7en, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting game with a muzzleloading firearm.
- Special Areas Deer Management Zones** may have regulations that **differ** from the statewide regulations. See page 50 for details.

### Ground Blinds

All firearm and bow and arrow deer hunters utilizing a ground blind when a firearm deer season is concurrently open must display 200 square inches of hunter orange atop the blind and visible from all sides or within five feet outside the blind and higher than the blind or at least three feet off the ground, whichever is higher. During these concurrent seasons, bowhunters in treestands also should consider wearing hunter orange.

A "ground blind" is defined as a temporary, man-made structure used for the purpose of concealing from sight a person who is hunting. A ground blind is not a naturally occurring feature that a hunter merely uses for concealment.

### Baiting

Baiting is allowed for deer hunting. Hunters may hunt for deer while in a tree, on the ground or in a structure and from any height and any distance from the bait pile. Hunters should check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on their hunting area as baiting is not allowed on properties such as national wildlife refuges.

### Decoys and Electronic Devices

- Persons may hunt with the aid of deer decoys statewide in those zones open for deer hunting only during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons.** When carrying or moving deer decoys for the purpose of hunting, persons must wear a fluorescent orange hat or outer garment consisting of at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material, which shall be visible from all sides as currently required for firearm deer hunting.
- It is unlawful to hunt for deer with the aid of an electronic calling device or any device that casts a beam of light upon the deer.

### Bag Limits

- For all seasons except Six-day Firearm, properly licensed and permitted hunters are limited to taking one antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless, zone-specific permits purchased, when applicable.
- Bowhunters may take two antlered deer legally on a bow or All-around Sportsman License, one antlered deer each during the Fall Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Hunters who want to pursue and harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Bow Season must purchase a buck permit valid only when used in conjunction with the zone-specific antlerless Bow Permit. For permit purchasing deadline, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.
- Bowhunters may now take antlered deer with their bow during the Six-day Firearm season, provided that they have a current and valid

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## Firearms, Bows and Ammunition Legal for Deer Hunting

Season(s)	Weapon Type	Gauge, Caliber or Draw Weight	Projectile(s)	Firearm sights; Bow releases
Fall Bow Permit Bow Winter Bow	<b>Bow:</b> long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"	Hand-held release devices are permitted
Permit Muzzleloader	<b>Muzzleloader:</b> rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.	<b>Rifle:</b> not less than .44 caliber <b>Smoothbore:</b> not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Must be loaded with a single projectile only	Telescopic sights permitted
Six-day Firearm	<b>Bow:</b> long, recurve, compound or crossbow.	35 pounds pull at archer's draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow) or 75 pounds minimum draw weight (crossbow)	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of 3/4"	NOTE: bowhunters must possess both a firearm and a bow and arrow license during this season.
	<b>Shotgun:</b> single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	<b>Slugs:</b> lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabotted slug <b>Buck shot:</b> sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	<b>Muzzleloader:</b> single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal.	<b>Muzzleloading rifle:</b> single shot not less than .44 caliber <b>Smoothbore:</b> single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	<b>Muzzleloading rifle:</b> single projectile <b>Smoothbore:</b> buck shot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	Telescopic sights permitted
Permit Shotgun	<b>Shotgun:</b> single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than three shells	<b>Slugs:</b> lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug <b>Buck shot:</b> sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36")	Shotgun must have an adjustable open iron or peep sight or a scope affixed if hunter is hunting with or in possession of slugs
	<b>Muzzleloader:</b> single or double-barrel smoothbores only (no rifles.) Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted	Not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	<b>Buck shot:</b> sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	—

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firearm license in addition to an archery license, or have an All-around Sportsman License. Bow hunters who bag an antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season with their bow must use the Harvest Report Stub for the Six-day season from their firearm or All-around Sportsman License only.

- Firearm hunters legally may take two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season on a firearm or All-around Sportsman License. Hunters will be assigned a Confirmation Number upon reporting their first Six-day Firearm Season buck using the new Automated Harvest Report System, allowing the immediate pursuit and harvest of a second buck. Hunters who want to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun or Permit Muzzleloader seasons must purchase a buck permit for the corresponding season, valid only when used in conjunction with the zone-specific antlerless Shotgun or Muzzleloader permit. If hunters take a second antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, their Shotgun Permit Season bag limit is then restricted to antlerless deer only. For purchasing deadlines, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.
- Remember, although two antlered bucks may be taken during the Six-day Firearm Season, when that occurs, **the antlered buck bag limit for the Permit Shotgun Season is then zero.** Hunters may choose: take either two antlered bucks during Six-day Firearm Season, or one antlered buck during Six-day Firearm Season and one antlered buck during Permit Shotgun Season (while possessing an Antlered Buck Permit.) The antlerless bag limit for these permit seasons will be one, two or unlimited depending on the zone and season. See *Regulation Sets*, page 44.
- **Note:** Only one deer at a time may be taken during any permit season even if you possess both an antlered and antlerless permit, **except** in those zones in Regulation Sets 6 and 8 where two deer at a time may be harvested during the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader Seasons.
- Two deer may be taken at a time in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 36, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 56, 57, 58, 64, and 66 and 68 during the Permit Shotgun and Permit Muzzleloader seasons (in those zones open for both of those seasons) until the season concludes. See *Regulation Sets*, page 44.
- Additional antlerless deer may be taken under the Deer Management Assistance Program (DMAP). For more information, see pages 12 and 28.

### Mandatory Harvest Report Requirement

All hunters are required to report harvested deer on the day killed using the new Automated Harvest Report System.

**All Deer Hunters:** Before going hunting, please use the new **Deer Hunting Location Viewer** created for use with our new Automated Harvest Report

Regulations in red are new this year.  
Purple text indicates an important note.

System at [NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm). It's easy! Click on the **Deer Hunting Location Viewer**. Double-click, repeatedly, on your zone until you have zoomed in to find your exact hunting location. You can also use either your mouse wheel or the slider bar on the left part of the map page to zoom in or out. Click, hold and drag the map at any time to re-center your view of the area. Next, a single-click on the map will display your deer hunting zone, county, township, unit and regulation set! Write down your hunting location information so you are prepared **prior** to harvesting a deer! Write this info on your license, permit or the Deer Harvest Report Card (see page 29) and keep it accessible for when you need to report a deer. To report a deer harvest call (855) 1HUNT NJ or (855) 448-6865 or online at [NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm).

Immediately upon harvesting any deer, hunters must complete all information requested on the Harvest Report Stub (formerly called a transportation tag) found either attached to your license, your regular, zone-specific deer permit or on your Antlered Buck Permit. Be sure to use the Harvest Report Stub corresponding to the hunting season in which the deer was harvested. Hunters may also use the Harvest Report Card found on page 29 to record your harvest information prior to using the new automated system.

**The Harvest Report Stub need NOT be detached nor affixed to the deer.**

**Upon retrieving a deer, the hunter must:**

1. **Fill out** the Harvest Report Stub (or card) with the exception of the Confirmation Number (a number automatically assigned by the new system, replacing the metal possession seal).
2. **Report your harvest via the new Automated Harvest Report System (by phone or Internet as printed on every hunting license or deer permit)** by 8 p.m. during Fall Bow or by 7 p.m. for all other seasons. (See page 33 for more information.) If unable to access the Automated Harvest Report System by the designated time, the deer shall be reported immediately by telephone to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement regional office. See page 6 for a Law Enforcement office listing. The hunter must continue to attempt accessing the Automated Harvest Report System until they receive an assigned Confirmation Number for that deer.
3. **Record your assigned Confirmation Number on your Harvest Report Stub (or card). Keep this stub in your license holder – DO NOT attach to the deer!** Retain your assigned Confirmation Number as long as the deer or its parts are in possession. To report the harvest of additional antlerless deer during the **same** season (and zone, if applicable), **reuse** the same Harvest Number from that season's antlerless stub for your second, third and all other deer taken in this season. Since the license or permit stub has space for only two Confirmation

Numbers, use either the Harvest Report Card in this Digest (page 29) and also found on our website or make your own card on which to record your harvest data and the assigned Confirmation Number for each deer.

**NOTE: A hunter may be required to produce the head of the deer or identify the butcher or taxidermist who has possession of the deer's head upon request by a state conservation officer within 48 hours after a deer is reported.**

**For additional information about the new system, see page 33.**

Harvest Report stubs from 2012 permits are valid for the entire length of the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons, including January and February 2013, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.

When regulations allow taking multiple deer on the same day, hunting can resume after each deer is reported and a Confirmation Number is assigned.

### After Harvesting a Deer

When transporting multiple deer that have been reported already, each deer should be labeled with their assigned Confirmation Number. See page 29 for a Harvest Report Card available to use when each of your license or permit stubs have been filled. Be discrete when transporting your deer to the butcher, taxidermist or home; rinse away excess blood, turn the field-dressed side to face in toward your vehicle and push the tongue back into the deer's mouth.

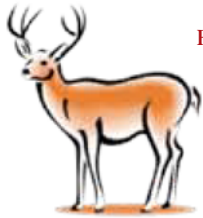
### After Reporting Your Deer— Possession or Sale

- The Confirmation Number assigned by the Automated Harvest Report System must be retained until all venison is consumed and as long as you keep any deer parts, including antlers. Persons with deer mounts should write their name, assigned Confirmation Number, date of kill and season of harvest on back of the mount for future reference.
- It is illegal to sell deer meat, deer antlers or any part of a deer **except** deer hides, tails and the lower portion of the legs. However, nonprofit organizations conducting wild game dinners for social and fundraising events may offer game or furbearer meat (the sale of which is otherwise prohibited) provided that the meat has been harvested, stored and processed in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

### Spotlighting

Spotlighting deer during hours of darkness from a vehicle is illegal while in possession of a weapon capable of killing deer, **whether the weapon is cased, uncased or in a locked compartment.** This does not apply to the regular use of headlights when traveling in a normal manner on public or private roads.

### Report Your Harvest Using the New Automated Harvest Report System



**Fish and Wildlife's new Automated Harvest Report System is now in effect for reporting deer during ALL hunting seasons beginning September 2012.** The automated system has replaced all deer check stations. Hunters must still **report** every deer

either by calling the toll-free number (855) IHUNT NJ, also known as (855) 448-6865, or online at NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm. The phone number and website are both printed on every hunting license and deer permit.

**IMPORTANT: Be prepared in advance of the hunting season! Follow these steps to report your deer harvest easily and quickly.** Use an index card, durable paper, your hunting license or the Deer Harvest Report Card (page 29) to write down the hunting information below:

- BEFORE** going hunting, and for **each** property where you hunt, **write down** the Deer Management Zone (DMZ). See map, page 48 or the zone boundary descriptions, page 34, to identify your zone. Next, to **identify** easily the county, township, Deer Management Unit (DMU) and regulation set where you hunt, visit our website at NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs.htm to use the simple **Deer Hunting Location Viewer** mapping tool for each property you hunt. (For a more detailed description of the mapping tool, see page 32.) See map example at Figure 2. **Write down** the county, township, Deer Management Unit (DMU) and regulation set information on your durable paper as a reference to use throughout the hunting seasons. Keep this information in your hunting pack to be ready to report any deer harvest from the field (via cell phone) or at home from a computer.
- Know your CID number (Conservation ID), date of birth and Harvest Number (found on the appropriate season stub of your license or permit; see Figure 1). Only youth hunters and farmers without a hunting license do not need a Harvest Number when reporting a deer for youth hunts or during non-permit deer seasons.
- The Automated Harvest Report System also will collect the date of harvest, season, sex of deer, antler points (if any), land ownership (federal, state, county, municipal or private) and the sporting arm used to harvest the deer—all the same data formerly collected at deer check stations.

- Write down the assigned Confirmation Number provided to you by the Automated Harvest Report System; see Figure 3. Always retain your Harvest Report Stub with the Confirmation Number.

Note: hunters may report a deer without the Deer Management Unit and township information. However, Fish and Wildlife strongly requests that you make *every effort* to report this information as it is a valuable decision-making tool for developing deer management strategies and hunting season regulations. If you determine this harvest information after reporting your deer, please inform us by calling the regional deer biologist listed below.

For each deer reported through the Automated Harvest Report System, the hunter will be assigned a **Confirmation Number** as a permanent record of Reporting the deer. Like the former metal possession seal, the Confirmation Number is unique to each deer harvested. Retain this number as long as you have venison or any parts or mount of the deer.

If a hunter cannot access the Automated Harvest Report System, immediately call a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office; see the regional phone listing for Law Enforcement on page 6. Leave your name, CID, phone number, sex of deer and from which deer management zone and township the deer was harvested. The hunter must continue to attempt accessing the Automated Harvest Report System until they receive an assigned Confirmation Number for that deer.

**Hunters who take a deer to a butcher or taxidermist should label the deer with your assigned Confirmation Number. If transporting more than one deer or while at hunting camp with multiple deer, all deer should be labeled with their unique confirmation number to verify each legal harvest.**

**For deer harvest reporting questions contact a regional Deer Research Project biologist:**

**NORTH:** Dan Roberts—(908) 735-7040 (Bergen, Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties)

**CENTRAL:** Jodi Powers—(609) 259-7954 (Burlington, Monmouth, Mercer, Middlesex and Ocean counties.)

**SOUTH:** Joe Leskie—(609) 748-2065 (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties)

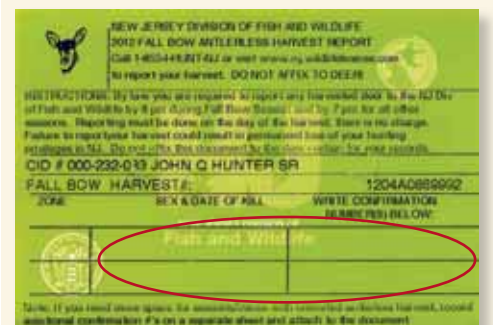
For more information on the new Automated Harvest Report System, see the list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) at NJFishandWildlife.com/ahrs\_faq.htm.



**Figure 1:** A Harvest Report Number is provided on each license or permit Harvest Report Stub. It is a unique number which identifies both the hunter and the season with which the reported deer is associated.



**Figure 2:** Before going hunting, use the easy, online Deer Hunting Location Viewer to identify your zone, county, township, unit and regulation set.



**Figure 3:** Write down the Confirmation Number assigned to you when you register your deer through the Automated Harvest Report System.

# Deer Management Zone

## BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

See page 88 for public land open to deer hunting listed by management zone.

**Zone 1:** That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Rd.) and Mashipacong Rd.; then west along the northern boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the east bank of the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State line; then east along the state line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Branchville; then northwest along Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 633; then south along Rt. 633 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then northwest along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then northwest on Rt. 521/Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 560; then west along Rt. 560 to the intersection with Ridge Rd.; then north on Ridge Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 646; then east on Rt. 646 to the intersection with Rt. 645 in Hainesville; then north on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rts. 206 and 521; then north on Rts. 206 and 521 to Montague; then north on Rt. 521 (River Rd.) to the intersection with Mashipacong Rd., the point of beginning. The island of Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River is included in this zone. High Point State Park (Zone 67) is excluded from Zone 1.

**Zone 2:** That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt.

94 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Hamburg, then southeast along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Franklin; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Andover; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Newton; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to Rt. 94 to the point of beginning.

**Zone 3:** That portion of Sussex, Morris, Passaic, and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 94 and the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to its intersection with Rt. 202 near Suffern; then south along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 287 in Oakland; then south on Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Riverdale; then west along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Hamburg; then north along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning on the New York State line.

**Zone 4:** That portion of Sussex and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Rd.) and New Mashipacong Rd.; then running along Rt. 521 to the intersection with Rt. 206 in Montague; then south on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 645 (Layton-Hainesville Rd.); then south on Rt. 645 to the intersec-

tion with Rt. 646 in Hainesville (Jagger Rd.); then west on Rt. 646 to the intersection with Ridge Rd.; then south on Ridge Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 560 (Dingman's Bridge Rd.); then southeast along Rt. 560 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then south along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Twp.–Frankford Twp. border; then northwest along Beavans Rd. to its intersection with the base of the Kittatinny Ridge then southwest along the east base of the Kittatinny Ridge to the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Rd.; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the northern park boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; then east along the northern park boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to Rt. 521 (River Rd.), the point of beginning. Namanock, Minisink, Depew, Tocks, Poxono and Labar Islands in the Delaware River are included in this zone.

**Zone 5:** That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 and Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Township–Frankford Township border; then southeast on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 633; then north on Rt. 633 to its intersection with

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<b>Firearm hunting</b> within 450 ft. of a school playground or building; <b>bowhunting</b> within 450 ft. of a school playground or within 150 ft. of a building	\$100 to \$300 fine	\$300 to \$1,500 fine and permanent loss of license
<b>Negligent use of a weapon</b> Did cause injury or death of another person	\$500 to \$2,000 fine and five year loss of license	\$1000 to \$4,000 fine and permanent loss of license
<b>Damage or injury to real or personal property of another</b>	Up to \$2,000 fine and five-year loss of license plus restitution for damages	Up to \$2,000 fine and permanent loss of license plus restitution for damages
<b>Careless use of a weapon</b> Shooting into safety zone, handling weapon in unsafe manner	\$100 to \$500 fine and two-year loss of license	\$100 to \$500 fine and two-year loss of license
<b>Trespass</b>	\$100 to \$200 fine	\$200 to \$500 fine and five-year loss of license

Rt. 206 in Branchville; then southeast along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Branchville; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Newton; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Andover; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with the Zone 4 boundary at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Rd.; then northeast along the base of the Kittatinny Ridge to its intersection with Beavans Rd. at the Hampton Twp.-Frankford Twp. border; then southeast along Beavans Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 521 at the point of beginning.

**Zone 6:** That portion of Morris, Sussex, Passaic, Warren and Essex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 517 at Allamuchy; then northeast along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Franklin; then southeast along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 618; then south along Rt. 618 to its intersection with Rockaway Valley Rd.; then southwest along Rockaway Valley Rd. to its intersection with Diamond Spring Rd.; then south along Diamond Spring Rd. with West Main St. in Denville; then south along West Main St. to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to the point of beginning at Allamuchy. Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54) is excluded from Zone 6.

**Zone 7:** That portion of Hunterdon and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 78 at Clinton; then north along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Buttzville; then west on Rt. 46 to the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then south along the east bank of the Delaware to its intersection with Rt. 78 at Phillipsburg; then east along Rt. 78 to the point of beginning at Clinton.

**Zone 8:** That portion of Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 22 and 206 near Somerville; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 80 near Netcong; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Allamuchy; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at Buttzville; then southeast along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 22 at Clinton; then east along Rt. 22 to the point of beginning at Somerville.

**Zone 9:** Those portions of Morris and Somerset counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 206 and Rt. 80 near Netcong; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then east on Rt. 46 to the intersection with Rt. 10 in Ledgewood; then east on Rt. 10 to the intersection with Morris Tpk.; then east and south on Morris Tpk. to Calais Rd.; then west on Calais Rd. to Combs Hollow Rd.; then south on Combs Hollow Rd. to

Calais Rd.; then south on Calais Rd. to Mountain Ave. in Mendham; then south and east on Mountain Ave. to Hilltop Rd. (Rt. 525); then south on Rt. 525 to the intersection with Rt. 78; then west on Rt. 78 to the intersection with Rt. 206 near Pluckemin; then north on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 80 in Netcong, the point of beginning.

**Zone 10:** That portion of Hunterdon and Warren counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 12 in Flemington; then north along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 78 at Clinton; then west along Rt. 78 to the Delaware River at Phillipsburg; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 12 at Frenchtown; then east along Rt. 12 to the point of beginning at Flemington.

**Zone 11:** That portion of Hunterdon County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 12 and 31 and 202 at Flemington; then southwest along Rt. 202 to the Delaware River; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 12 at Frenchtown; then east along Rt. 12 to the point of beginning at Flemington. Shyhawks, Treasure, Rush, Bull and Eagle Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

**Zone 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 is included in Zone 12.

**Zone 13:** That portion of Morris, Somerset and Union counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 22 and 206 at Somerville; then north on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 78 near Pluckemin; then east on Rt. 78 to the intersection with Rt. 525; then north on Rt. 525 to Mountain Ave. in Mendham; then north and west on Mountain Ave. to Calais Rd.; then north on Calais Rd. to Combs Hollow Rd.; then north on Combs Hollow Rd. to Calais Rd.; then east on Calais Rd. to Morris Tpk.; then north and west on Morris Tpk. to Rt. 10; then west on Rt. 10 to Rt. 46 in Ledgewood; then west on Rt. 46 to the intersection with Rt. 80 near Netcong; then east on Rt. 80 to the intersection with Rt. 511; then south on Rt. 511 to the intersection with Rt. 124 in Morristown; then southeast along Rt. 124 to the intersection with Rt. 82; then southwest along Rt. 82 to the intersection with Rt. 22; then southwest along Rt. 22 to the point of beginning at Somerville. The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 38) is excluded from Zone 13.

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**Zone 14:** That portion of Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 22 and 206 at Somerville, then east along Rt. 22 to its intersection with Interstate 287; then south on Interstate 287 to its intersection with Rt. 18; then south on Rt. 18 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 545; then northwest on Rt. 545 which becomes Farnsworth Ave.; then continuing northwest on Farnsworth Ave. to its intersection with W. Burlington St.; then southwest on W. Burlington St. to its intersection with Interstate 295; then north on Interstate 295 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Bordentown; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 546 at Washington's Crossing; then east on Rt. 546 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Lawrenceville; then north along Rt. 206 to the point beginning at Somerville. Rotary and Blauguard Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

**Zone 15:** That portion of Monmouth, Mercer and Middlesex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 522 near Jamesburg; then south on the Turnpike to its intersection with Interstate 195, then east on Rt. I-195 to its intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson; then northeast on Rt. 537 to its intersection with Rt. 522 in Freehold; then northwest on Rt. 522 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike, the point of beginning. Monmouth Battlefield State Park is excluded from this zone.

**Zone 16:** That portion of Monmouth and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 537 and Rt. 571 near Holmeson; then southeast on Rt. 571 to the intersection with Rt. 547; then northeast on Rt. 547 through Farmingdale to the intersection with Tinton Falls Rd.; then north on Tinton Falls Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 33 and Rt. 34; then north on Rt. 34 to the intersection with the fenced boundary of the Earle Naval Weapons Depot property; then westward along the fenced border of the Earle Depot to the intersection with Rt. 33; then west along Rt. 33 to the intersection with Rt. 537 in Freehold; then southwest on Rt. 537 to the intersection with Rt. 571 near Holmeson, the point of beginning.

**Zone 17:** That portion of Mercer, Monmouth, Burlington and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Interstate 195, then east along Interstate 195 to the intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson; then southwest along Rt. 537 to the intersection with Hawkin Rd. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640) then southeast along Hawkin Rd. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640); to the intersection with Colliers Mills Rd.; then west along Colliers Mills Rd. to its intersection with Woodruff Rd.; then southwest along Woodruff Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 539; then southeast along Rt. 539 to the border of the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst; then westward along the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst boundary to Rt. 545 near Wrightstown; then northwest along Rt. 545 to the intersection with the

New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection Interstate 195 the point of beginning.

**Zone 18:** That portion of Ocean County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and the Garden State Parkway at South Toms River; then west along Rt. 530 to the intersection with Rt. 70; then west along Rt. 70 to the border of the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst; then northward along the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst boundary to the northernmost intersection of the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst border and Rt. 539; then northwest along Rt. 539 to the intersection with Woodruff Rd.; then northeast along Woodruff Rd. to the intersection with Colliers Mills Rd.; then east along Colliers Mills Rd. to the intersection with Hawkin Rd. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640); then northwest along Hawkin Rd. (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Rd.: Rt. 640) to the intersection with Rt. 537 near Prosperstown; then northeast along Rt. 537 to the intersection with Rt. 571 near Holmeson; then southeast along Rt. 571 to the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to the point of beginning near South Toms River.

**Zone 19:** That portion of Burlington and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd.; then west on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 644 (Buddtown-Ong's Hat Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 644 to its intersection with Rt. 70 at Four Mile Circle; then west on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Burr's Mill Rd.; then southwest on Burr's Mill Rd. to its intersection with Avenue Rd.; then south on Avenue Rd. to its intersection with Sooy Place Rd.; then south on Sooy Place Rd. to its intersection with Irick's Causeway; then southwest on Irick's Causeway to its intersection with Rt. 532 (Chatsworth Rd.); then west along Rt. 532 to its intersection with Butterworth's Bogs Rd.; then south and west along Butterworth's Bogs Rd. to its intersection with Brace Lane; then west along Brace Lane to its intersection with Bozarthtown Rd.; then southwest along Bozarthtown Rd. to its intersection with Dingtletown Rd.; then southwest along Dingtletown Rd. which becomes Forked Neck Rd. and curves to the west; then west along Forked Neck Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Rd.; then northwest along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Willow Grove Rd.; then southwest on Willow Grove Rd. to its intersection with Atsion Rd.; then northwest on Atsion Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Rd.; then west along Rt. 534 to its intersection with Rt. 73; then north along Rt. 73 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 38; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 530; then east along

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Rt. 530 to its intersection with Rt. 616 (Vincentown-Pemberton Rd.); then northeast on Rt. 616, Hanover St., into the town of Pemberton to its intersection with Elizabeth St., then east on Elizabeth St., which becomes Pemberton-Browns Mills Rd. (Rt. 687) to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-By-Pass Rd.); then east on Rt. 530 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.), the point of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37) is excluded from Zone 19. Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68) is excluded from Zone 19.

**Zone 20:** Not designated.

**Zone 21:** That portion of Ocean and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and the Garden State Parkway near South Toms River; then south along the Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 72; then northwest along Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 644 (Buddtown-Ong's Hat Rd.) at Four Mile Circle; then northwest on Rt. 644 to its intersection with Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd.; then northeast on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Rd.); then northwest on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-Browns Mills Rd.); then east along the southern border of Fort Dix Military Reservation

to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 539 and Rt. 530 near Whiting; then east along Rt. 530 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway near South Toms River, the point of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37) is excluded from Zone 21.

**Zone 22:** That portion of Ocean and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Garden State Parkway and Rt. 72 near Manahawkin; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Stage Rd.; then west along Stage Rd. to its intersection with Leektown Rd.; then west along Leektown Rd. (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. 72 at Ship Bottom; then west along Rt. 72 to the Garden State Parkway, the point of beginning. The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 58) is excluded from Zone 22.

**Zone 23:** That portion of Burlington, Atlantic and Camden counties lying within a continuous line begin-

ning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and the Mullica River at the Atlantic-Burlington County line near Green Bank; then north and west along the north bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 542 at Pleasant Mills; then west along Rt. 542 to its intersection with Nescochague Creek; then northwest along Nescochague Creek to Great Swamp Branch; then westward along Great Swamp Branch to its intersection with Rt. 206 (just south of the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Rd.); then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 30; then northwest along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 73; then north on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Rd.; then east along Rt. 534 to its intersection with Atsion Rd.; then southeast on Atsion Rd. to its intersection with Willow Grove Rd.; then northeast on Willow Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Rd.; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Forked Neck Rd. then east along Forked Neck Rd. which becomes Dingtletown Rd. curving to the northeast; then northeast along Dingtletown Rd. to its intersection with Bozarthtown Rd.; then northeast on Bozarthtown Rd. to its intersection with Brace Lane; then east on Brace Lane to its intersection with Butterworth's Bogs Rd.; then north on Butterworth's

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Bogs Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 532 (Chatsworth Rd.); then east on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Irick's Causeway; then northeast on Irick's Causeway to its intersection with Sooy Place Rd. (Vincentown-South Park Rd.); then northwest on Sooy Place Rd. to its intersection with Avenue Rd.; then northeast on Avenue Rd. to its intersection with Burr's Mill Rd.; then northeast on Burr's Mill Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 72 at Four Mile Circle; then southeast on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 563; then southwest along Rt. 563 to its intersection with the Mullica River at the Atlantic-Burlington County line, the point of beginning near Green Bank. Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68) is excluded from Zone 23.

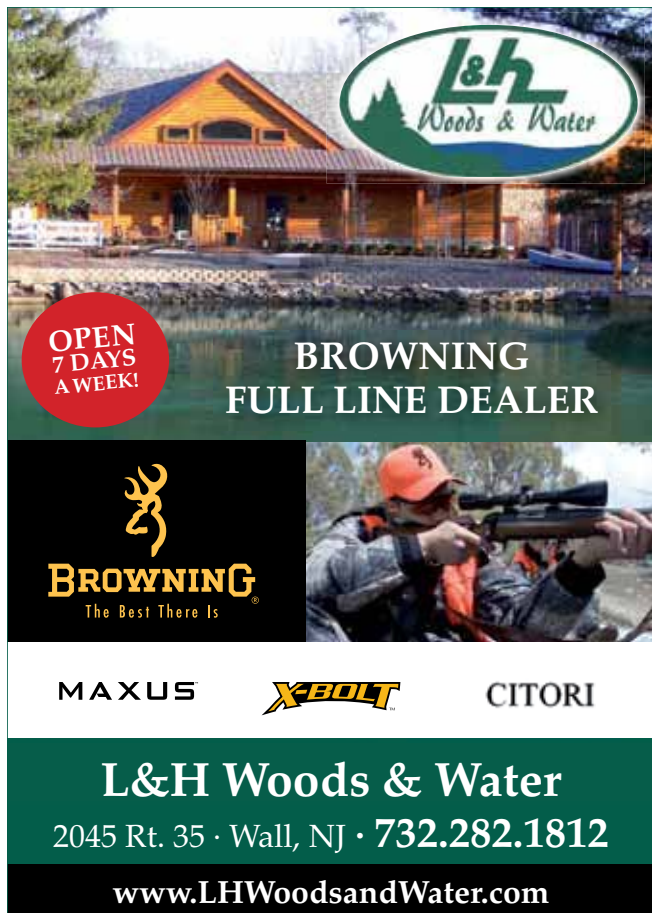
**Zone 24:** That portion of Burlington and Ocean counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and Rt. 72; then southeast along Rt. 72 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Parkway to its intersection with Stage Rd.; then west along Stage Rd. to its intersection with Leektown Rd.; then west along Leektown Rd. (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 west along the north bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 563 near Green Bank; then north along Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 72, the point of beginning.

**Zone 25:** That portion of Salem, Gloucester, Atlantic and Camden counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 54 and Rt. 40 near Buena; then west on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north on Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 610 (Aura Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 655 (Fries Mill Rd. then north on Rt. 655 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Glassboro; then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with County Rd. 635 (Hurffville-Grenloch Rd.); then eastward on County Rd. 635 to its intersection with County Rd. 705 (County House Rd.); then southeast along Rt. 705 to its intersection with County Rd. 688 (Turnerville-Hickstown Rd.); then eastward along County Rd. 688 to its intersection with County Rd. 689 (Berlin-Crosskeys Rd.); then northeast along County Rd. 689 to its intersection with Rt. 73 at Berlin; then south on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 30; then southeast along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Great Swamp Branch

(just past the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Rd.); then eastward along Great Swamp Branch to its intersection with Nescochague Creek; then eastward along Nescochague Creek to Nescochague Lake, at Pleasant Mills; then westward along the north and western shore of Nescochague Lake to its intersection with Hammonton Creek; then westward along Hammonton Creek to its intersection with Rt. 30 (White Horse Pike), near Hammonton; then southeast on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Weymouth Rd. (Rts. 640-559); then southward on Weymouth Rd. to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then west along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Eighth St.; then south along Eighth St. to its intersection with Rt. 322; then westward on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 54; then southward on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 40 near Buena, the point of beginning. Zone 65 is excluded from Zone 25. The Zone 25 outside boundary remains the same. However, the total Zone 25 area is reduced due to the expansion of Zone 65 which lies within Zone 25. See boundary description for Zone 65.

**Zone 26:** That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 40 and 54 near Buena; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then north on Rt. >



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50 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then east on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Cologne Ave.; then north on Cologne Ave. to its intersection with Duerer St.; then east on Duerer St. to its intersection with Rt. 575; then northeast on Rt. 575 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then north along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then northwest along the south bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with Rt. 542 at Pleasant Mills; then west on Rt. 542 to its intersection with Nescochaque Creek at Pleasant Mills; then south along the west bank of Nescochaque Creek to Nescochaque Lake; then southwest along the western bank of Nescochaque Lake to its intersection with Hammonton Creek; then westward along Hammonton Creek to its intersection with Rt. 30 (White Horse Pike), near Hammonton; then south on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Weymouth Rd. (Rts. 640-559); then south on Weymouth Rd. to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then northwest along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Eighth St.; then southwest along Eighth St. to its intersection with Rt. 322 (Black Horse Pike); then northwest along Rt. 332 to its intersection with Rt. 54; then southwest along Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Buena, the point of beginning. The

Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) is excluded from Zone 26.

**Zone 27:** That portion of Cumberland and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 77 and 40 at Pole Tavern; then northwest on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 48; then west on Rt. 48 through Penns Grove to the Delaware River; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with the Salem Canal at Deepwater; then eastward along the south bank of the Salem Canal to its intersection with the Salem River; then southward along the west bank of the Salem River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem; then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Salem County Rt. 667 (Pecks Corner-Cohansey Rd.) at Pecks Corner; then eastward along Rt. 667 to its intersection with Rt. 540; then east along Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 77; then north on Rt. 77 to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Pole Tavern, the point of beginning.

**Zone 28:** That portion of Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 77 and 40 at Pole Tavern; then east on Rt. 40 to its intersection of Rt. 47 at Malaga; then south on Rt. 47 to its intersection of Rt. 49 in Millville; then west on Rt. 49 to its intersection

with Salem County Rt. 667 (Pecks Corner-Cohansey Rd.) at Pecks Corner; then eastward along Rt. 667 to its intersection with Rt. 540; then east on Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 77; then north on Rt. 77 to Pole Tavern, the point of beginning.

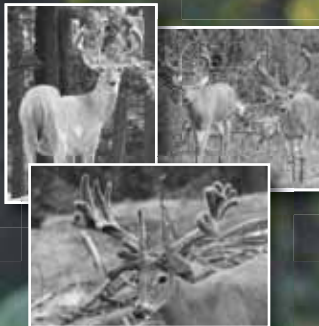
**Zone 29:** That portion of Salem and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning with the intersection of Rts. 77 and 49 at Bridgeton; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Alloway Creek at Quinton; then southwest along the northern bank of the Alloway Creek to its intersection with the Delaware River; then south along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Cohansey River; then along the northwest bank of the Cohansey River to Bridgeton, the point of beginning.

**Zone 30:** That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at Fairton on the Cohansey River; then west along the south bank of the Cohansey River to the Delaware River; then southeast along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Maurice River; then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to Haleyville-Mauricetown Rd. (County Rd. 676); then west on Haleyville-Mauricetown Rd. to its intersection with the Central

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Railroad of New Jersey (C.R.R.N.J.); then west along the C.R.R.N.J. line to its intersection with Newport-Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport-Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 553, then northwest on Rt. 553 to Fairton, the point of beginning.

**Zone 31:** That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersections of Rts. 77 and 49 at Bridgeton; then east on Rt. 49 to the Maurice River near Millville; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River near Millville; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River to Buckshutem Creek; then west on the north bank of Buckshutem Creek to its intersection with Buckshutem Rd. (County Rd. 670); then northwest on Buckshutem Rd. to its intersection with Cedarville Rd. (County Rd. 610); then southwest on Cedarville Rd. to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 553; then northwest along Rt. 553 to the Cohanse River at Fairton; then north on the east bank of the Cohanse River to Bridgeton, the point of beginning.

**Zone 32:** Not designated.

**Zone 33:** Not designated.

**Zone 34:** That portion of Cumberland and Cape May counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 47 and Rt. 548 in Port Elizabeth; then east on Rt. 548 to its intersection with Rt. 49; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Head of River; then eastward along the south bank of the Tuckahoe River and Atlantic-Cape May County line to Great Egg Harbor Bay; then continuing eastward along the Atlantic-Cape May County line to the Atlantic Ocean at the Great Egg Harbor Inlet; then southwest along the Atlantic Ocean to Delaware Bay; then north and west along the east bank of Delaware Bay to the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to Port Elizabeth and Rt. 548, the point of beginning.

**Zone 35:** That portion of Salem and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the east bank of the Delaware River at Penns Grove; then southeast on Rt. 48 to its intersection with Rt. 40; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north on Rt. 553 to the intersection with Rt. 610 (Aura Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Clayton; then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with County Rt. 635 (Lambs Rd.) at Glassboro; then west on Rt. 635 to its intersection with Mantua Creek at Glassboro; then northwest along the Mantua Creek to the Delaware River; then southwest along the east bank of the Delaware River, to Penns Grove, the point of beginning. Chester and Mond's Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

**Zone 36:** That portion of Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Passaic, Morris, Union, Somerset and Middlesex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 202 and the New York State line near Suffern; then south on Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 287 in Oakland; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 23; then Rt. 23 northwest to its intersection with Rt. 618; then south along Rt. 618 to its intersection with Rockaway Valley Rd.; then southwest along Rockaway Valley Rd. to its intersection with Diamond Spring Rd.; then south along Diamond Spring Rd. with West Main St. in Denville; then south along West Main St. to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south on Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 510; then west on Rt. 510 to its intersection with Rt. 124 at Morristown; then southeast on Rt. 124 to its intersection with Rt. 82; then southeast along Rt. 82 to its intersection with Rt. 22; then southwest on Rt. 22 to its intersection with Rt. 287 near Somerville; then southeast on Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 18 near South Bound Brook; then southeast on Rt. 18 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then north on the Turnpike to its intersection with the Raritan River; then east along the north bank of the Raritan River to Raritan Bay and the New York State line; then north along the state line to Arthur Kill and west bank of the Hudson River; then west along the New Jersey-New York border to the point of beginning near Suffern.

**Zone 37:** That portion of the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Fort Dix Military Reservation, U.S. Dept. of the Army, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean counties.

**Zone 38:** That portion of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Dept. of the Interior, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

**Zone 39:** That portion of Naval Weapons Station Earle, U.S. Department of the Navy designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

**Zone 40:** That portion of Naval Weapons Station Earle, Waterfront Section, U.S. Department of the Navy, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

**Zone 41:** That portion of Hunterdon and Mercer counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 31 and Rt. 202 at Ringoes; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546 at the Pennington traffic circle; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along east bank of Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 202; then north along Rt. 202 to the point beginning at Ringoes.

**Zone 42:** That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the south bank of the Mullica River and the

Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 575; then southwest along Rt. 575 to its intersection with Duerer St.; then west on Duerer St. to its intersection with Cologne Ave.; then south on Cologne Ave. to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west on Rt. 322 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then south on Rt. 50 to its intersection with the Great Egg Harbor River at Mays Landing; then south along the east bank of the Great Egg Harbor River to the Atlantic-Cape May County line in Great Egg Harbor Bay; then eastward along the Atlantic-Cape May County line to its intersection with the Atlantic Ocean at the Great Egg Harbor Inlet; then northeast along the Atlantic Ocean to Great Bay; then west along the south shore of Great Bay to the confluence of the Mullica River; then west along the south bank of the Mullica River to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway, the point of beginning. The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zones 56 and 57), the Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) and the lands (excluding Laurel Memorial Park Cemetery), roads, right of ways and easements within the contiguous boundary of the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (Zone 66) are excluded from Zone 42.

**Zone 43:** That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Buckshutem Rd. (County Rd. 670) and Cedarville Rd. (County Rd. 610); then southwest on Cedarville Rd. to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with the Central Railroad of New Jersey (C.R.R.N.J.); then east on the C.R.R.N.J. line to its intersection with Haleyville Rd. (County Rd. 676) at Mauricetown Station; then east on Haleyville Rd. to its intersection with the Maurice River at Mauricetown; then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to the north bank of Buckshutem Creek at Laurel Lake; then west along the north bank of Buckshutem Creek to Buckshutem Rd.; then northwest on Buckshutem Rd. to its intersection with Cedarville Rd., the point of beginning.

**Zone 44:** Not designated.

**Zone 45:** That portion of Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Broad St. (Rt. 552 spur) and Delsea Drive (Rt. 47); then northeast along Rt. 552 spur to Rt. 552; then continuing northeast along Rt. 552 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Milmay; then south along the west bank of the Tuckahoe River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Hunter's Mill; then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 548; then west on Rt. 548 to its intersection with Delsea Drive (Rt. 47) and the Manumuskin River in Port Elizabeth; then west along the south bank of Manumuskin River to its intersection with the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to its intersection with Rt. 49 in Millville; then east on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Delsea Drive (Rt. 47); then ▶

north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with Broad St. (Rt. 552 spur), the point of beginning.

**Zone 46:** That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 49 and the Tuckahoe River at Hunter's Mill; then southeast along Rt. 49 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River and the Atlantic-Cape May County line at Head of River; then eastward along the north bank of the Tuckahoe River to Great Egg Harbor Bay and the Egg Harbor Township line on the Egg Harbor River; then northwest along the west bank of the Egg Harbor River to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Mays Landing; then west on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Estell Ave; then south on Estell Ave. to its intersection with Rt. 552 then southwest on Rt. 552 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Milmay; then south along the east bank of the Tuckahoe River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Hunter's Mill the point of beginning. The Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) is excluded from Zone 46.

**Zone 47:** That portion of Gloucester, Atlantic and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 47 and 40 at Malaga; then southeast on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Estell Ave; then south on Estell Ave to its

intersection with Rt. 552; then southwest on Rt. 552 to spur 552; then west on spur 552 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Millville; then north on Rt. 47 to Malaga, the point of beginning.

**Zone 48:** That portion of Burlington County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 38 near Moorestown; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 530; then east along Rt. 530 along the Pemberton by-pass to its intersection with the southern boundary of the Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst; then northward along the western Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst boundary to its intersection with County Rd. 670; then east on County Rd. 670 to its intersection with Rt. 545 at Wrightstown; then northwest on Rt. 545 which becomes Farnsworth Ave.; then continuing northwest on Farnsworth Ave. to its intersection with W. Burlington St.; then southwest on W. Burlington St. to its intersection with Interstate 295; then north on Interstate 295 to its intersection with Crosswicks Creek at Bordentown; then west along the south bank of Crosswicks Creek to its intersection with the Delaware River at Bordentown; then southwest along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 541 at the City of Burlington; then southeast

along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Interstate 295; then southwest along Interstate 295 to its intersection with Rancocas Creek; then east along Rancocas Creek to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 38, the point of beginning. New Bold and Burlington Islands lying in the Delaware River are in this zone.

**Zone 49:** That portion of Gloucester, Camden and Burlington counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the mouth of Mantua Creek on the Delaware River; then northeast along the east bank of the Delaware River to Rt. 541 at the City of Burlington; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Interstate 295; then southwest along Interstate-295 to its intersection with Rancocas Creek; then east along the Rancocas Creek to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 73; then south along Rt. 73 to its intersection with County Rd. 689 (Cross Keys Rd.) at Berlin; then southwest along County Rd. 689 to its intersection with County Rd. 688 Turnersville-Hickstown Rd.); then west along County Rd. 688 to its intersection with County Rd. 705; then northwest along County Rd. 705 (County

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# Deer Management Zone

## BOUNDARY DESCRIPTIONS

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House Rd.) to its intersection with County Rd. 635 (Grenlode-Hurffville Rd.); then southwest on County Rd. 635 to its intersection with Mantua Creek; then northwest along Mantua Creek to its mouth at the Delaware River, the point of beginning. Petty Island lying in the Delaware River is in this zone.

**Zone 50:** That portion of Monmouth and Middlesex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New Jersey Turnpike and Rt. 522 near Jamesburg; then southeast on Rt. 522 to the intersection with Rt. 537 at Freehold; then southwest on Rt. 537 to the intersection with business Rt. 33; then east on Rt. 33 to the intersection with the western edge of the fenced boundary of the Earle Naval Weapons Depot; then north and east along the fenced boundary of the Earle Depot to the intersection of County Rt. 38 (Wayside Rd.) and Rt. 547 at the most eastern point of the fenced boundary of Naval Weapons Station-Earle; then northeast on Rt. 547 to the intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then north on the Garden State parkway to the intersection with Rt. 36 near Eatontown; then east on Rt. 36 to the Atlantic Ocean; then north along the Atlantic coastline to the Raritan Bay; then south and west along the southern shore of Raritan Bay to the Raritan River; then continuing west along the south bank of the Raritan River to the intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then southwest along the New Jersey Turnpike to the intersection with Rt. 522, the point of beginning. Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64), and Naval Weapons Station Earle (Zones 39 and 40), are excluded from this zone.

**Zone 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. 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 Rt. 38 (Wayside Rd.) 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.

**Zone 52:** Not designated.

**Zone 53:** That portion of the Lakehurst section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering

Center, U.S. Department of the Navy, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean county.

**Zone 54:** Those portions of Picatinny Arsenal, U.S. Department of the Army, Installation Management Agency (IMA), designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

**Zone 55:** That portion of Gloucester County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 47 and 322 at Glassboro; then east along Rt. 322 (County Rt. 536) to its intersection with Rt. 655 (Fries Mill Rd.); then south on Rt. 655 to its intersection with Rt. 610 (Academy Ave.); then west on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 47 (Delsea Drive) at Clayton; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 322 at Glassboro, the point of beginning.

**Zone 56:** That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located south of Stoney Hill Rd., designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

**Zone 57:** That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of Stoney Hill Rd. and south of the Mullica River, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

**Zone 70:** Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean counties.

**Zone 58:** Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean county.

**Zone 59:** Not designated.

**Zone 60:** Not designated.

**Zone 61:** Those portions of the Atlantic County Park System, County of Atlantic, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

**Zone 62:** Not designated.

**Zone 63:** That portion of Salem County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Salem Canal and the Delaware River at Deepwater; then eastward along the south bank of the Salem Canal to its intersection with the Salem River; then southward along the west bank of the Salem River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem; then southeastward on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Alloway Creek at Quinton; then southwest along the northern bank of the Alloway Creek to its intersec-

tion with the Delaware River; then northward along the east bank of the Delaware River and New Jersey State line to Finns Point and Fort Mott State Park; then northward along the New Jersey State line to the Delaware River; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware River; then northwestward along the east bank of the Delaware River and New Jersey State line to its intersection with the Salem Canal at Deepwater, the point of beginning.

**Zone 64:** That portion of Monmouth Battlefield State Park, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

**Zone 65:** That portion of Camden and Gloucester counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 322 and County Rd. Rt. 659 (Malaga-New Brooklyn Rd.) in Monroe Township, Gloucester County; then northeast along Rt. 659 to its intersection with County Rd. Rt. 536 at New Brooklyn; then northward along Rt. 536 to its intersection with County Rd. Rt. 720 (Brooklyn-Blue Anchor Rd.); then southeast on Rt. 720 to its intersection with Rt. 73 near Blue Anchor; then southward along Rt. 73 to its intersection with Piney Hollow Rd.; then southwest along Piney Hollow Rd. to its intersection with Dutch Mill Rd. then west along Dutch Mill Rd. to its intersection with County Rt. 557 (Tuckahoe Rd.); then northwest on Rt. 557 to its intersection with County Rt. 659 (Malaga Rd.); then north on Rt. 659 to its intersection with County Rt. 633 (Blue Bell Rd.) then south on Rt. 633 to its intersection with County Rt. 538 (Coles Mill Rd.); then east along Rt. 538 to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west along Rt. 322 to its intersection with County Rt. 659, the point of beginning.

**Zone 66:** That portion of Atlantic County including lands, roads, right of ways and easements within the contiguous boundary of the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center, excluding Laurel Memorial Park Cemetery. Lands open for deer hunting only and persons authorized to hunt deer on the facility shall be determined by the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center, the administrative agency.

**Zone 67:** That portion of High Point State Park, located north and east of Deckertown Turnpike (Rt. 650), designated as open to hunting, lying within Sussex County.

**Zone 68:** That portion of the Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve, designated as open to deer hunting, lying within Woodland Township, Burlington County.

**Zone 70:** Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean counties. 🍌

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Regulation Set	Regulation Set #0	Regulation Set #1
<b>Zones</b>	21, 23, 24, <b>34*</b> , 43, 45, 46	4
<b>Info</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any antlered deer taken in Zone 34 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</li> <li>Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30.</li> <li>For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30.</li> <li><b>Note:</b> Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30.</li> <li>For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30.</li> <li><b>Note:</b> Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.</li> </ul>
<b>Fall Bow</b>	<b>Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012</b> Season bag limit is one antlerless deer—and only one antlered deer.	<b>Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.
<b>Youth Deer Hunt Days</b>	<b>Bow Only—Sept. 22, 2012</b> <b>Firearms Only—Nov. 17, 2012</b> Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.	<b>Bow Only—Sept. 22, 2012</b> <b>Firearm Only—Nov. 17, 2012</b> Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.
<b>Permit Bow</b>	<b>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012</b> Season bag limit is one antlerless deer and one antlered deer if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)	<b>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)
<b>Permit Muzzleloader</b>	<b>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012</b> Season bag limit is one antlerless deer and one antlered deer if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)	<b>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)
<b>Six-day Firearm</b>	<b>Dec. 3–8, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.	<b>Dec. 3–8, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.
<b>Permit Shotgun Season</b>	<b>Dec. 12, 2012</b> Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)	<b>Dec. 12, 2012</b> Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit, or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)
<b>Winter Bow</b>	<b>Jan. 1–31, 2013</b> Season bag limit is one antlerless deer—and only one antlered deer.	<b>Jan. 1–31, 2013</b> Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.

### Color-coded to Regulation Set Reference Chart and Zone Map (page 48)

Regulation Set	Regulation Set #2	Regulation Set #3
<b>Zones</b>	<b>1, 3*, 18</b>	<b>22, 26, 30*, 55, 65</b>
<b>Info</b>	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 3 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30.</li> <li>• For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30.</li> <li>• <b>Note:</b> Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.</li> </ul>	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 30 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30.</li> <li>• For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30.</li> <li>• <b>Note:</b> Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.</li> </ul>
<b>Fall Bow</b>	<p><b>Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p><b>Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>
<b>Youth Deer Hunt Days</b>	<p><b>Bow Only—Sept. 22, 2012</b> <b>Firearm Only—Nov. 17, 2012</b> Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>	<p><b>Bow Only—Sept. 22, 2012</b> <b>Firearm Only—Nov. 17, 2012</b> Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
<b>Permit Bow</b>	<p><b>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p><b>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
<b>Permit Muzzleloader</b>	<p><b>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012; Jan. 1–4, 2013</b> Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p><b>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012; Jan. 1–4, 2013</b> Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
<b>Six-day Firearm</b>	<p><b>Dec. 3–8, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 3–8, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
<b>Permit Shotgun Season</b>	<p><b>Dec. 12, 2012</b> Season bag limit is one deer. This deer may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is one antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p><b>Dec. 12–14, 2012</b> Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
<b>Winter Bow</b>	<p><b>Jan. 1–31, 2013</b> Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p><b>Jan. 1–31, 2013</b> Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>

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Regulation Set	Regulation Set #3A	Regulation Set #4
Zones	6	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*, 63*
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30.</li> <li>For more details, see Deer Hunting Regulations, page 30.</li> <li><b>Note:</b> Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.</li> </ul>	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zone 27, 28, 29, 31, 35, 47 or 63 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30.</li> <li>For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30.</li> <li><b>Note:</b> Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.</li> </ul>
Fall Bow	<p>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters): Sept. 8–Sept. 28, 2012</p> <p>First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters): Sept. 8–28, 2012</p> <p>First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Deer Hunt Days	<p>Bow Only—Sept. 22, 2012</p> <p>Firearm Only—Nov. 17, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is one deer of either sex for qualified youth hunters only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>	<p>Bow Only—Sept. 22, 2012</p> <p>Firearm Only—Nov. 17, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm seasons.</p>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 27–Nov. 24, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit for either youth day is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Bow Permit then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p>Oct. 27–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012; Jan. 1–4, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p>Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012; Jan. 1–4, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>	<p>Dec. 3–8, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
Permit Shotgun Season	<p>Dec. 12–14, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is two deer. ONE may be antlered if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit or harvested two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm season, then the bag limit is two antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p>Dec. 12–14, 2012; and Jan. 12–19, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2013</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>



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Regulation Set	Regulation Set #6	Regulation Set #8
<b>Zones</b>	<b>5, 17, 19, 25, 42, 48</b>	<b>7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51</b>
<b>Info</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30.</li> <li>• For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30.</li> <li>• <b>Note:</b> Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.</li> </ul>	<p>* Any antlered deer taken in Zones 9 or 13 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sundays. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30.</li> <li>• For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30.</li> <li>• <b>Note:</b> Only one antlerless permit, per zone, may be purchased in each permit season. If a hunter purchases an antlerless permit for more than one zone in a season, the Antlered Buck Permit is valid for a ONE TIME USE in only ONE of the zones for which the hunter holds a permit. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.</li> </ul>
<b>Fall Bow</b>	<p><b>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters):</b> Sept. 8–28, 2012</p> <p><b>First deer may be antlered or antlerless:</b> Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p><b>First deer must be antlerless (not required for youth hunters):</b> Sept. 8–28, 2012</p> <p><b>First deer may be antlered or antlerless:</b> Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
<b>Youth Deer Hunt Days</b>	<p><b>Bow Only—Sept. 22, 2012</b></p> <p><b>Firearms Only—Nov. 17, 2012</b></p> <p>Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>	<p><b>Bow Only—Sept. 22, 2012</b></p> <p><b>Firearms Only—Nov. 17, 2012</b></p> <p>Season bag limit for either youth day is one deer of either sex for any qualified youth hunter only. Any deer harvested by a qualified youth hunter accompanied by a similarly licensed, non-shooting adult mentor is NOT included as part of the bag limit for the Fall Bow or Six-day Firearm Season.</p>
<b>Permit Bow</b>	<p><b>Oct. 27–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2012</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p><b>Oct. 27–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2012</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
<b>Permit Muzzleloader</b>	<p><b>Antlered or Antlerless: Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012; and Jan. 1–31, 2013</b></p> <p><b>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 3–8, 2012</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p><b>Antlered or Antlerless: Nov. 26–27; Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012; and Jan. 1–Feb. 9, 2013</b></p> <p><b>Antlerless deer only: Nov. 28–30 and Dec. 3–8, 2012</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter chooses not to purchase the Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
<b>Six-day Firearm</b>	<p><b>Dec. 3–8, 2012</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 3–8, 2012</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, he/she forfeits the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.</p>
<b>Permit Shotgun Season</b>	<p><b>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 3–8, 2012</b></p> <p><b>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 12–14, 2012; Jan. 5–31, 2013</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>	<p><b>Antlerless deer only: Nov. 28–30 and Dec. 3–8, 2012</b></p> <p><b>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 12–14, 2012; and Jan. 5–Feb. 9, 2013</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit is purchased. However, if the hunter harvests two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, then the bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. (See <b>Note</b> above.)</p>
<b>Winter Bow</b>	<p><b>Jan. 1–31, 2013</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p><b>Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2013</b></p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>

Regulations in **red** are new this year.

**Purple** text indicates an important note.

- **Special areas include federal military installations, certain state and county parks and national wildlife refuges where hunter access is controlled.**
- **All state game laws and regulations apply to Special Areas.**
- **Only ONE antlered deer may be taken per permit season, statewide, regardless of the number of permits possessed.**
- **Due to homeland security measures and military actions, NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife cannot guarantee all military installations will be available or open to hunting throughout each deer season. Hunters are reminded that Fish and Wildlife has a “no refund – no exchange” policy for deer permits.**

### Special Areas—County and State Parks

#### Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61)

Permits for Zone 61 will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. The permit quotas for Zone 61 are as follows: 60 permits will be available for the Permit Bow Season, 60 permits will be available for the Permit Muzzleloader Season and 100 permits will be available for the Permit Muzzleloader Season.

**Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 27, 2012 to Jan. 31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 26, 27 and Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012 and Jan. 1–4, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 60 permits are available.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 3–8, 2012; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 3–8 and 12–14, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

Deer hunting is prohibited here all other times. The Atlantic County Park office is located at 6303 Old Harding Highway, Mays Landing, NJ 08330. All applicants must call (609) 625-8219 prior to the lottery for specific rules, restrictions and hunter orientation dates. Hunter orientation attendance is

required for Zone 61. The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 61.

#### Cheesequake State Park (Zone 50)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting. Deer Management Zone 50 regulations apply. A free park access permit is required. A limited supply of permits will be available. Contact the park office at (732) 566-2161 or check the park website for details. Hunters must supply both their current hunting and driver's licenses.

#### Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park (Zone 11)

A portion of the Division of Parks and Forestry's My Ben tract of the Delaware and Raritan Canal State Park in Delaware Township in Hunterdon County is open for deer hunting. Zone 11 regulations apply. Call (609) 397-2949 for more information.

#### High Point State Park (Zone 67)

To hunt High Point State Park, hunters must purchase a Zone 67 permit from a license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever occurs first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 5–8 and 12–15, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. The hunter's first deer must be antlerless. Successful hunters may then harvest an antlered deer if in possession of an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. A total of 350 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. Any antlered deer taken in Zone 67 must have at least one antler with three antler points. **Only those portions of Zone 67 that are south and west of Rt. 23 will be open for the winter bow season.**

Deer hunting is prohibited in High Point at all other times. Hunters are not permitted in the park before 6 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Hunters must visit the park's website for details on the hunt, hunting maps and regulations at [nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html](http://nj.gov/dep/parksandforests/parks/highpoint.html). The High Point State Park office is located at 1480 Rt. 23 South in Sussex. Call (973) 875-4800 for more information on park regulations before applying for a Zone 67 permit.

#### Hunterdon County Park System

Parks within the Hunterdon County Park System open to deer hunting require a park access permit. Applications are available at the Hunterdon County Arboretum, Rt. 31, Lebanon, NJ. Before hunting, call (908) 782-1158 for more information, or log onto [co.hunterdon.nj.us](http://co.hunterdon.nj.us) and click on Parks and Recreation.

#### Mercer County Parks (Zone 41)

The Mercer County Park Commission operates a deer management program at Baldpate Mountain in Hopewell Township. Those interested in hunting at this park must apply for a county-issued permit. Hunting at Baldpate Mountain is allowed only on select days during the Permit Shotgun, Six-day Firearm and Permit Muzzleloader seasons. Additional county regulations apply. For more information call (609) 303-0706.

#### Middlesex County Park System

Portions of specified parks within the Middlesex County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 745-5988 for maps and more information.

#### Monmouth Battlefield State Park (Zone 64)

To hunt Monmouth Battlefield State Park, hunters must apply for a Zone 64 Permit. Permits for Zone 64 will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 3. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet. A total of 100 permits will be available for the Permit Shotgun Season. All hunters are required to complete and return a registration packet to Monmouth Battlefield State Park office prior to Dec. 1, 2012.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 3–8, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 3–8, 2012; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1–Feb. 16, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Deer hunting is prohibited at all other times. Hunters must comply with all state park regulations. Call (732) 462-9616 for more information on additional park regulations before applying for a Zone 64 permit.

#### Monmouth County Park System

Portions of specified parks within the Monmouth County Park System are open to deer hunting. A park system permit is required. Call (732) 842-4000 or visit [monmouthcountyparks.com](http://monmouthcountyparks.com) for maps and more information.

#### Morris County Park System

In accordance with the Park Commission's deer management program, designated areas of select parks are open for deer hunting on select dates during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Winter Bow, and Permit Shotgun seasons. A Park Commission access permit is required. Hunting is prohibited at all other times. All applicable zone regulations apply.

The Morris County Park Commission will supply additional information about hunting ➤

regulations and procedures to those hunters that are issued an access permit. Call (973) 326-7622 or visit [MorrisParks.net/deer/](http://MorrisParks.net/deer/) for information about permit applications.

### Rancocas State Park (Zone 48)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 48 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Before hunting in Rancocas State Park, call (609) 965-5220 for more information.

### Round Valley Recreation Area (Zone 12)

Designated portions of the area are open to deer hunting during all or portions of the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Six-day Firearm and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 12 regulations apply. The area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Any area administered by Round Valley, not located within Round Valley Recreation Area, is also available for hunting. Contact the Round Valley office for hunting information at (908) 236-6355.

### Six-Mile Run Reservoir site, administered by D & R Canal State Park (Zone 14)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 14 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Call the Delaware-Raritan Canal State Park (609) 924-5705 for more information and a detailed map before hunting in Six-Mile Run Reservoir site.

### Spruce Run Recreation Area (Zone 7)

Designated portions of the area are open to bow-hunting for deer hunting, except not on Sundays, during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow Seasons. Deer Management Zone 7 regulations apply. The area is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters must use the boat launch parking lot. Call (908) 638-8572 for more information.

### Washington Crossing State Park (Zone 41)

Designated areas of the park are open to deer hunting during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons. Deer Management Zone 41 regulations apply. The park is closed to deer hunting at all other times. Call (609) 737-0623 for more information.

### Special Areas—Federal Installations (other than National Wildlife Refuges)

#### Earle Naval Weapons Station Depot (Zone 39 and Zone 40)

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for civilian employees or military personnel assigned to the base. Hunters must purchase a Zone 39 and 40 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet

license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever comes first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Earle prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 39 or 40 does NOT guarantee access to Earle Naval Weapons Station. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used. Please contact Eric Helms at (732) 866-2337 for more information. Deer hunting is allowed on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zones 39 and 40.

*In Zone 40, any antlered deer taken during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.*

**Fall Bow Season (Zone 39):** Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

**Fall Bow Season (Zone 40):** Sept. 8–Oct. 26, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 8–Sept. 28, 2012.

**Permit Bow Season (Zone 39):** Oct. 27–Dec. 31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 110 permits are available.

**Permit Bow Season (Zone 40):** Oct. 27–Dec. 31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

**Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 39):** Dec. 3–8, 2012; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Six-day Firearm Season (Zone 40):** Closed.

**Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 39):** Nov. 26–Dec. 1, 10–31, 2012 and Jan. 1–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** (Zone 40): Nov. 3, 10, 12, 17, 19–21, 23 and 24, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 39):** Dec. 1, 3–8, 15, 22 and 29, 2012 and Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However,

for hunters who harvest two deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 160 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 40):** Nov. 3, 10, 12, 17, 19–21, 23 and 24, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season (Zone 39):** Jan. 1–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

**Winter Bow Season (Zone 40):** Jan. 1–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

### Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (Zone 66)

The Technical Center is open to deer hunting through a cooperative agreement between the FAATC, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs (NJSFSC) and the United Bowhunters of New Jersey (UBNJ). Membership in either the NJSFSC or UBNJ is required to obtain access to the Technical Center for deer hunting. Hunters wishing to hunt Zone 66 must have approval from the administrative authority of FAA Technical Center (Zone 66) before purchasing a Zone 66 Permit. Call (609) 485-6938 for more information.

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Not open to the general public. **Hunters must purchase their Zone 66 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, 2012, permits will be available for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached, whichever comes first. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to FAATC prior to purchasing a permit.** Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 66 does NOT guarantee access to the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center. **Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.**

**The use of bait is prohibited in Zone 66.**

**Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 8–Oct. 26, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

**Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 27–Dec. 24 and Dec. 26–31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 80 permits are available.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 24–Dec. 1, 7, 8, 2012 and Jan. 5, 12, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 15 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Nov. 24–Dec. 1, 7, 8, 2012 and Jan. 5, 12, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the **Bag limit** in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 65 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

### Dix-McGuire section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37)

Hunters must purchase a Zone 37 permit. Permits for Zone 37 will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be available for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached, whichever comes first. Permits may be purchased at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Dix-McGuire prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 37 does NOT guarantee access. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and

corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

Hunters must comply with all Dix-McGuire regulations. Persons hunting on this post must sign in and out at Range 14 each day when hunting. Military training will take precedence over hunting. Call Range 14 at (609) 562-4676 on Wednesday/Friday 2 p.m. – 8 p.m. or Saturday/Sunday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. for more information and fee schedules. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day or New Year's Day in Zone 37.

*Any antlered deer taken in Zone 37 during all open seasons must have at least one antler with three antler points.*

**Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

**Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 27–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 330 permits are available for Zone 37.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 3–8, 2012; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 5–9 and Dec. 10–24, 26–31, 2012 and Jan. 7–12, 2013; **Bag limit:** two deer; one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit. A total of 480 permits are available for Zone 37.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 28, 29 and 31, 2012; **Bag limit:** two deer, one may be antlered only for hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to two antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available for Zone 37.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 2–Feb. 16, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

### Lakehurst section of Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, U.S. Air Force, that formerly consisted of Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (Zone 53)

Hunters must purchase Zone 53 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be available until the quota is met or the season ends, whichever comes first. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to the Lakehurst section prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 53 does NOT guarantee access to the Lakehurst section. Only those individuals who have authorization for

hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.

There is limited public hunting for hunters who are sponsored by current members of the Navy Lakehurst Rod and Gun Club. Military training will take precedence over hunting. Call (732) 323-2911 for more information. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 53.

**Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 8–Oct. 26, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 8–28, 2012.

**Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 27–Dec. 31 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 3–8, 2012; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 24–Dec. 1, 10–24, 26–31, 2012 and Jan. 1–5, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 3–8, 12–14, 2012 and Jan. 5–12, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 100 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** two deer—only one may be antlered.

### Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54)

Not open to the general public. The following information is provided for active duty or retired military personnel and Picatinny Arsenal federal civilian employees or retirees only. Contact Hans Karlsen at (973) 724-4484 for more information. Deer hunting is permitted on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 54, except on Sunday. There is no Sunday bow hunting allowed in Deer Management Zone 54.

**Hunters must purchase a Zone 54 permit from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available on a first come first, serve basis, beginning at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be for sale until the season ends or the permit quota is reached. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access to Picatinny Arsenal prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a Zone 54** ▶

permit does NOT guarantee access to Picatinny Arsenal. Only those individuals who have authorization for hunting privileges and corresponding gate access on the installation are allowed to hunt. There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that can not be used.

**Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer

**Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 27–Dec. 31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Six-day Firearm Season:** Dec. 3–8, 2012; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. However, if a hunter harvests two antlered deer, they forfeit the opportunity to harvest an antlered deer during the Permit Shotgun Season. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

**Permit Muzzleloader Season:** Nov. 26, 27, Dec. 10–31, 2012 and Jan. 1–5, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may har-

vest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 3–8, and 22, 2012 and Jan. 5, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 50 permits are available.

**Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

### Special Areas—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Wildlife Refuge System

Special regulations for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) lands are in effect throughout all authorized deer hunting seasons, in addition to state game laws and regulations. **NOTE: No Sunday bowhunting on national wildlife refuges.** The following federal regulations apply to all national wildlife refuges (NWRs) in New Jersey:

1. Hunting over bait or distributing bait is prohibited on all refuges.
2. The use of a spotlight or other artificial light—including automotive headlights—for the purpose of spotting, locating or taking any wildlife is prohibited on all refuges, regardless of whether one is in possession of a weapon.
3. All firearm hunters (muzzleloader and shotgun) must wear an outer garment consisting of at least **400 square inches of solid fluorescent orange** while deer hunting on any refuge (double the state law requirement).
4. Entry is prohibited on all refuge lands posted *Area Closed* and on refuge roadways posted with *Inholders Only* signs.
5. The use of nails, wire, screws or bolts to attach a stand to a tree, or hunting from a tree into which a metal object has been driven to support a hunter, is prohibited on all refuges.

Most refuges can accommodate individuals who have obtained a permit for handicapped hunters from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, including permits to hunt from vehicles. Interested

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persons should contact the appropriate refuge in advance of the deer hunting seasons.

### Cape May NWR

Cape May NWR is open for all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Deer Management Zone 34 will apply. Contact the refuge office for more information at (609) 463-0994.

### Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70)

To hunt Edwin B. Forsythe NWR, hunters must possess the proper permits. **Permits for zones 56, 57, 58 and 70 will be available for sale on a first come, first served basis beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30.** There are NO exceptions. Permits will be available for sale at all License Agents and online over the internet.

Only designated sections of the Edwin B. Forsythe NWR are open for deer hunting. All other areas are closed. Purchasing a Zone 22, 42 or 51 permit allows hunters to hunt only those designated areas. The entire refuge is closed for deer hunting during the Six-day Firearm Season.

The former Zone 58 is split into two hunt units. Zone 58 includes all refuge hunt areas in Ocean County north of Rt. 72. Zone 70 includes all refuge hunt areas in Ocean and Burlington counties south of Rt. 72 and north of the Mullica River. The refuge no longer requires hunters to come to the refuge for permit validation. Refuge parking permits and hunt maps will be issued to hunters by mail after the refuge receives notification of lottery deer permit holders from New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Deer management zone maps for all refuge hunt areas are also available at the E.B. Forsythe NWR headquarters, located in Oceanville, Galloway Township. The refuge headquarters is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Hunt maps are also available on the refuge website. Not all refuge deer hunting zones are posted with National Wildlife Refuge property and boundary signs. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the zone boundaries.

The refuge encourages hunter feedback on your refuge hunting experience. For any questions, information or comments regarding refuge-specific hunting regulations or activities, call (609) 652-1665 or, from Ocean County, call (609) 294-0777 or contact the refuge at: [forsythe@fws.gov](mailto:forsythe@fws.gov). Visit the refuge website at [fws.gov/northeast/forsythe](http://fws.gov/northeast/forsythe).

**Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 56) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

- **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 56):** Dec. 10–14, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during

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the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at one time. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 56.

**Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 57) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

- **Permit Bow Season (Zone 57):** Oct. 27 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 57):** Nov. 26, 27 and Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012 and Jan. 1–4, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 57):** Dec. 3–8, 2012 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 12–14, 2012 and Jan. 5–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.

**Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 58) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

- **Permit Bow Season (Zone 58):** Oct. 27 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.
- **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 58):** Nov. 26, 27 and Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012 and Jan. 1–11, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.
- **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 58):** Nov. 28–30 and Dec. 3–8, 2012 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 12–14, 2012 and Jan. 5–12, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. Two deer may be taken at a time. A total of 50 permits are available for Zone 58.

**Edwin B. Forsythe NWR (Zone 70) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

- **Permit Bow Season (Zone 70):** Oct. 27 to Nov. 24, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 15 permits are available for Zone 70.
- **Permit Muzzleloader (Zone 70):** Nov. 26, 27 and Dec. 10, 11, 15–24, 26–31, 2012 and Jan. 1–4, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Muzzleloader Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. A total of 15 permits are available for Zone 70.
- **Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 70):** Dec. 12–14, 2012 and Jan. 12–19, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. However, for hunters who harvest two antlered deer—not on the refuge—during the Six-day Firearm Season, the bag limit in the Permit Shotgun Season is restricted to unlimited antlerless deer only. A total of 25 permits are available for Zone 70.

**Zones 56, 57, 58 and 70 are closed to deer hunting at all other times.**

### Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38)

To hunt Great Swamp NWR, hunters must possess a Zone 38 permit. **Permits for Zone 38 will be available for sale beginning 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 30.** There are NO exceptions. Permits will be available for sale at all license agents and online over the Internet.

The refuge is open only for Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun season hunting and closed to deer hunting at all other times. Hunters may apply only for either a Permit Muzzleloader or a Permit Shotgun permit, not both. In addition to the state permit, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will charge a \$26 fee (\$13 for holders of a Senior, Golden Age, or Golden Access Passport and youths with a valid 2012 New Jersey Youth hunting license) to issue a federal hunting permit. The refuge will supply additional information on hunt procedures and regulations to those hunters who obtain their Zone 38 permit from NJ Fish and Wildlife via the lottery. For more information, contact the refuge wildlife biologist at (973) 425-1222.

**Great Swamp NWR (Zone 38) is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:**

- **Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season (concurrent):** Nov. 3 and Nov. 7–10, 2012. On Nov. 3 (Saturday), hunting is only for youths who possess a valid 2012 New Jersey Youth hunting license and a Zone 38 permit. Youths must be accompanied by a licensed but non-hunting adult that is at least 21 years of age. **Bag limit: one deer**—either antlerless or antlered. Hunters must be in possession of the appropriate ▶



### Hunters Helping the Hungry Needs Help with Meat-processing Costs

Hunters Helping the Hungry, an organization that has enabled hunters to provide over one million servings of tasty and nutritious venison to feed New Jersey families since 1997, needs some help from the public to cover the costs of professional meat processing.

The program, which donated more than 29,300 pounds of venison to food banks and charitable organizations last year alone, operates with limited funding. Butchers who participate in the Hunters Helping the Hungry program receive \$65 to process the donated deer. Currently, hunters who donate deer to feed the hungry must contribute either \$10 (for field-dressed deer weighing 50 lbs. or more) or \$25 (for deer under 50 lbs.) toward that processing fee. If the program's funding runs out, hunters who donate deer will have to cover the entire cost for meat-processing.

Hunters should check on funding availability before harvesting a deer intended for donation by visiting the website below.

Anyone interested in making a charitable contribution to offset the program's meat-processing costs can visit our website at [HuntersHelpingTheHungry.org](http://HuntersHelpingTheHungry.org) to donate securely through PayPal or send a check payable to: **Hunters Helping the Hungry, P.O. Box 587, Lebanon, NJ 08833.**

### Participating Butchers Include:

#### Game Butchers

**John Person**  
Lebanon (908) 735-4646

**57 West Deer Processing**  
Phillipsburg (908) 319-0984

**Bishop's Market**  
Whitehouse Station (908) 534-9666

**V. Roche and Sons**  
Whitehouse Station (908) 534-2006

**The Hunter's Butcher**  
967 Route 524 (Adelphia near Howell)  
(732) 414-1446

**The Buck Stop, Stanley Mihalecz**  
989 Alvine Rd., Pittsgrove, Salem Co.  
(856) 794-1281

Butchers will not accept donated deer during the Six-day Firearm Buck Season, from Dec. 3–8, so they can accommodate their regular customers.

Antlered Buck Permit before attempting to take an antlered deer. A total of 200 muzzleloader and 200 shotgun permits are available. The eastern side of the refuge (approximately 4,000 acres) will be open to muzzleloader hunting only and the western side of the refuge (approximately 3,700 acres) will be open to muzzleloader and shotgun hunting.

### Supawna Meadows NWR (Zone 63)

Supawna Meadows NWR is open for Fall Bow, Youth Bow Day, Permit Bow and Winter Bow seasons ONLY! The use of firearms is prohibited on Supawna Meadows NWR. No refuge permit fee is required to hunt Supawna Meadows NWR. For more information, call (609) 463-0994.

*Any antlered deer taken on Supawna Meadows NWR must have at least one antler with three or more antler points.*

### Supawna Meadows NWR is open for deer hunting to properly licensed hunters as follows:

- **Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 8–Oct. 26, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 8 to Sept. 28, 2012. First deer may be antlered or antlerless from Sept. 29–Oct. 26, 2012.
- **Youth Day (Bow):** Sept. 22, 2012; **Bag limit:** one deer of either sex.
- **Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 27–Dec. 24, Dec. 26–31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Bow Permit may harvest ONE antlered deer. NOTE: Hunters MUST have a Zone 63 Permit Bow Season permit to hunt the Supawna Meadows NWR during the Permit Bow Season.
- **Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1–31, 2013; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.
- Supawna Meadows NWR is closed to deer hunting at all other times.

### Wallkill River NWR (Zone 2)

Designated areas of the refuge are open during all six deer seasons. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 2 apply. An annual hunting map, additional regulations and a signed access permit from the refuge must be obtained prior to scouting or hunting. The access permit is \$20 (free for youth) and must be signed and carried at all times when hunting on refuge property. Visit our website at [wallkillriver.fws.gov/hunting.htm](http://wallkillriver.fws.gov/hunting.htm), call (973) 702-7266 or write Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge, 1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461 for more information.

### Special Areas—Other Public Lands

#### Bayside PSEG Tract (Zone 29)

Hunters interested in hunting this 4,500-acre PSEG property located in Greenwich Township, Cumberland County may visit [www.pseg.com/environment/estuary](http://www.pseg.com/environment/estuary) or call (888) MARSHES for more information.

Driving of deer is prohibited on all PSEG lands. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 29 apply.

#### Horseshoe Bend Park (Zone 11)

Horseshoe Bend Park and adjacent state lands in Kingwood Township (Deer Management Zone 11) are open for limited deer hunting through a lottery system. Hunting in this park is prohibited at all other times. There is a non-refundable \$5 processing fee for each season permit. Contact the Kingwood Township Park Commission at (908) 996-4276 or go to [www.kingwoodtownship.com/parks](http://www.kingwoodtownship.com/parks) for more information, season dates, maps and hunter access details.

#### Lizard Tail Swamp (Zone 34)

This 400-acre property, jointly owned by New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife and The Nature Conservancy (TNC), is located in Middle Township, Cape May County. A TNC access permit is required. Call (609) 861-0600 for permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 34 apply.

#### Newark Watershed (Zones 3 and 6)

The Newark Watershed, located in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties, is open to deer hunting from September to December. A watershed access permit is required. Call (973) 622-4521 or (973) 697-2850 for access permit applications, maps and site-specific regulations. Season dates and bag limits for Zone 3 and Zone 6 apply.

#### Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve (Zone 68)

Hunters must purchase Zone 68 permits from license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Permits are available over-the-counter on a first come, first served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 10, 2012. See *Deer Season Permits*, page 16. **The hunter is responsible to confirm they have current authorization for access prior to purchasing a permit.** The purchase of a deer permit for Zone 68 does NOT guarantee access to Zone 68. **There are no refunds or exchanges for permits that cannot be used.**

Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve are managed by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation. Designated areas of these preserves are open to deer hunting. Contact the Foundation directly at (908) 234-1225 for more information.

Season dates and bag limits for Regulation Set #6 apply. 🐾

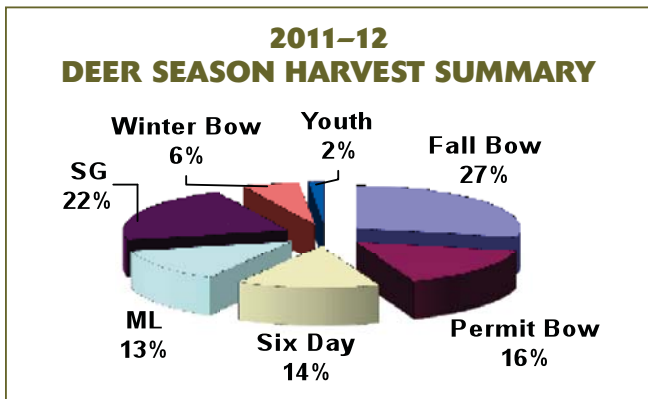
# 2011-2012 Deer Harvest

## SUMMARIES

**NEW JERSEY DEER HUNTERS** harvested 50,109 deer during the 2011–2012 season between September 10, 2011 and February 18, 2012. The harvest for this year's deer season is 9.6 percent lower than the 55,404 deer taken in 2010. Harvest reductions were due in part to the addition of five zones to Antler Point Restrictions, a good mast crop in the southern portion of the state and an outbreak of Epizootic Hemorrhagic Disease. The antlerless portion of the 2011 harvest was 31,533 deer, down 11 percent from 2010. The antlered portion of the 2011 harvest was 18,575 deer, down almost seven percent from 2010. ♀

### The 2011–12 Deer Harvest per Square Mile of Deer Range

Deer Mgt. Zone	Deer range (sq. mi.)	Antlered Buck Harvest (per sq. mi.)	Total Deer Harvest (per sq. mi.)
1	75	3.6	6.0
2	149	5.2	14.5
3	153	2.2	4.3
4	71	4.3	7.5
5	215	5.9	14.8
6	176	2.9	7.0
7	103	7.0	19.1
8	203	7.1	20.7
9	52	5.7	18.6
10	110	9.4	24.4
11	68	9.0	26.7
12	152	6.9	21.9
13	109	3.6	15.7
14	165	4.4	11.6
15	86	5.0	15.6
16	91	4.8	12.2
17	90	4.7	12.7
18	70	3.2	4.9
19	159	4.3	10.8
21	192	1.5	2.2
22	34	2.2	4.3
23	178	1.8	2.5
24	169	1.0	1.4
25	164	3.0	8.5
26	195	2.7	4.1
27	103	2.8	9.7
28	125	2.5	8.7
29	64	4.4	15.7
30	43	1.8	6.7
31	40	1.1	6.4
34	97	1.3	3.5
35	171	3.0	9.7
36	124	2.3	7.7
37	20	4.8	12.9
38	12	1.8	3.6
39	15	3.3	8.3
40	1	2.0	33.0
41	39	6.1	20.2
42	90	1.7	4.4
43	27	3.6	4.8
45	65	3.0	4.2
46	79	2.0	2.9
47	54	1.1	5.2
48	86	4.5	12.9
49	65	2.8	10.1
50	137	4.5	13.6
51	162	1.5	3.6
53	8	1.1	4.4
54	10	4.0	6.2
55	6	5.2	11.8
56	1	3.0	35.0
57	1	4.0	17.0
58	3	1.3	10.7
61	5	1.2	4.0
63	21	3.2	8.5
64	3	5.0	15.0
65	17	5.9	9.9
66	3	4.0	10.0
67	15	0.7	5.3
68	17	2.5	4.2
70	1	2.0	4.0
<b>State</b>	<b>4941</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>10.1</b>



### 2011–12 Deer Harvest by County and Season

County	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Six-day Firearm	Permit M/L	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow	Youth Days
ATLANTIC	1,927	281	252	520	364	340	121	49
BERGEN	100	45	23	2	8	9	11	2
BURLINGTON	4,248	887	621	820	576	1,100	169	75
CAMDEN	822	243	167	126	86	121	67	12
CAPE MAY	282	45	67	34	67	17	36	16
CUMBERLAND	2,212	501	339	343	419	446	112	52
ESSEX	152	63	31	1	16	2	39	
GLOUCESTER	2,282	591	424	242	317	572	93	43
HUNTERDON	8,021	2,619	1,131	1,091	1,074	2,005	5	96
MERCER	2,046	457	220	241	130	575	397	26
MIDDLESEX	1,201	358	178	106	80	355	111	13
MONMOUTH	3,979	1,400	890	374	282	934	63	36
MORRIS	3,939	1,524	726	395	278	650	317	49
OCEAN	2,146	444	319	409	228	299	415	32
PASSAIC	578	127	102	74	130	10	112	23
SALEM	2,701	644	471	254	612	627	26	67
SOMERSET	3,369	1,353	623	264	249	760	97	23
SUSSEX	5,055	1,374	770	900	984	663	279	85
UNION	270	4	1	1	—	90	174	—
WARREN	4,652	1,267	651	820	609	1,235	2	68
Unknown	127	—	1	3	—	5	118	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50,109</b>	<b>14,227</b>	<b>8,007</b>	<b>7,020</b>	<b>6,509</b>	<b>10,815</b>	<b>2,764</b>	<b>767</b>



## 2011–12 Total Deer Harvest by Season and Zone

DMZ	Total	Fall Bow	Permit Bow	Youth Days	Six-day Firearm	Permit Muzzleloader	Permit Shotgun	Winter Bow
1	449	104	74	13	122	113	1	22
2	2,167	628	362	41	321	383	377	55
3	659	161	122	30	111	187	18	30
4	534	103	85	6	150	168	5	17
5	3,176	834	484	45	600	426	726	61
6	1,235	485	196	30	207	153	46	118
7	1,965	586	241	20	297	192	562	67
8	4,206	1388	596	49	518	450	994	211
9	966	391	187	9	78	49	155	97
10	2,681	820	354	29	381	336	629	132
11	1,818	498	221	20	251	274	502	52
12	3,331	1052	492	41	357	359	847	183
13	1,706	766	359	5	46	55	268	207
14	1,920	590	303	17	238	103	489	180
15	1,340	403	234	15	111	107	408	62
16	1,114	357	249	11	164	101	175	57
17	1,145	249	139	18	190	87	432	30
18	342	76	45	4	123	58	1	35
19	1,711	388	255	27	296	204	471	70
21	428	65	75	13	155	77	15	28
22	146	33	32	13	26	23	7	12
23	441	66	63	11	191	87	3	20
24	236	27	45	9	98	39	4	14
25	1,402	352	228	25	155	177	429	36
26	805	104	101	33	290	192	28	57
27	996	229	166	20	89	222	247	23
28	1,083	305	174	24	92	192	231	65
29	1,007	220	155	21	94	239	257	21
30	287	39	53	9	33	68	65	20
31	254	76	34	5	20	43	67	9
34	337	55	78	16	41	83	19	45
35	1,652	428	315	43	152	303	326	85
36	955	351	182	8	40	62	158	154
37	258	83	61	2	7	83	7	15
38	43	—	—	—	—	26	16	1
39	125	14	15	1	10	22	59	4
40	33	5	—	—	—	—	—	28
41	786	197	78	16	101	68	306	20
42	398	79	58	6	71	58	122	5
43	129	23	20	3	59	9	—	15
45	274	23	28	9	124	60	14	16
46	228	28	32	7	97	41	4	19
47	282	59	40	2	23	32	101	25
48	1,107	212	125	12	160	116	419	63
49	658	163	142	3	22	18	133	177
50	1,860	770	443	10	116	106	353	62
51	587	187	152	4	63	41	137	3
53	35	8	11	—	2	7	5	2
54	62	11	18	—	13	9	6	5
55	71	23	12	2	11	6	11	6
56	35	—	—	—	—	—	28	7
57	17	—	2	—	—	3	2	9
58	32	—	9	—	—	3	19	1
61	20	—	2	—	3	5	8	2
63	178	42	28	5	20	47	33	3
64	45	—	—	—	14	—	31	—
65	168	36	32	3	52	42	3	—
66	30	2	4	—	—	1	23	—
67	79	—	—	—	—	79	—	—
68	71	13	9	2	20	14	12	1
70	4	—	2	—	—	1	1	—
Unknown	0	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50,109</b>	<b>14,207</b>	<b>8,022</b>	<b>767</b>	<b>7,025</b>	<b>6,509</b>	<b>10,815</b>	<b>2,764</b>

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# LIVING THE DREAM

By Jim Sciascia, Chief,  
Office of Information and Education

## Hunting and Fishing at Age 98

As the Information and Education Chief for Fish and Wildlife, many of the constituent letters sent to the Division eventually find their way to my desk. Over the last 12 years I've enjoyed reading many letters recounting successful hunts or fishing trips with youngsters, felt fulfilled by the letters thanking us for a job well done and learned a lot about things we could do better from the poison pen letters. But last July, I received the first letter that truly made me say, "WOW!!!!"

That handwritten letter was from Frank Shepherd and it was about his uncle, Frank Harmis who was about to turn 98 years old. Living to that age is unusual in itself, but the WOW came after I learned that not only has Mr. Harmis hunted and fished in New Jersey all his life but at age 98 is still hunting and fishing. It was not too long after receiving the letter that a meeting was arranged with 'Uncle Frank' to talk about his nearly 100 years of hunting and fishing in New Jersey.

**Small game, furbearers and waterfowl were certainly much more abundant in the early 1900s than they are today but the same was not true for white-tailed deer.**

When we first met I was shocked by how physically and mentally fit he is at 98 years old. When I tell you he still drives everywhere he needs to go including hunting and fishing, lives by himself and still cooks perhaps it illustrates how exceptionally well he has aged. This man has been in the hospital once, and that was to have his gall bladder removed at age 97.

Frank Harmis was born near South River, New Jersey in 1913, just three years after the first resident hunting license was issued in the Garden State. He and his family weathered the Depression which struck when he was 16. Several years later he joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and spent time working and hunting at CCC camps in Idaho and California. When he returned to New Jersey he went to technical school to land a millwright job

at National Lead where he worked for 39 years. He built his own house and raised his family in East Brunswick where he still lives today.

Frank started fishing, hunting and trapping under the guidance of his older brother when he was about seven years old and began hunting and trapping by himself at the ripe old age of 10. His passion for the outdoors was ignited while growing up in Middlesex County which was rural and predominantly agricultural land and unspoiled marshes that supported abundant fish, waterfowl, wild pheasants and quail, rabbits and furbearers. He loved to trap especially for red fox, which were also plentiful as were the mink, raccoons and muskrats he caught on the banks of the Raritan River.

Small game, furbearers and waterfowl were certainly much more abundant in the early 1900s than they are today but the same was not true for white-tailed deer. The New Jersey deer population had been reduced to dangerously low levels by the time Frank Harmis was born and when he was two years old, the statewide deer harvest was a paltry 491 deer. He hunted for 20 years before he took his first deer from Stokes State Forest in 1941 at age 28. He told stories about a deer hunting camp in Bamber Lake in Ocean County where he hunted with about 15 friends and relatives for a decade beginning in the mid 1940s. They considered it a good year if one hunter in their party bagged a deer.

**Over the years, Frank has taken 16 deer and we know the exact number by the notches on the bone-handled knife he brought to our meeting and the corresponding number of notches on the stock of the 12 gauge shotgun he used to take all his deer.**

The deer camp and hunting party eventually moved to Washington Heights in Middlesex County and then to Chester in Morris County in the late 50s. In the 1960s deer hunting got a whole lot better for Uncle Frank when his nephew, Frank Shepherd, bought a small farm in Hunterdon County where they still hunt deer together today. Most of his deer have been taken during the last 20 years, after the age that most hunters have either passed on or are physically unable to hunt. Over the years, Harmis has taken 16 deer and we know the exact number by the notches on the bone-handled knife he brought to our meeting and the corresponding number of notches on the stock of the 12 gauge



Deer # 17 taken in Hunterdon County in 2012.

shotgun he used to take all his deer.

Frank Harmis and I only spoke for several hours but it was long enough to know his passion for the outdoors and his love of the hunting and fishing lifestyle. In preparing to write this article I thought often and long about hunting and fishing not just as a hobby but as a lifestyle that defines

who we are and what we hold dear. Imagine living that lifestyle for nearly 100 years. Frank was fortunate to have a wife who understood his passion and encouraged him even as he aged to keep hunting and fishing as long as he could. She even said to him, "Maybe someday someone will write a magazine article about you." His wife of 69 years passed on in 2010 but hopefully Mrs. Harmis will somehow know her thought came true.

When we parted last summer I told Uncle Frank I was really pulling for him to get another deer during the upcoming season because we were eager to have a recent photo for the article. As you can see, above, he came through with a beautiful doe from his nephew's farm and put his 17<sup>th</sup> notch on the knife and shotgun. We all wish you many more notches, my friend. 🍀



Frank Harmis at age 20 with a bobcat he took while working in an Idaho Civilian Conservation Corps camp.

**Bone-handled knife with 16 notches representing Frank's lifetime deer harvest.**



**FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT OF** the black bear season, the Fish and Wildlife Director, after consultation with the Fish and Game Council Chairman, may close the season. The Commissioner or the Director will announce such closure, which will become effective 24 hours from the daily legal closing time of the day on which the decision is made, based upon data obtained and reviewed by Fish and Wildlife. The notification number for season closure is the permit hotline number, (609) 292-9192. Season closure notification will also be announced by news release, radio and Fish and Wildlife's website NJFishandWildlife.com.

### Black Bear Hunting Season: Dec. 3–8, 2012

**Hunting Hours:** Legal hunting hours for black bear shall be ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

**Bag Limit:** Only one bear of either sex and any age may be taken per properly licensed hunter or farmer hunter regardless of the number of black bear permits held. It is unlawful to take or attempt to take or continue to hunt for more than the number of black bear permitted.

**Special permit requirement:** All black bear hunters must have a current and valid firearm hunting license and a special Black Bear Hunting Permit issued by Fish and Wildlife. See *Black Bear Management Zone Descriptions*, page 60; see also *Black Bear Hunting Permits*, page 12. Hunters are limited to purchasing two black bear hunting permits, one each for two different zones. The bag limit remains at one black bear per hunter.

**Youth Bear Hunters:** Youth hunters with a valid hunting license must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Youth hunters aged 10 through 13 on or before Dec. 3, 2012 must be under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult (21 years of age or older) while bear hunting. The adult must also possess a black bear hunting permit. 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 adult.

### Firearms and Ammunition Legal For Bear Hunting

**Shotgun:** not smaller than 20 gauge nor larger than 10 gauge with rifled slugs. Lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug. Buckshot is prohibited.

**Muzzleloader Rifle:** must be single-barrel, single shot rifles not less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions are allowed. Double barrel muzzleloaders prohibited. Persons hunting with a muzzleloader rifle must also possess a current and valid rifle hunting permit.

**Baiting:** No person shall attempt to take or kill a black bear or have in their possession or control any firearm, or other weapon of any kind, while elevated in a standing tree or in a structure of any kind within 300 feet of a baited area. On national wildlife refuges and at the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over

bait is prohibited. Hunters should also check with the landowner or administrative agency before placing bait on any hunting area.

### Additional Black Bear Hunting Regulations

- Black bear hunters must wear a hat of solid fluorescent hunter orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides at all times while bear hunting.
- It shall be illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear.
- Allowable hunting methods: stand hunting, still-hunting or drive hunting.
- Hunters using or possessing any shotgun slug in the field during the bear seasons must have a shotgun with adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed to the shotgun.
- Telescopic sights of any magnification (scope power) are permitted for bear hunting on all firearms, including muzzleloader rifles.
- Shotgun shells containing single spherical projectiles referred to as pumpkin balls are prohibited.
- While bear hunting with a shotgun, it is illegal to have in possession any ammunition not authorized for bear hunting.
- Only one muzzleloader rifle may be in possession while bear hunting.
- All firearms must be cased and unloaded while being transported in vehicles.
- It is illegal to take or attempt to take a black bear with a bow and arrow or with a crossbow.
- It is illegal to take or attempt to take a bear in a den structure.

### Black Bear Hunting on State Lands

- Baiting is **prohibited** within 450 feet of campsites and picnic areas in all state parks and forests to coincide with the bear management policy for these areas. Learn these locations **BEFORE** you hunt.
- Hunting is prohibited in the Cedar Swamp Natural Area at High Point State Park due to sensitive wetland habitat that could be impacted by going off trail in this area.
- ATV use is prohibited in state parks and wildlife management areas. However, hunters might be permitted to use ATVs to retrieve a bear but only with approval from, and on a pathway approved by, the park superintendent or designee (for state parks and forests) or from Fish and Wildlife's regional Law Enforcement office (for assistance on wildlife management areas).

### After Harvesting a Bear— Mandatory Bear Check Requirement

Properly licensed hunters who harvest a black bear shall immediately complete and affix to the bear hide the "Black Bear Transportation Tag" from their Black Bear Hunting Permit. Information included on the black bear transportation tag shall include: the hunter's name, address, Conservation

ID number; date and time of kill; nearest road, county and municipality of kill; and the sex of the black bear. When field dressing a black bear, leave the sex organs intact and attached to the body.

*It is critical to remove the hide and cool the bear immediately after checking the bear. Cooling a bear with ice from inside the body cavity is inadequate to prevent the meat from spoiling. If the hide remains on overnight, the meat may be unsuitable for consumption.*

Successful hunters must take the black bear to a designated check station by 7 p.m. on the day of the kill. Hunters shall surrender the black bear transportation tag and will be issued a legal possession seal.

Any legally killed black bear recovered too late to be brought to a designated black bear check station by 7 p.m. on the date of the kill must be reported immediately by telephone to the Northern Region Office of the Bureau of Law Enforcement (908) 735-8240. On the telephone message recording device, hunters must leave their name, address and a telephone number where they can be reached. The harvested black bear must be brought to a designated black bear check station on the next weekday to be registered and to receive a legal possession seal. After check stations have closed on Saturday, hunters reporting a bear harvest via the Law Enforcement recorder will be contacted by a Fish and Wildlife biologist on Sunday to legally check the bear and to collect biological data.

*(continued on page 60)*

### 2011 Black Bear Harvest by Zone and County

BMZ	2011 Harvest
1	186
2	139
3	111
4	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>

County	2011 Harvest
Sussex	309
Warren	100
Passaic	25
Morris	33
Bergen	1
Hunterdon	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>469</b>

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# Bear Hunting

## REGULATIONS

### Mandatory Black Bear Check Stations

Hours: 12 noon to 7 p.m.

#### Warren County

- Pequest Wildlife Management Area  
605 Pequest Road, Oxford

#### Morris County

- Black River Wildlife Management Area\*  
275 North Road, Chester

#### Sussex County

- Green Pond Golf Course  
765 Green Pond Rd.  
Rockaway
- Flatbrook Roy WMA  
Rt. 615 (Walpack Rd.), Sandyston
- Whittingham WMA  
148 Fredon-Springdale Rd., Newton

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### Black Bear Game Care

As when cooking any raw meat, care must be taken to prevent exposure to disease when consuming wild game. Black bear are known to carry *Trichinella*,

a parasite commonly associated with pork. States nationwide report incidents of bears infected with *Trichinella* and New Jersey is no different. A *Trichinella* infection (Trichinellosis) is a risk only if the meat is cooked improperly. To ensure bear meat is safe to eat, be sure it's cooked to an internal temperature of 170 degrees for at least 15 seconds.

Toxoplasmosis, most commonly associated with cats, is another parasitic disease that may be transmitted to humans if meat is not handled properly. To eliminate any health risks associated with Toxoplasmosis make sure no one who may be pregnant handle raw bear meat and always cook the meat thoroughly as you would for *Trichinella*. If you follow these simple guidelines you can enjoy your bear meat without any concern for exposure to *Trichinella* or Toxoplasmosis.

### Black Bear Management Zone Descriptions

**Note:** Black bear management zones are different than deer management zones. Choose carefully when purchasing a black bear permit.

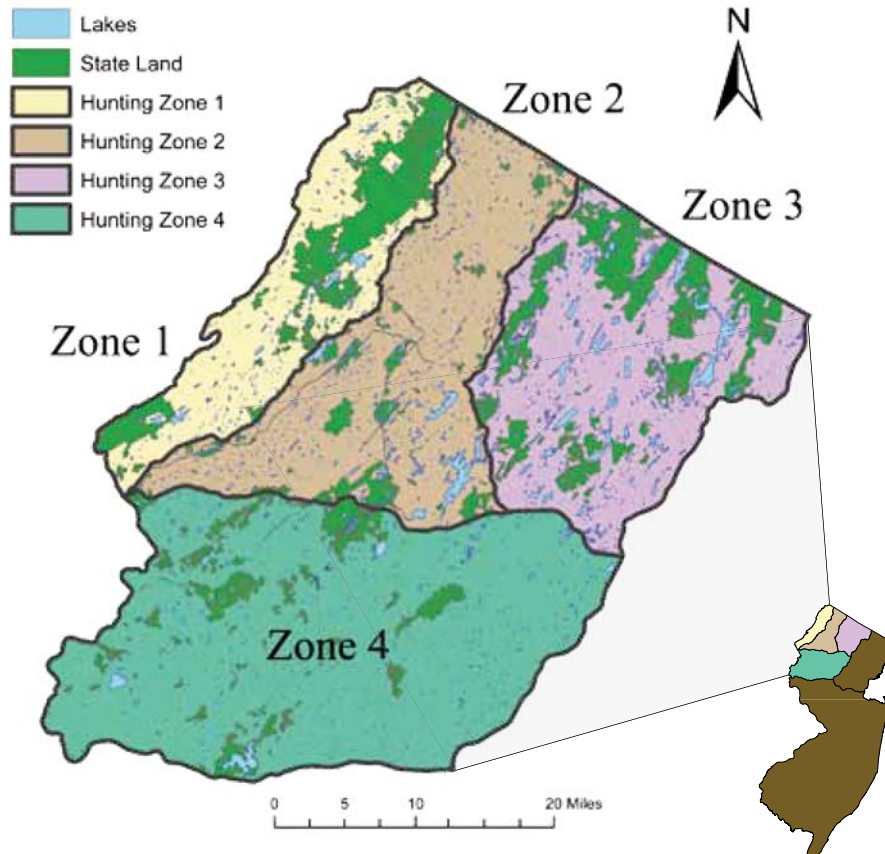
**Bear Management Zone No. 1:** That portion of Warren and Sussex counties lying within a

continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River at Columbia; then northward along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 627; then south along Rt. 627 to its intersection with Rt. 626; then south along Rt. 626 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then southwest along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 94 in Blairstown; the southwest along Rt. 94 to the Portland Bridge, the point of beginning in Columbia. The islands of Labar, Tocks, Poxono, Depew, Namanock, Minisink and Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River are also included within this hunting area.

**Bear Management Zone No. Area 2:** That portion of Sussex, Warren and Morris counties lying within a continuous line beginning at Portland Bridge in Columbia; then northward along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 521 in Blairstown; then north along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 626; then north along Rt. 626 to its intersection with Rt. 627; then north along Rt. 627 to its intersection with Rt. 519 in Branchville; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York State line; then southeast along the New York

## Black Bear Management Zone Map

**NOTE:** Bear management zones are different than deer management zones.



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State line to Rt. 517; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 94; then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Hamburg Borough; then south along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 517 in Franklin; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 15 in Sparta; then south along Rt. 15 to its intersection with Interstate 80 in Dover; then west along interstate 80 to its intersection with Rt. 94; then south along Rt. 94 to the intersection with the Portland Bridge and the Delaware River located in Columbia, the point of beginning.

**Bear Management Zone No. 3:** That portion of Sussex, Passaic, Morris and Bergen counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 80 and Rt. 15 in Dover; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 517 in Sparta; then north along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 in Franklin; then north along Rt. 23/517 to its intersection with 517 in Hamburg Borough; then north along Rt. 517 to the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to its intersection with Rt. 287; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15 the point of beginning in Dover.

**Bear Management Zone No. 4:** That portion of Sussex, Warren, Morris, Somerset and Hunterdon counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 78 and the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the Portland Bridge at Columbia; then northeast along Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 287; then southwest along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 78; then west along Rt. 78 to the Delaware River the point of beginning.



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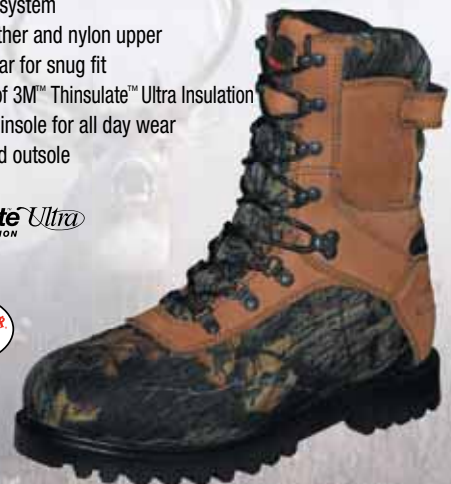
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# Small Game Hunting

## REGULATIONS

Regulations in **red** are new this year.  
Purple text indicates an important note.

**A CURRENT AND** valid hunting license (Bow and Arrow, Firearm or All-Around Sportsman) is required to pursue any small game species. See page 25 for *General Hunting Regulations*. The use of dogs, unless specifically stated otherwise, is permitted to pursue any small game species, except wild turkey. Hunting for those species shown on page 65 is prohibited during the statewide Six-day Firearm (deer) Season and on the Wednesday of the Permit Shotgun (deer) Season that immediately follows the Six-day Firearm Season. For exceptions, see *Coyote and Fox* and *Semi-wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting* sections below. Sunday hunting is prohibited; see *Raccoon and Opossum*, page 64 plus *Semi-wild and Commercial Shooting Preserves* for exceptions.

**Season Dates and Bag Limits:** The *Small Game Hunting Seasons* table on page 65 lists dates, hunting hours and daily bag limits for all small game species open for hunting. Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 9, 2012 on state wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas (see *Pheasants* below) except in tidal marshes open to an on-going waterfowl season.

**General Small Game Hunting Methods:** Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow and limited hunting with small caliber rifles; see below. See also *General Hunting Regulations*, page 25.

**Shotgun:** Unless specifically stated otherwise, shotguns for small game hunting may be single or double barrel, rifled or smoothbore and not larger than 10-gauge or smaller than .410 caliber and capable of holding no more than three shells.

**Shot:** Unless specifically stated otherwise, shot size for small game hunting may be no larger than #4 fine shot.

**Bow and Arrow:** All bows must meet the requirements specified in *General Hunting Regulations*, page 25. For taking game birds in flight, arrows equipped with an edged head are prohibited. Flu flu arrows are required for taking game birds in flight.

**Muzzleloading Rifles:** For limited small game rifle hunting, see below for *Coyote and Fox—Special Permit Season, Raccoon and Opossum, Squirrel—Muzzleloading Rifle Season* and *Woodchuck* for restrictions.

**Wildlife Damage:** Property owners or their agents, and occupants of dwellings that are suffering damage from coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk, squirrel, weasel or woodchuck may control them by lawful means at any time subject to local ordinances.

**Stealing Traps or Trapped Animals:** It is illegal to take, carry away or unlawfully remove or steal a trap belonging to another person that is set along, by or in public or private property, ditch, stream, pond or water in this state and which has been set for the purpose of catching any of the furbearing animals species for which a legal season is established. It is also illegal to remove, alive or dead, any animal from the trap of another person.

### Coyote and Fox, General and Special Permit Seasons

See chart below for both general and special permit season regulations for coyote and fox. **NOTE: All successful coyote hunters must report any coyote harvested to a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.**

In addition to the general coyote and fox seasons described in the chart below, properly licensed persons hunting deer during the Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun deer seasons may kill coyote or fox if the coyote or fox is encountered before the hunter has taken the season bag limit of deer. However, after the hunter has taken a *daily* bag limit of deer, they must cease hunting immediately. Incidental hunting of coyote or fox while deer hunting may resume the following day (provided the season remains open and the season bag limit of deer has not been reached.) Only applicable projectiles approved for deer hunting may be used to take coyote and fox incidental to deer hunting during the deer seasons described above. See *Firearms, Bow and Ammunition* chart, page 31.

Further, in addition to the general Coyote and Fox seasons plus the incidental harvest of coyote or fox while deer hunting, a Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season runs concurrent with the regular small game coyote and fox season. A Fish and Wildlife-issued permit is required to hunt coyote under the provisions (see below) of the Special Permit Coyote and Fox Season; as follows:

**A permit to hunt coyote or fox is required 1) to hunt at night and/or 2) to use shot sizes larger than #4 and up to size T, and/or 3) to use a muzzleloader other than incidental to deer hunting.**

**Coyote/Fox permits:** \$2, available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site ([www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com)) beginning December 3. A 2013 hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a Special Coyote and Fox Permit.

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### Coyote / Fox Season

Dates	Sept. 8 – Nov. 9 but only in DMZs open for early fall bow deer hunting; otherwise Sept. 29 – Nov. 9	Nov. 10 – March 15 — Firearm or Bow	Jan. 1 – March 15 — Special Permit Season (Permit required with shot larger than #4 thru T sizes and/or nighttime hunting and/or using a muzzleloader other than incidental to deer hunting)	
Hours	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except 8 a.m. start on Nov. 10	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise
Weapon Type and Projectiles Permitted	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> above.	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> above.	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T" shot
		Shotgun and Shot Size: See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above.	Shotgun: single or double barrel. Not smaller than 12 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells. Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T" shot	
Notes	Hunter orange <b>not</b> required. Use of dogs prohibited. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	Muzzleloading rifle: Only projectiles approved for deer hunting (see page 30) may be used for incidental coyote or fox harvest. See <i>Notes</i> , below and chart on page 31. Electronic ignitions prohibited.	Muzzleloading rifle: single-shot, single barrel no less than .44 caliber. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted, loaded only with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet. Electronic ignitions prohibited.	Shot: sizes not smaller than #4 fine shot or larger than "T"
		Hunter orange <b>required</b> when using firearm. Muzzleloading rifle may be used only incidental to deer hunting. Use of dogs permitted <b>except</b> during Dec. 3–8, and Dec. 12. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	While hunting under the provisions of the Special Permit: Hunter orange is not required (but is recommended while traveling to/from hunting areas.) Hunting methods are restricted to calling and stand hunting. A predator-calling device must be in possession. Use of dogs is prohibited. Use of bait is prohibited. Portable lights are allowed. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	

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### Northern Bobwhite (Quail)

Northern bobwhite quail are native to the southern half of New Jersey. In recent years, quail populations have declined throughout their range including New Jersey. In an effort to reverse this decline in New Jersey, the statewide quail hunting season is closed except at Peaslee WMA and Greenwood Forest WMA where Fish and Wildlife will provide hunters and falcons the opportunity to hunt for quail. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits. Exception: This statewide closure does not apply to certain semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves that were permitted to stock quail during the 2009–10 season.

### Pheasant

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits. See exceptions below for semi-wild and commercial preserve hunting.

**Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas:** Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds whose Youth License remains valid until Dec. 31 in the year they reach 16 years of age) hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated wildlife management areas shall have in possession a current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Youth Hunting licenses include pheasant and quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville (Bevan), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. A current and valid Pheasant and Quail Stamp is also required at the Delaware River National Recreation Area.

### Pheasant and Quail Stocking

Fish and Wildlife anticipates pheasant releases to be in excess of 50,000 birds, and plans to purchase 11,000 quail for release as follows:

Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack

Regulations in red are new this year.  
Purple text indicates an important note.

and Whittingham WMAs will be **stocked with pheasant** for the following dates:

- Nov. 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24
- Dec. 1, 11, 15, 18, 20, 22, 27, 29

Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and the Heislerville, Howardsville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan, Medford, Stafford Forge and Winslow WMAs will be **stocked with pheasant** for the following dates:

- Nov. 10, 12, 22, 24
- Dec. 1, 15, 22, 27, 29

Greenwood Forest and Peaslee WMAs will be **stocked with quail** for the following dates:

- Nov. 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, 24
- Dec. 1, 11, 15, 18, 20, 22, 27, 29

Fish and Wildlife reminds sportsmen and sportswomen that the stocking schedule is tentative until approved by the Fish and Game Council in early October. The schedule is subject to pheasant production and may change due to emergency weather conditions. For changes to the stocking schedule due to inclement weather or other necessary adjustments, visit our website at [NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame-info.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/smgame-info.htm).

### Rabbit and Hare

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September. The early opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 9 on those wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits.

### Raccoon and Opossum

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits.

**Hours:** Hunting may not begin until one hour after sunset on the opening day of the season. On all other days open during the season, the hours of hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise. Sunday hunting is permitted only between the hours of midnight (Saturday) and one hour before sunrise (Sunday).

**Hunting methods:** Portable lights are permitted. Fluorescent orange is encouraged but not required on outer clothing while hunting raccoon and opossum. A current and valid rifle permit is required when possessing a .22 caliber rifle while hunting raccoon and opossum when only .22 caliber shorts are permitted.

**Dog Training:** Dogs may be trained during the month of September and from March 2 to May 1, inclusive. The training hours are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

### Ruffed Grouse

The state's two ruffed grouse hunting zones are delineated by Rt. 70. North of Rt. 70 the season

length will begin October 18. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 9 on those wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. South of Rt. 70 the season length will begin November 10 to reduce harvest mortality of the remaining populations in the southern zone. The ruffed grouse zones are identical to those for woodcock and will provide for consistent regulations for these species that are often hunted simultaneously. See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65 for season dates and bag limits.

### Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed from Nov. 10 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 on commercial shooting preserves that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These species of game may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

Youth hunters (in possession of a valid Youth Hunting License and accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult) will be permitted to hunt pheasant, quail and/or chukar partridge on licensed semi-wild preserves on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012—the Youth Pheasant Hunting Day.

All game taken on semi-wild or commercial preserves must be properly tagged before being transported off the licensed property.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game birds during deer seasons, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. There are no daily bag or seasonal limits for pheasant, quail, chukar or mallards taken on commercial preserves. There are no daily bag limits for pheasant, quail or chukar taken on semi-wild properties. Seasonal harvests on semi-wild properties may not exceed the number of birds to be stocked as indicated on the semi-wild permit application.

### Squirrel, Regular Season

See *Small Game Hunting Seasons* chart, page 65.

### Squirrel, Muzzleloading Rifle Season

Persons holding a current and valid firearm license and rifle permit may hunt for squirrels from sunrise to ½ hour after sunset with a muzzleloading rifle (.36 caliber or smaller loaded with a single projectile) during the periods Sept. 29 to Nov. 9, 2012; and, Jan. 5 to Feb. 18, 2013. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 11 on those wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. Hunting for squirrel in the manner described above is restricted to the areas described below:

- Those portions of Passaic, Mercer, Hunterdon, Warren, Morris and Sussex counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 513 and the New York State line; then south along Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 511; then south along Rt. 511 to its intersection with Rt. 46;

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### 2012–2013 Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
<b>Bobwhite (quail)</b>	<b>Closed statewide; except at Peaslee &amp; Greenwood WMA (see Notes)</b> <b>At Peaslee &amp; Greenwood WMAs ONLY:</b> Nov. 10-Dec. 1; Dec. 10, 11, 13-31, 2012; and Jan. 1-31, 2013	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	4	8 a.m. start on Nov. 10 Quail may be hunted <b>ONLY</b> at Peaslee and Greenwood Forest WMAs. Pheasant and Quail Stamp required. Season closed in remainder of the state. (See exceptions under Northern Bobwhite, page 64.)
<b>Coyote* and Fox, General</b>  <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	<b>Bow and Arrow only:</b> Sep. 8-Nov. 9 in DMZ Regulation Sets 3A-8 Sept. 29–Nov. 9 in DMZ Regulation Sets 0-3 <b>Firearm or Bow and Arrow:</b> Nov. 10, 2012 – March 15, 2013	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 10 Open Dec. 3–8 and Dec. 12 with restrictions as specified under Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 62. <b>Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).</b>
<b>Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season</b>  <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	<b>Firearm or Bow and Arrow:</b> <b>Jan. 1 to March 15, 2013 (permit required)</b>	Permit holders may hunt day and night with certain restrictions; see <i>Notes</i> at right.	No limit	For complete details, and for when a permit is required, see Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 62. Calling and standing hunting only. Predator calling device must be in possession. <b>Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle, allowed only during the daytime hunting hours.</b> During night hunting (½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise), only 10 or 12 gauge shotguns with #4 through "T" size shot are permitted. Coyote/fox permit required.
<b>Crow (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)</b>	Aug. 12 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 10 – Mar. 16	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Maximum shot size is #4
<b>Grouse, Ruffed</b>	<b>North of Rt. 70:</b> Oct. 18 to Dec. 1** and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31 <b>South of Rt. 70:</b> Nov. 10 to Dec. 1** and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 10
<b>Opossum &amp; Raccoon</b>	Oct. 1, 2012 to Mar. 1, 2013	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	<b>Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle.</b> 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1 Closed Dec. 3–8 and Dec. 12
<b>Pheasant &amp; Chukar</b>	Nov. 10 to Dec. 1 and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31, 2012 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 18, 2013	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 10 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64).
<b>Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit</b>	Sept. 29 to Dec. 1 and Dec. 10, 11, 13-31, 2012 and Jan. 1 to Feb. 23, 2013	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 10
<b>Squirrel, Gray</b>	Sept. 29 to Dec. 1** and Dec. 10, 11, 13–31, 2012 and Jan. 1 to Feb 18, 2013	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 10
<b>Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)</b>	Sept. 29 to Nov. 9, 2012 and Jan. 5 to Feb. 18, 2013	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	<b>Rifle permit required.</b> Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64).
<b>Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)</b>	(Period N) Oct. 27–Nov. 3	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.	1 Turkey (either sex) per permit	Permit required. Turkey Hunting Areas 1–5, 8, 9, 11, 20–22 only.
<b>Turkey (Spring Gobbler)</b>	(Periods A to E) Apr. 22 to May 24, 2013	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2013 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
<b>Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)</b>	(Period Y) Apr. 20 to May 24, 2013	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2013 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
<b>Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle or Shotgun</b>	March 1 to Sept. 26, 2012 March 1 to Sept. 25, 2013	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	<b>Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle.</b> Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <i>General Hunting Regulations</i> , page 25 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 62).
<b>Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun</b>	Sept. 29 to Dec. 1** and Dec. 10, 11, 13-31, 2012; and Jan. 1 to Feb. 18, 2013	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 10
<b>Woodcock</b>	See <i>Migratory Bird Regulations</i> **	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	<b>HIP number required (see page 73).</b> 8 a.m. start on Nov. 10
<b>Youth Turkey Day</b>	Apr. 20, 2013	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	<b>Permit required.</b> Refer to 2013 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
<b>Youth Upland Bird Day</b>	Nov. 3, 2012	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant — 2	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 24).

\* All harvested coyote must be reported to a regional Division Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours. Callers must identify themselves by name and daytime phone number.

\*\* No firearm hunting is permitted on **November 9** on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. See list of areas, page 64.

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then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15; then north along Rt. 15 to its intersection with the Morris-Sussex County line; then south along the Morris-Sussex County line to the Warren County line; then southwest along the Morris-Warren County line to the Hunterdon County line; then southeast along the Morris-Hunterdon County line to the Somerset County line; then south along the Somerset-Hunterdon County line to its intersection with the Mercer County line; then west and south along the Hunterdon Mercer County line to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 546; then west along Rt. 546 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to the point of beginning at Lakeside.

- In that portion of Salem, Gloucester, Camden, Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 295 and the Delaware River; then east along Rt. 295 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then east along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 40; then east along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 536; then east along Rt. 536 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with the New Jersey Turnpike; then northeast along the New Jersey Turnpike to its intersection with Rt. 571; then southeast along Rt. 571 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Somers Point; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 83; then west along Rt. 83 to its intersection with Rt. 47; then north along Rt. 47 to its intersection with Dennis Creek; then south along the west bank of Dennis Creek to its intersection with Delaware Bay; then northwest along the east shore of Delaware Bay and the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

### Woodchuck

All persons in possession of a rifle (including a muzzleloading rifle) while hunting woodchuck must have a current and valid rifle permit in addition to the current hunting license. Rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is prohibited on state wildlife management areas, state parks, state forests or state recreation areas. Farmers and their agents may use shot not larger than #4 buckshot to control woodchuck causing damage. Hours of hunting are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. See chart at right for woodchuck hunting details. 🦫

Regulations in red are new this year.

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### Woodchuck Season

Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
Mar. 1 to Sept. 26, 2012	Center-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight.
		Larger than .25 caliber	Hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any weight not exceeding 100 grains in weight.
Mar. 1 to Sept. 25, 2013	Rim-fire rifle	.25 caliber or less	Hollow point or soft point
	Muzzleloading rifle: single-shot, single barrel. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted.	No restriction	Must be loaded with a single projectile, either round ball or conical bullet.
Sept. 29 to Dec. 1 and Dec. 10, 11, 13-31, 2012	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"
	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot
Jan. 1 to Feb. 18, 2013	Bow: long, recurve, compound or crossbow	35 pounds pull at archers draw length (long and recurve bows) or peak weight (compound bow); 75 pounds pull for crossbow	Arrows must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal broadhead with a minimum width of ¾"
	Shotgun: single or double barrel, rifled bore or smoothbore	Not larger than 10 gauge, capable of holding no more than 3 shells	Shot – sizes not larger than #4 fine shot

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### Fall 2012 Turkey Hunting Regulations

The 2012 fall turkey season will consist of one seven-day hunting segment, N, (excluding Sunday) from Saturday, Oct. 27 through Saturday, Nov. 3, 2012. Fall hunting hours are one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Turkey Hunting Areas 1-5, 8, 9, 11, 20-22 are open for fall hunting. Turkey Hunting Areas 6, 7, 10, 12 and 14-16 are closed to fall hunting.

- **Bag Limit:** One wild turkey of either sex per day during the fall season regardless of the number of permits the hunter holds.
- Dogs and artificial decoys may be used while turkey hunting in the fall season, except the use of electronically-operated decoys is prohibited. All hunters are required to possess a calling device while turkey hunting.
- The maximum group size while turkey hunting is five hunters. Hunters may not attempt to chase or drive turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of other hunters. However, hunters may rush a flock of turkeys to cause the flock to scatter.
- No shot larger than #4 fine shot or smaller than #7½ fine shot may be used for turkey hunting.
- Hunters may not use shotguns larger than 10-gauge or smaller than 20-gauge for turkey hunting.
- Fluorescent hunter orange is not required to hunt turkey.
- Properly licensed hunters may use archery tackle to hunt turkeys.
- Turkeys may not be hunted within 300 feet of any baited area.

Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must complete the transportation tag on their fall hunting permit and affix it to the bird. The turkey must be taken to an official wild turkey check station by 7 p.m. on the day it is killed by the hunter who killed the bird.

### Spring Turkey Season Changes

Southern New Jersey turkey hunters: be advised that there are new boundaries for Turkey Hunting Areas 16 and 22. The southern parts of Turkey Hunting Area 16 have been placed in Turkey Hunting Area 22. Refer to the Turkey Hunting Area map on Fish and Wildlife's website or to the Turkey Permit Supplement (available in late January, 2013) for the new boundary.

### VIOLATORS ■ Warning to Violators

Be advised: two violations of wildlife management area regulations will result in loss of all sporting licenses and privileges for a period of five years.



### Spring 2013 Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are published in the 2013 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement available in January. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 12.

### Turkey Hunting Seminars

The latest turkey hunting techniques are presented at several turkey hunting seminars sponsored by Fish and Wildlife or wildlife conservation organizations. These seminars focus on how to set up, calling techniques and key safety information for turkey hunters. New turkey hunters are especially encouraged to join us at a seminar. Check your newspaper and the January 2013 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement for the seminars scheduled during March or April. 🦃



Joseph J. Kassir, age 10, harvested his first turkey on the Clinton Wildlife Management Area shown here with his proud father C.J.

## YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY APRIL 20, 2013 See page 24

If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used by the youth hunter in the designated zone for the balance of the season until a bird is harvested (see page 24).

Non-hunting adults accompanying youth turkey hunters need only have in possession a valid hunting license. Turkey hunting is by permit only.

Spring and fall turkey hunting is by permit only. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 12. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 29.

### 2013 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season

Hunting Period	Dates
Youth Turkey Hunting Day (10-16 years of age) Hunting Period Y	Sat., April 20 If no turkey is harvested on this youth hunt day, Period Y permits may be used in the designated zone for balance of season until a bird is harvested
Hunting Period A	Mon., April 22 – Fri., April 26
Hunting Period B	Mon., April 29 – Fri., May 3
Hunting Period C	Mon., May 6 – Fri., May 10
Hunting Period D	Mon., May 13 – Fri., May 17; Mon., May 20 – Fri., May 24
Hunting Period E	All Saturdays, April 27, May 4, May 11 and May 18

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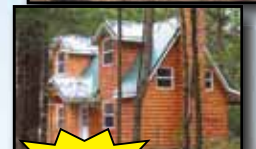
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# GOVERNOR'S SURF FISHING TOURNAMENT

By Karen Leskie, Wildlife Technician

Get Outside and Enjoy a Day of Fishing with Family and Friends

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament will be held Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012. Once again anglers from New Jersey and neighboring states will descend upon the beaches of Island Beach State Park in hopes of catching the longest fish of the day. The tournament aims to encourage youngsters and adults to learn more about surf fishing while taking advantage of a great family activity. Funds raised by the tournament go toward marine resource conservation and education.

A beautiful fall day was enjoyed by 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Tournament anglers with 67 eligible fish entered in blackfish, bluefish, kingfish and striped bass categories. A total of 22 prizes were awarded in categories for children, teens and adults. However, the grand prize went to Michael Nightingale of East Windsor, with a 33 $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch striped bass. DEP Commissioner, Bob Martin, along with Division of Fish and Wildlife Director Dave Chanda, congratulated Mr. Nightingale with a

plaque and two rod-and-reel combinations. Also, Mr. Nightingale's name has been engraved on the Governor's Cup, which is on permanent display at Island Beach State Park.

Since its inception in 1991, the tournament has generated more than \$120,000 for various marine education and restoration efforts, construction of access ramps for disabled saltwater anglers, surf fishing instruction programs and equipment, specialized wheel chairs that provide beach access to the disabled and elderly, plus the purchase of the first mobile automatic heart defibrillator for use at Island Beach State Park.

For more information about the Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament or to receive a registration form, visit [NJFishandWildlife.com/gsft.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/gsft.htm) or call (609) 748-4347. 

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (along with our co-sponsors: New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry, New Jersey State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Jersey Coast Anglers Association and New Jersey Beach Buggy Association) would like to thank the following organizations for contributing to the success of the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament in 2011:

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Left to right: Eileen Smith, President, Jersey Coast Anglers Association; Paul Harris, President, NJ Beach Buggy Association; Bob Martin, DEP Commissioner; Michael Nightingale, 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament winner; and Frank Dara, President, Governor's Surf Tournament Committee.

Jamie Darrow

## ATV DISCLAIMER

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife reminds sportsmen and sportswomen that the responsible use of all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) must be restricted to private land with permission only. The use of ATVs is prohibited on state lands including wildlife management areas, parks and forests. ATV riders should drive responsibly, avoiding damage to habitat and wildlife. Respect our natural resources and the rights of others.

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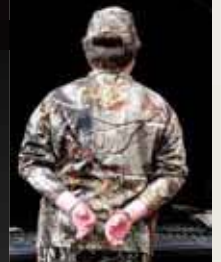
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Criminals get plea deals, while hunters get mandatory sentences!

Regulations in red are new this year.  
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- A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See pages 1 and 8 for license information.
- All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps.
- A trap identification number issued by Fish and Wildlife may be used in lieu of a name/address tag. A photocopy of your current and valid trapping license plus a daytime telephone number will be required. Contact the Bureau of Wildlife Management at (609) 292-6685 for more information.
- No traps or trap stakes are to be set prior to times indicated in this section.
- All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours, preferably in the morning.
- No trap shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.
- No person shall steal or attempt to take traps of another, or remove a trapped animal without permission of the trap owner.
- **Any person (including a farmer) who traps a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office within 24 hours.**
- Licensed trappers and in possession of a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle and use only .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrat. Firearms may not be loaded with more than three rounds.

### Beaver and River Otter

Beaver may be taken only by properly licensed trappers in possession of a special beaver trapping permit valid for an entire management zone, or a special site-specific beaver permit valid as designated on the permit. River otter may only be taken by properly licensed trappers in possession of a special river otter trapping permit valid for an entire management zone. Application can be made at license agents or via Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com). Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply.

Zone maps, boundary descriptions and permit quotas are available on our website or call (609) 292-1473. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply. The application period is October 1-31. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and/or one otter trapping permit. If the number of applications exceeds the permit quota, a random lottery drawing will be held to determine permit holders. Successful beaver permit applicants will be given first opportunity for otter permits in their respective zone.

Beaver trappers may indicate on their application if they wish to be considered for a site-specific beaver permit within your chosen zone. Site-specific permits are issued for properties where confirmed beaver damage or nuisance problems exist. A separate, random lottery will determine site-specific

permit holders; however, applicants who did not receive a zone-wide beaver permit will have first opportunity for a site-specific permit.

### Other beaver/otter rules and regulations:

- Holders of a beaver trapping zone permit may use a maximum of five traps daily in each management zone for which they possess a permit.
- Holders of a site-specific permit may use an additional five traps daily only at the location specified on the permit.
- Holders of a river otter trapping permit may use a maximum of three traps daily.
- Trappers may only possess one Special River Otter Trapping Permit per season.
- All beaver and otter trap tags must be clearly visible above the water or ice.
- A Fish and Wildlife-issued Beaver Transportation Tag or Otter Transportation Tag must be affixed to the beaver or otter carcass immediately upon taking possession of the animal.
- All otters harvested incidentally by beaver trappers (i.e., trappers possessing a beaver permit but not an otter permit) must be fully surrendered to the Division of Fish and Wildlife. The entire carcass, including the pelt, must be surrendered.
- All successful trappers (or their agents) must present their beaver and/or otter pelts at a designated check station for examination where pelt tags will be affixed. **All otter carcasses must be surrendered when pelts are registered, as required by the Game Code. Failure to submit your carcass will result in the issuance of a citation by the Bureau of Law Enforcement.**
- Trappers are requested to properly flesh and stretch all pelts for examination. Additional information on check stations will be provided to all permit holders.
- Fish and Wildlife will staff check-in stations at the Assunpink, Clinton, Flatbrook, Tuckahoe and Winslow WMAs and the Newfoundland Fire Company on Saturday, Feb. 23, 2013. Successful trappers who cannot attend the scheduled dates should contact either Joseph Garris at (908) 735-7040 or Andrew Burnett at (609) 748-2058 prior to Feb. 23 to make alternate arrangements.
- Permit holders will be notified via email, telephone or U.S. mail in the event the beaver and otter trapping season is extended for any reason, and notified of any change in the pelt registration date.

### Fisher

Fishers are returning, naturally and through re-introduction efforts in New York and Pennsylvania, to most of their historic range in the northeastern United States. Fishers have been documented in several northern New Jersey counties and as far south as Cape May County.

The Fish and Game Council defines fisher as a furbearer to clarify its status; however there is

no open trapping season at this time; possession is not permitted. If you find a live fisher on your trapline, do not disturb the animal or the set but immediately notify Fish and Wildlife by calling 1-877-WARNDEP (927-6337). A Fish and Wildlife technician will provide further instructions. For a dead fisher on your trapline, call 1-877-WARNDEP; a Fish and Wildlife technician will make arrangements to pick up the animal. Biological samples will be taken from all fisher carcasses then analyzed for age and reproductive status. The data collected will be instrumental to determine when an open season may be established in the future.

### Traps, Body Gripping Restraining Type (Snares)

- No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first passed a Fish and Wildlife-approved trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof.
- All natural baits consisting of fish, bird or mammal carcasses or flesh used in trapping with body gripping restraining snares must be covered or concealed from view except when placed at least 30 feet from any trap set.

### Body gripping restraining snares set for mink, muskrat and nutria are subject to the following requirements:

- All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 3/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, equipped with a swivel and set within 50 feet of the mean high water line;
- All such traps must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average loop diameter from exceeding 4 inches; and,
- All such traps must be set so that the distance between the ground/walking surface to the top of the loop does not exceed 7 inches.

### Body gripping restraining snares set for coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk and weasel shall be subject to the following requirements:

- All such traps must be constructed of aircraft cable of crucible wire measuring from 5/64 to 1/8 inches in diameter and be equipped with a swivel;
- All such traps must be equipped with a deer stop located no less than 6 inches from the beginning of the cable and a loop stop to prevent the average loop diameter from exceeding 12 inches; and,
- All such traps must be set so that the distance between the ground / walking surface to the top of the loop does not exceed 24 inches.

**The above requirements for cable diameters, loop stops and loop sizes do not apply to body gripping restraining snares that are completely submerged underwater at all times (e.g., when set for beaver or river otter).**

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### Traps, Conibear or Killer-type

No Conibear or killer-type trap shall be used in non-tidal waters unless completely submerged underwater when the water is at the normal level. In tidal water, such traps must be completely covered at normal high tide.

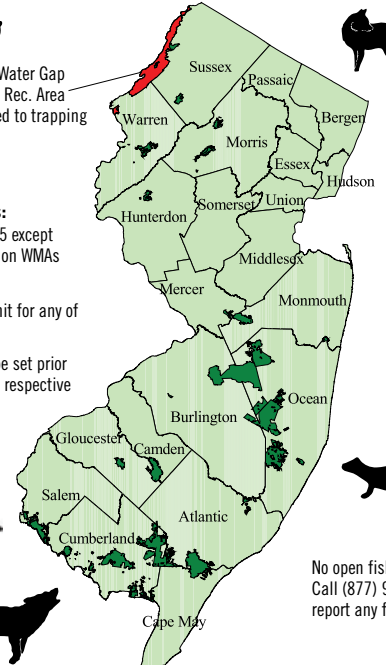
It is illegal to use, set or possess a Conibear or killer-type trap having a jaw spread greater than 6 inches without a permit for beaver or river otter. A Conibear or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than 10 inches may be used for beaver or river otter. Jaw spread shall be measured between the inner edges of the jaws across the trigger of a set trap.

Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

### Traps, Leg-hold

It is illegal to possess or use steel-jawed leghold traps anywhere in New Jersey. 

### Coyote, Red and Gray Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum and Weasel Trapping



**Del. Water Gap Nat'l Rec. Area closed to trapping**

**Season Dates:**  
 Nov. 15–Mar. 15 except  
 Jan. 1–Mar. 15 on WMAs

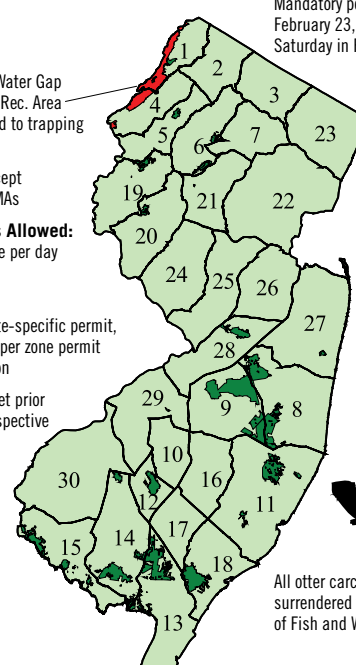
**Bag Limits:**  
 No daily bag limit for any of these species.

Traps may not be set prior to 6 a.m. on the respective opening day.

No open fisher season. Call (877) 927-6337 to report any fisher capture.

- The following wildlife management areas (WMAs) are closed to trapping until Jan. 1: Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Bevans (Millville), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (incl. Howardsville), Heislerville, MacNamara (Tuckahoe), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Winslow and Whittingham. Trapping is prohibited at all times on the Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area.
- **North Zone:** Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties lying north beginning at the intersection of US Rt. 1 and the Delaware River at Trenton; then north along Rt. 1 to its intersection with I-287; then south along I-287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then east along Rt. 440 to the NJ-NY state line.
- **South Zone:** Those portions of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem counties lying south of the aforementioned line.
- Holders of both a Special Beaver Permit and a Special Site-Specific Beaver Permit may use five additional traps daily on the property listed in the Special Site-Specific Permit.

### Zone Permit Beaver and River Otter Trapping



**Del. Water Gap Nat'l Rec. Area closed to trapping**

Mandatory pelt registration: February 23, 2013, the last Saturday in February

**Season Dates:**  
 Dec. 26–Feb. 9 except  
 Jan. 1–Feb. 9 on WMAs

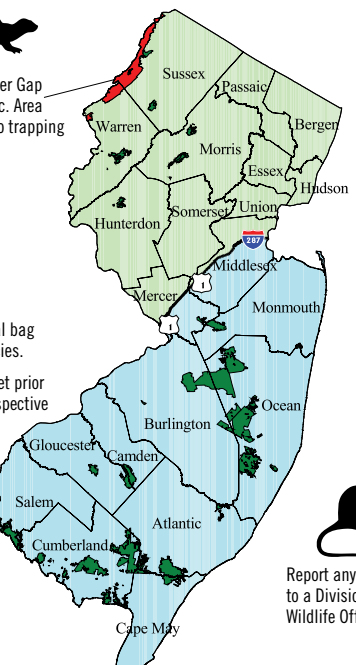
**Number of Traps Allowed:**  
 Beaver—5 per zone per day  
 Otter—3 per day

**Bag Limits:**  
 Beaver—10 per site-specific permit,  
 8 beaver per zone permit  
 Otter—1 per season

Traps may not be set prior to 6 a.m. on the respective opening day.

All otter carcasses must be surrendered to the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

### Mink, Muskrat and Nutria Trapping



**Del. Water Gap Nat'l Rec. Area closed to trapping**

**North Zone:**  
 Nov. 15–Mar. 15

**South Zone:**  
 Dec. 1–Mar. 15

**WMAs:**  
 Jan. 1–Mar. 15

No daily or seasonal bag limit for these species.

Traps may not be set prior to 6 a.m. on the respective opening day.

Report any nutria harvest to a Division of Fish and Wildlife Office.

# Migratory Bird

## REGULATIONS

**THE COMPLETE MIGRATORY** bird regulations will be published in the *New Jersey 2012–13 Migratory Bird Regulations* booklet available in September at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices and on the Fish and Wildlife website at NJFishandWildlife.com. Migratory bird season dates published in the *Migratory Bird Regulations* booklet supersede those printed in this *Digest* if there are discrepancies.

### Migratory Bird Seasons

Season	Area	Dates	Daily Bag Limit
September Canada Goose*	Statewide	Sept. 1–29	15
Rail and moorhen	Statewide	Sept. 1 – Nov. 9	<b>Sora &amp; Virginia rail:</b> 25 total or aggregate; <b>moorhen and clapper rail:</b> 10
Sea Duck	Special Sea Duck Area	Sept. 20 – Jan. 22, 2013	7, except no more than 4 scoters
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 17 – Jan. 1	8
Crow (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	Statewide	Aug. 13 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 10 – Mar. 16	No limit
Woodcock	North Zone	Oct. 20 – Nov. 24	3
	South Zone	Nov. 10 – Dec. 1 and Dec. 19 – Jan. 1	
Mourning Dove, swans, harlequin duck, king rail	Statewide	Closed	No Season
	North Zone	Oct. 6; Nov. 3	As for regular season for all species
	South Zone	Oct. 13; Nov. 10	
Coastal Zone	Oct. 27; Nov. 3		

\* See special regulations only for September Canada goose hunting, on right.

### Attention Waterfowl Hunters Special Regulations Permitted During September Canada Goose Season

At the recommendation of the Atlantic Flyway Council, the US Fish and Wildlife Service approved the use of special regulations to help curb the growth of resident population Canada geese. These special regulations are optional.

1. Electronic calls are permitted.
2. Shotguns capable of holding no more than seven shells (including magazine and chamber) are permitted.
3. Hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

**Remember: these special regulations apply only to the September Canada goose season.** Hunters who choose to use an unplugged gun during the September Canada goose season must remember to reinstall the magazine plug before pursuing other game species.

During all other waterfowl seasons, including duck, brant, regular and winter Canada goose, and snow goose, standard regulations apply. Standard regulations include: electronic calls prohibited, shotguns may not be capable of holding more than three shot shells and hunting hours end at sunset.

### Hunters: Report Banded Birds

Hunters who recover banded migratory birds are asked to report the band number to the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL), Washington, D.C. Banding data plays a critical role in migratory bird harvest management. There are three ways to report bands:

1. **Online:** [reportband.gov](http://reportband.gov)
2. **Call Toll Free:** (800) 327-BAND
3. **Write:** to the address inscribed on the band.

Online reporting provides instant access to the original banding information including the species, sex, location, date and age of the bird at banding. Band reporters will be able to print a certificate of appreciation on their home computer or have a certificate mailed to them which will include information about the bird which had been banded.

When contacting the BBL, be prepared to provide: band number, date the bird was recovered, exact location of the bird's recovery as well as nearest town, and method of recovery, e.g., shot or found dead. Hunters may keep the bands. 🦉

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### What Do I Need To Hunt Migratory Birds In New Jersey?

Species Hunted	Hunting License	HIP Certification	NJ Stamp Certification	Federal Stamp
Crow	✓			
Woodcock, rail, moorhen, snipe	✓	✓		
Duck, brant, goose	✓	✓	✓	✓

**Waterfowl Stamps:** Both the New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Certification and Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp are required for waterfowl hunters 16 years and older and must be signed in ink. New Jersey Stamp Certifications (the state stamp itself no longer exists) are available from license agents and from the Licenses and Permits button on Fish and Wildlife’s website. Federal stamps are available from some U.S. post offices and online at <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps>.

#### Information For Migratory Bird Hunters

##### Important Reminder in Obtaining HIP Certification

Hunters, including youths, must purchase a Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification before hunting ducks, geese, brant, woodcock, rails, snipe, coot or moorhens (gallinules) in New Jersey and must always hunt with proof in possession in the license holder. HIP certifications are valid from Sept. 1 to Feb. 15 each year.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will use this confidential information only to conduct migratory bird harvest surveys. Only a small, random group will be surveyed.

Hunters may purchase an HIP certification via three sales outlets:

- 1. License Agents**  
HIP certification may be purchased at any license agent for a \$2 fee. Hunters will have their HIP certification printed on their license or as a separate document.
- 2. Internet Sales Site**  
Hunters may purchase an HIP certification for a \$2 fee on Fish and Wildlife’s Internet sales site ([www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com)) then self-print the HIP certifications.
- 3. Telephone Sales Site**  
Hunters may purchase their HIP certifications using Fish and Wildlife’s telephone sales process (888) 277-2015. Hunters will receive a transaction number; record this number for immediate proof of completing an HIP certification. The actual HIP certification will be mailed to the hunter. Note: purchases made via telephone will incur an additional shipping and handling fee of \$5.13.

### New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic



Every year, experienced waterfowlers throughout New Jersey join together dedicating their time and energy to present the **New Jersey Waterfowlers Clinic**—an all day, free seminar covering “everything you ever wanted to know” about the traditions of waterfowl hunting in New Jersey. This year is no exception!

Thirty years ago, the clinic began as an opportunity to introduce young people to the world of waterfowl hunting. However, with the growing interest among men and women, as well as children, the event has been transformed into an opportunity for anyone 10 and up to spend a fun and interesting day learning about waterfowling!

Our full-day clinic covers waterfowling from A to Z, and includes bird identification, decoys, calling, guns and ammo, boats, safety, laws and ethics, do’s and don’ts, clothing and camo, and even a demonstration by working retrievers! The value of the day is priceless. It’s a unique chance to ask any question you’ve ever had about the sport—to be answered by the most experienced waterfowlers in New Jersey. Our instructors have a combined 300 years of experience!

- **Free breakfast and lunch to all attending!**
- **Date:** Sunday, Oct. 7, 2012
- **Location:** Tip Seaman Park, Tuckerton, NJ
- **Time:** 8 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Please **register in advance** by calling Marty Kristiansen at (732) 842-6375 so we can plan accordingly.

We hope you’ll join us this year and share our enthusiasm for all that is waterfowling!



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## HAVE YOU SEEN THIS CAT?

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife wants your help by reporting bobcat sightings so we can better understand the size, distribution and genetic structure of our bobcat population.

Contact Fish and Wildlife if you have observed a bobcat.

- **Live sightings**—Complete a brief sighting report form: [www.NJFishandWildlife.com/ensp/pdf/rptform.pdf](http://www.NJFishandWildlife.com/ensp/pdf/rptform.pdf). Also, send us your trailcam photos! Data from south Jersey is of particular interest.
- **Dead on the road**—call us at (908) 638-4127. We will record the location and retrieve the carcass for genetic sampling.
- **Accidentally trapped**—call our Trapper Response Team at (908) 763-5994 so that we can first obtain genetic samples then release the cat safely.

# Wildlife Management Area

## REGULATIONS

Regulations in red are new this year.  
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**THE FOLLOWING ARE PROHIBITED:** alcoholic beverages, camping, cutting or damaging vegetation, dumping, fires, swimming and picnicking.

Regulations for use of wildlife management areas (WMAs) are established by the Division of Fish and Wildlife with penalties of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,500. A second violation of *any WMA regulation will result in a five-year loss of all sporting licenses and privileges.*

Information on these regulations and permit applications may be obtained by writing to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420, or NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Fish and Wildlife may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

### WMA Update

**Cox Hall Creek WMA** is closed to hunting with the following exceptions: The eastern-most wooded portion of the WMA bounded by Bayshore Rd. to the east and the red trail to the west is open for hunting during winter bow season ONLY. All tidal marsh and the upland portion of the tract lying east of Cox Hall Creek are open for hunting during all seasons. A map illustrating these restrictions can be found at [http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/wmamaps/cox\\_hall\\_creek.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/dep/fgw/pdf/wmamaps/cox_hall_creek.pdf).

### Boat Ramp Maintenance Permit

Any vehicle used to transport or launch a vessel or water conveyance on the following WMAs must have affixed to the lower corner of the driver's side rear window a boat ramp maintenance permit, or a photocopy of a valid hunting, fishing or trapping license. Be sure your Conservation ID number is clearly displayed; all other personal information may be blacked out for reasons of privacy. The boat ramp maintenance permit fee is \$15, available from a license agent or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site, NJFishandWildlife.com/wmaregs.htm.

Persons 70 years and older are not required to obtain a boat ramp maintenance permit and need no license, but must affix to their window proof of age, such as a former license displaying your date of birth.

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| 1. Round Valley Angler Access | 5. Mad Horse Creek  |
| 2. Assunpink                  | 6. Union Lake       |
| 3. Dennis Creek               | 7. Menantico Ponds  |
| 4. Tuckahoe                   | 8. Prospertown Lake |

### Dog Training, Exercising and Hunting

A person may exercise or train dogs only in designated dog training areas from May 1 to Aug. 31, inclusive and only on the following select WMAs:

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|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. Assunpink      | 6. Hainesville  | 11. Stafford Forge |
| 2. Black River    | 7. Manasquan    | 12. Tuckahoe       |
| 3. Clinton        | 8. Millville    | 13. Whittingham    |
| 4. Colliers Mills | 9. Pequest      | 14. Winslow        |
| 5. Glassboro      | 10. Salem River |                    |

All dogs must be properly licensed. A person may exercise or train dogs on any WMA from Sept. 1 to April 30. There shall be no exercising or training of dogs on any WMA on Nov. 9, 2012, the Friday before the opening day of the regular small game season.

Additional regulations involve the release of game birds for training, the use of pigeons, the use of firearms, frozen game birds, the use of call back pens and the release of fox, raccoon, rabbit and hare. For more information call (609) 984-0547.

### Field Trials

Permits for use of wildlife management areas for running of field trials may be granted by the Fish and Wildlife. Permits may be obtained by calling (609) 259-2132.

### Higbee Beach

Higbee Beach WMA is closed to hunting from Sept. 1 to Dec. 9, 2012.

### Horseback Riding

Horseback riding is allowed on designated WMAs only by permit from the Division of Fish and Wildlife. Apply online at [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com). Horseback riding permits should be displayed on outer clothing while riding. For more information on horseback riding permits, call (609) 259-2132.

### Hunting Regulations

Hunting with firearms is prohibited on Nov. 9, 2012 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season. See *Pheasants*, page 64.

For the purpose of hunting, it is legal to possess and use a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber rimfire short cartridge on WMAs only for hunting raccoon and opossum and dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat.

Rifles, including muzzleloading rifles, may not be used to hunt woodchucks on WMAs.

### Motor Vehicles and Other Forms of Conveyance

No person shall operate an unregistered vehicle on any state WMA. All motor vehicles are restricted to established public roads and parking areas.

All motor boats must be properly registered and have all the required safety equipment. (See *Outboard Motors*, below.)

**The use of dog sleds and dog carts, off road vehicles, ATVs, trail bikes, or snowmobiles is prohibited on all WMAs unless authorized by Fish and Wildlife.**

### Outboard Motors

Only electric motors are allowed on freshwater lakes and ponds owned by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife areas with the exception of Union Lake where an outboard motor, not exceeding 9.9 hp, may be used. On Prospertown Lake, only manually operated boats and canoes are allowed.

All titled boats must also be registered. Any boat mechanically propelled, regardless of length, must be registered. All boats greater than 12 feet, regardless of propulsion means, must be titled and registered.

### Restricted Hours

Wildlife management areas are closed from 9 p.m. until 5 a.m. unless engaged in lawful hunting, fishing or trapping activities. Special permission may be granted for Fish and Wildlife-approved activities.

### Target Practice

Only archery, shotgun, muzzleloading shotgun, muzzleloading rifle, .17 and .22 caliber rimfire rifle shooting is allowed in designated hunter training ranges according to regulations posted at the training area.

The following types of ranges are available on designated WMAs statewide:

- **Shotgun Range:** for use with clay birds and the patterning of fine shot;
- **Archery Range:** approved backstops at select ranges, no broadheads allowed;
- **Muzzleloading Rifle and Shotgun Slug Range:** for sighting in with shotgun slugs or buckshot, .17 or .22 caliber rimfire rifles and muzzleloaders; no other firearms allowed. See page 75 for a list of ranges and requirements.

### Waterfowl Blinds

No permanent waterfowl blinds, including pit blinds, shall be constructed, hunted from or used in any manner on any of the following WMAs:

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|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Assunpink      | 6. Manahawkin     | 11. Salem River |
| 2. Black River    | 7. Stafford Forge | 12. Prospertown |
| 3. Colliers Mills | 8. Whittingham    | 13. Paulinskill |
| 4. Hainesville    | 9. Beaver Swamp   |                 |
| 5. Tuckahoe       | 10. Sedge Island  |                 |

Any blind used in these designated areas must be portable and shall be completely removed at the end of the day. Blinds remaining in WMAs will be subject to confiscation and properly disposed of by Fish and Wildlife. ➤

### Wildlife Management Area (WMA) Ranges

The following information pertains to New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife facilities. Information on privately operated facilities is available at "Where To Shoot," a site maintained by the National Shooting Sports Foundation at [www.wheretoshoot.org](http://www.wheretoshoot.org)

- All WMA regulations apply.
- Ranges are open 8 a.m. to sunset.
- At least one member of the shooting party must have a current, valid New Jersey hunting license in possession.
- **Shotgun range:** fine shot only. No buckshot or rifled slugs.
- **Archery range:** target or practice tips only (NO broadheads.)
- **Muzzleloading rifle and shotgun range:** muzzleloading firearms, shotguns with rifled slugs or buckshot and modern rimfire (both .17 and .22 caliber) rifles only.
- No handguns or centerfire rifles permitted.

#### NORTHERN REGION

##### Hunterdon County Clinton WMA

Route 173W, Clinton

- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- All target frames must measure a minimum 30 inches from its base to the bottom of the paper target held in the frame. Frames must be placed only on top of a target mound located at the 25, 50 and 100 yard lines. This minimum target height requirement will eliminate the risk of ricochet and ensure that all projectiles are collected in the berm behind the 100 yard target.
- Spinner type targets for .17 caliber and .22 caliber firearms MUST be placed directly at the base of the 25 yard berm so that all bullets are directed into the berm. These targets are not to be used at other yardage or target mound placements.

##### Morris County

###### Black River WMA

Route 513 (Dover-Chester Rd.), Chester

- Archery, open year-round.
- Shotgun: Closed weekends from the third Saturday in May through the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, as well as on Christmas and Easter. Operating hours are 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. during this summer period, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for the rest of the year. Hunter education classes will continue at the range and are not affected by these new hours.

##### Sussex County

###### Flatbrook WMA

Route 615, Layton

- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (75 yards)

##### Warren County

###### Pequest WMA

Pequest Rd., Oxford

- Archery

#### CENTRAL REGION

##### Monmouth County Assunpink WMA

Imlaystown-Hightstown Rd., Upper Freehold Twp.

- Archery
- Shotgun range is restricted to the use of non-toxic shot, no lead shot is allowed.

##### Turkey Swamp Park

Georgia Rd., Freehold Twp.

- Archery (Special regulations apply; call 732-842-4000.)

##### Ocean County

###### Colliers Mills WMA

Off Colliers Mills and Hawkins Rds., Jackson Twp.

- Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)
- Shotgun range is closed.

##### Stafford Forge WMA

Off Route 539, south of Warren Grove, Little Egg Harbor Twp.

- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

#### SOUTHERN REGION

##### Atlantic County

###### Makepeace Lake WMA

Elmwood-Weymouth Rd., Weymouth

- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (50 yards)

##### Gloucester County

###### Winslow WMA

Piney Hollow Rd., Monroe Twp.

- Archery
- Shotgun and muzzleloader ranges are closed.

##### Cape May County

###### Tuckahoe WMA

Off Tuckahoe Rd. (Rt. 631), Tuckahoe

- Archery
- Shotgun range is closed.

##### Cumberland County

###### Millville WMA

Ackley Rd. (Rt. 718), Millville

- Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader (100 yards)

## Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

### HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

#### Visitor's Copy — Not Transferable

I request permission to enter your property for the following purpose: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow)

of buildings:  Yes  No

Landowner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Landowner Copy

Permission given to \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Make \_\_\_\_\_ Yr. \_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Lic. No. \_\_\_\_\_ No. in Party \_\_\_\_\_

Dates from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Other licenses, tag no. \_\_\_\_\_

Permission dates from \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Limitations \_\_\_\_\_

Hunter may hunt within 450 feet (150 feet for bow)

of buildings:  Yes  No

# Wildlife Programs

## OUTSTANDING DEER



These photos were taken on December 17, 2011. The non-profit organization **Hunters Helping Heroes** partnered with local inspection and certification company, **SGS**, to donate a guided pheasant and chukar hunting trip to veterans of all military branches in the New York and New Jersey area.

The daylong hunt took place at **Indian Creek Shooting Preserve** located in Sussex County, N.J. Three active-duty soldiers stationed at Picatinny Arsenal participated in this first-class event.

*Central Jersey-based **Hunters Helping Heroes** was created by sportsmen who have a passion for the outdoors. The organization focuses on extending gratitude to all of our country's heroes by organizing hunting excursions for service members, firefighters, police officers and Wounded Warriors as a small thank you for protecting the freedoms we all enjoy at home and abroad every day.*

# Garden State Deer Classic

## January 10-13, 2013

**At the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show • Raritan Center, Edison, New Jersey**

**See New Jersey's most outstanding white-tailed deer for 2011-12**

Awards ceremony on Sunday at 2:30 p.m.

**Applications must be received by Nov. 1, 2012 to enter a deer harvested during last year's 2011-12 hunting seasons. No exceptions!**

To arrange for an official measurer to score your New Jersey white-tail, contact Cindy Kuenstner at (609) 633-7598.

Deer will not be measured at the Deer Classic.

**See entry details on page 77.**

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- NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
- NJ Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
- United Bowhunters of New Jersey
- New Jersey Outdoor Alliance Conservation Foundation
- Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show

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## Landowner-Hunter/Trapper Agreement Card

I agree to conduct myself safely, responsibly and lawfully, respecting the landowner, property, and others using it. I accept the responsibilities which are part of the activities which I pursue. I agree to comply with the instructions of the landowner while on this property.

I understand that the laws of New Jersey absolve the landowner from liability for non-paying recreationists engaged in hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, hiking, and certain other activities, except in the case of willful or malicious failure to guard or warn of hazards.

Signed (visitor) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



This card provided by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish and Wildlife



## HUNT/TRAP SMART Courtesy Card

I hereby give permission to: (visitor's name)

\_\_\_\_\_ to enter my property for the purpose listed on the reverse side of this card. He/she has agreed to act safely, responsibly, and lawfully and to accept responsibility for his/her actions.

Signed (landowner, lessee, or operator) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_



Outdoor Recreation on Private Property is a Privilege — NOT A RIGHT





Jason Hartman harvested this impressive buck ranking first place with a score of 183 1/8 in the Non-typical Archery category.

**NEW JERSEY'S OUTSTANDING** White-tailed Deer Program, initiated in 1964, includes categories for typical and non-typical antlered deer taken with bow, crossbow, shotgun and muzzleloading rifle, in addition to the weight categories listed below. A velvet category is added for early bow season deer.

In the Antlered Division, New Jersey's Outstanding Deer Program uses the most common system in North America used for rating antlers as developed by the Boone and Crockett Club. This scoring system gives credit to antler length, spread, number of points, massiveness and symmetry.

Category	Minimum score
Typical Firearm	125
Non-typical Firearm	135
Typical Archery	125
Non-typical Archery	135
Typical Muzzleloader	125
Non-typical Muzzleloader	135

This measurement system also is used by the Pope & Young Club's Bowhunting Big Game Records Program. Deer must have been taken under the Boone and Crockett-defined rules of fair chase. Deer taken from enclosed hunting lands are not eligible.

**Note:** It is best to have the rack measured *before* it is mounted. Don't wait!

In the Weight Division, the program recognizes exceptional body size as determined by the field dressed weight, including heart and liver removed. Two categories, one for bucks reaching or exceeding 200 pounds (proof of weight must be confirmed on a certified scale\* for buck entries—no truck scales\*\*—with the weighmaster's signature on a letterhead receipt or on the entry form, available on our website) and one for field dressed does reaching or exceeding 135 pounds (witnessed, non-certified scale at a Fish and Wildlife regional office or at a certified scale).

Any properly licensed hunter, regardless of residency, is eligible to enter the Outstanding Deer Program. Deer must be taken in accordance with New Jersey wildlife laws and regulations. **Applications are due Nov. 1—NO EXCEPTIONS.** Additional rules are included on the official application form which consists of the original score sheet, hunter information form plus a clear photo of the hunter with the deer. These forms with instructions are available on Fish and Wildlife's website [NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/outdeer.htm) or send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Outstanding Deer Program, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420. State the type of form (Antlered Division, typical or non-typical; Weight Division, 200 Pound Buck or 135 Pound Doe). There is no entry fee.

All qualified entries will be added to New Jersey's All Time List. For questions, call Cindy Kuenstner at (609) 633-7598.

Qualifying entries for deer taken during the previous hunting seasons are displayed and recognized at the annual Garden State Deer Classic. Join Fish and Wildlife in celebrating New Jersey's outstanding white-tailed deer at the Deer Classic in January at the Garden State Outdoor Sportsmen's Show. See the ad on page 76 for details.

The table to the right is a list of the top-scoring deer and the hunters who participated in the 2012 Garden State Deer Classic. The Classic **showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2010–11 deer hunting seasons, not the past 2011–12 hunting seasons.** Those deer will be honored at the January 2013 Deer Classic. 🦌

\* See entry form. A certified scale might be available at the following businesses:

- Warehouse with shipping department
- Concrete, sand and gravel company
- Junk yard or scrap metal recycler
- Marina with party and charter boat fishing

Visit our website for a partial list of certified scales or contact your county weights and measures office. Be sure to locate a scale *before* the hunting season begins!

\*\* A truck scale is not acceptable as the increments are too large.

### 2012 Garden State Deer Classic Winners\*

Rank	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DM Zone
<b>135 Pound Doe—Archery</b>				
1st	Robert Staudt, Jr	138	Somerset	14
<b>135 Pound Doe—Crossbow</b>				
<b>135 Pound Doe—Muzzleloader</b>				
1st	Alexander Reszutek	152	Sussex	2
<b>200 Pound Buck—Archery</b>				
1st	Frank T. Sabatino	242	Mercer	14
2nd	Kenneth W. Baker	216	Morris	36
3rd	Darren Volker	215	Essex	36
<b>Non-typical Archery</b>				
1st	Jason R. Hartman	183 1/8	Somerset	12
2nd	Stephen Walkiewicz	182 1/8	Monmouth	50
3rd	Steve DeAnnuntis	145 4/8	Camden	25
<b>Non-typical Crossbow</b>				
1st	Nick Naperski	162 4/8	Monmouth	50
2nd	Robert Fisher	154 1/8	Salem	63
3rd	Mark Swift	150 2/8	Monmouth	50
<b>Non-typical Muzzleloader</b>				
1st	Timothy Camburn	149 4/8	Ocean	21
<b>Non-typical Shotgun</b>				
1st	Justin Cardinal	154 7/8	Gloucester	65
2nd	Keith Malespina	144 2/8	Mercer	14
<b>Typical Archery</b>				
1st	Charles Dyson	163 6/8	Somerset	14
2nd	Michael Gehling	157 4/8	Monmouth	50
3rd	Stephen D. Fox	152 0/8	Camden	49
<b>Typical Crossbow</b>				
1st	Rob Winkel	155 4/8	Mercer	17
2nd	Jack Kearns	151 3/8	Hunterdon	8
3rd	David Bojczak	144 6/8	Somerset	12
<b>Typical Muzzleloader</b>				
1st	Jeffrey Krohn	146 0/8	Sussex	1
2nd	Chris Schmidt	145 4/8	Monmouth	50
3rd	Jake Reuter, IV	138 6/8	Gloucester	35
<b>Typical Shotgun</b>				
1st	Timothy Snyder, Jr	140 5/8	Hunterdon	7
2nd	Eric Hensel	138 2/8	Atlantic	47
3rd	Wally Hopkins	136 6/8	Ocean	17
<b>Velvet—Typical Archery</b>				
1st	Lou Cornine	134 1/8	Monmouth	50

\* For deer harvested during the 2010–11 hunting seasons.



# W WILDLIFE & SPORT FISH RESTORATION PROGRAM

The 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of a Conservation Legacy



It was a close call. So close it makes you catch your breath. By 1862, 32 million Americans had hopped aboard a runaway train barreling toward a natural resources disaster—and most of them didn't even know it. While they were busy creating the richest and most powerful nation in the world, they were also laying waste to its very foundation: the 4 million square miles of some of the richest fish and wildlife habitat on Earth.

By the time the first transcontinental railway system broke open the West in 1869, vast herds of 100 million bison and 40 million pronghorn antelope pounding across the plains had vanished. An estimated 60 million beavers had been reduced to 100,000. Thirty to 40 million passenger pigeons, so dense in numbers that reports said it took literally hours for the skies to clear during their migrations, had disappeared. Waterfowl populations had plummeted. Swamps had been drained,

prime habitat converted to agriculture, and market hunting continued unabated. Women in America and in Europe were parading the street in hats festooned with the feathers of egrets, herons, and 40 varieties of native birds. They would soon be wearing the entire bodies of birds on their heads. We were plucking America bare.

Nevertheless, most Americans at the time were not parading the streets with placards demanding conservation reform from their legislatures. Rather, they were toasting their good fortune built on the incalculable wealth of their land's rich soil, their free access to the silver and gold veins to be mined just under America's skin, and the seemingly limitless forests thrown over the country's mountains and lowlands like a cloak hiding a treasure of wildlife. America was just too vast, too fabulously abundant a landscape to succumb to the pinprick of mere mortals—or so we believed. We couldn't

have been more wrong.

It was a matter of taking too much with too little knowledge of the consequences—and far too little restraint. From New York to California, from North Dakota to Florida, we all were to blame. But as history has proved so often, it would be the incremental steps of the few, committed for a lifetime, to wake the conservation consciousness of a slumbering nation. And it would take 75 years—nearly a century—to secure the restoration and future of America's fish and wildlife.

Awakening America to the need for conservation was a painfully slow process, with a monumental learning curve. We simply did not understand the intricate workings of the natural systems we were destroying. We did not understand predator/prey relationships, or habitat or range requirements. We did not understand the interrelatedness of all living things.

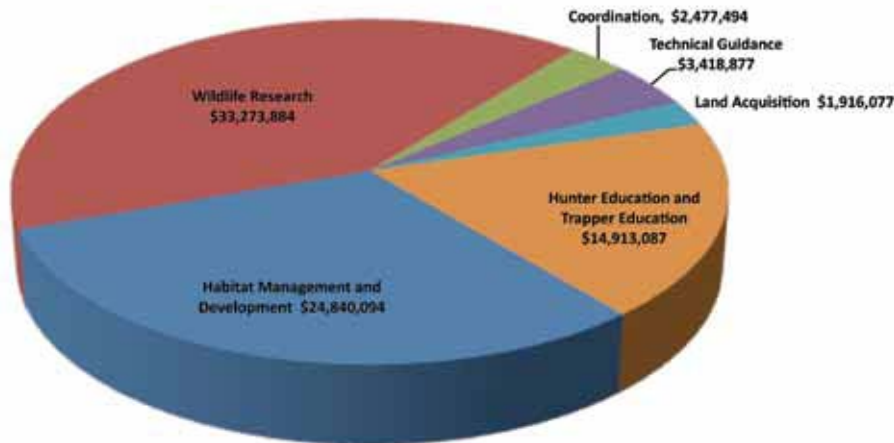
Nevertheless, by the late 1800s and early 1900s, a handful of unorthodox and strong-minded free-thinkers emerged with the political will and commitment to save what they recognized as America's greatest treasure. They were, by and large, America's sportsmen. In the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, near total responsibility for natural resources fell directly on their shoulders. That's because state hunting and fishing license revenue provided the one stable funding source to protect, restore and manage fish and wildlife resources. With the creation of state fish and game agencies in the early 20th century, fish and wildlife were given a legislative voice—and a bank account. But it was not enough. Underfunded, understaffed and prone to political interference, these fledgling

Reforms are attained  
by evolution, not by  
prescription, of ideas.  
Real reforms are always  
home-made.

—Aldo Leopold, 1930

“...and which shall include a prohibition against the diversion of license fees paid by hunters for any other purpose than the administration of said State fish and game department.”

### 75 Years of Commitment to Conservation



wildlife agencies more often than not confronted frustration and failure rather than success. The science of fish and wildlife management simply did not exist, and funds to better understand the principles of fish and wildlife restoration were non-existent. Little money was available to acquire land or pursue informed re-stocking schemes. Law enforcement was a slipshod ineffective affair, often the work of ill-equipped, political appointees.

Nevertheless, like it or not, fish and game agencies were the sole stewards and watchdogs of their states' natural resources, operating in an unrestricted free-for-all, where horrific fish kills from industrial runoff were commonplace and protective environmental legislation an affront to a free-market economy. To top it off, agencies' precious hunting and fishing license revenues were perpetually threatened by cash-strapped state legislatures for diversion to other projects. As fish and wildlife populations continued their nosedive, there seemed very little those who cared most deeply about our country's fish and wildlife

legacy could do about it. In 1929, a weary A. Willis Robertson, then director of Virginia's state fish and game agency, wrote to his good friend Billy Reed: *"I have been rushed to death all of the summer and owing to the unsettled political conditions, or the inactivity of our wardens, or a growing consciousness of the value of wild life, I have gotten more kicks recently concerning various and sundry matters than at any time during the past three years and it has kept me busy trying to keep the various complainers and criticizers satisfied."*

*"Anyone who has an idea that a public job is a bed of roses should just lie on it for a few months and he will so find that the thorns are more prominent than the perfume."*

But such men did not give up. All across the country, men like Robertson dug in, put down their heads and pushed forward. It took decades of persistence, of patience, and the certain cultivated williness of born sportsmen, because the problem of developing an effective program to restore our failing fish and wildlife populations was not only ecologically complex, it was politically complicated

as well. Unlike our European counterparts, the United States had embraced a bold philosophy concerning its wildlife resources. We claimed our wildlife heritage as a public treasure, not a private one. Our unique North American Model of Wildlife Conservation designated the country's wildlife legacy a public responsibility owned by all, not by the few. But...if America's wildlife belonged to the people, and not to the landowners on whose land it might be found, then under whose jurisdiction did fish and wildlife governance fall? Was it a state or federal responsibility? And who then should foot the bill?

It was during the years of 1900 to 1937 that such questions were ironed out and the most effective program of fish and wildlife conservation in the world emerged. When Teddy Roosevelt was ushered into the White House in 1901, federal legislation got a presidential jumpstart. Emergency protective measures were launched, designed to secure great swathes of land as refuges for beleaguered wildlife. By 1913, the federal government had claimed custody of the migratory birds of the nation, establishing waterfowl hunting seasons in every state, and soon established protective international treaties. State fish and game agencies assumed responsibility for virtually all non-migratory fish and wildlife.

Nevertheless, the essential funding mechanisms necessary to fund long-term wildlife restoration programs on both state and federal levels was lacking. There simply wasn't enough money available to implement what people were beginning to realize would be a long-term and monumental task involving close state and federal cooperation and organizational partnerships. It took more than thirty years of coalition building, endless proposals and defeated legislation, bitter disappointment and deteriorating land use before an unusual opportunity arose, and the conditions miraculously right to grab it.

In 1936, a 10 percent federal excise tax on sporting guns and ammunition existed on the books. Congress at the time was in the process of abolishing such excise taxes, but sportsmen groups and other conservationists instead saw an opportunity to propose a diversion rather than a repeal of the tax. The idea was to divert the proceeds from the tax to the states for wildlife restoration projects to be matched on a 3:1 basis with state hunting and fishing license revenue. The ammunition companies supported the proposal, and Carl Shoemaker, former chief of the Oregon Department of Fish and Game, drafted the legislation. Shoemaker enlisted the support of Senator Key Pittman of Nevada to introduce the bill in the Senate. On the House side, Shoemaker approached Congressman A. Willis Robertson, who had moved to Congress from the Virginia Game Department four years earlier. When Shoemaker sat down with Robertson and handed him the bill, Robertson penciled in 29 words: *"...and which shall include a prohibition against the diversion of license fees paid by hunters for any other purpose than the administration of said State fish and game department."* With those words, Robertson secured the future of our fish and wildlife legacy. Robertson's work in Virginia had



Year	Project	Accomplishments
1938		NJ assents to provisions of Pittman Robertson Act
1940s	\$928.12—New Jersey Game Management Plan	First Pittman-Robertson funded grant used to lease 271 acres in Warren County for seed stock
	\$13,276.29—Purchase of Greenwood Forest	10,292 acres preserved as a wildlife management area in Ocean County
1950s	\$66,484.91—Farm Game Habitat Restoration	2,741,950 trees and shrubs planted on lands owned or leased by cooperators
1960s	\$6,200—A Study of the New Jersey Deer Herd	Estimated deer population in 1965: 43,547
	An Ecological Study of Shallow Saline Impoundments	22,227 waterfowl banded to obtain population, production and harvest information
1974	\$1,333,333—Great Bay Absecon Wetlands Acquisition	6,693 acres preserved as wildlife management area in Atlantic and Ocean counties
1971	Statewide Wildlife Habitat Development	Management activities carried out on 135,000 acres of wildlife management areas
1972	NJ Firearm Safety Project	First mandatory hunter education course offered. 17,295 students completed firearm course
1977	\$16,700—Wild Turkey Research	22 wild turkeys released
1978	Furbearer Research	2 Bobcats released in northwest New Jersey
1981	Wild Turkey Research	Statewide population 800-1200 birds. First spring turkey season opened
1981	Furbearer Research	Black bear capture and mark program begins with eight individuals tagged
1982	Furbearer Research	Bobcat reintroduction complete with 24 individuals released
1994	Wildlife Research and Mangement	Community Based Deer Management implemented in Watchung Reservation, Union County
	Wildlife Research and Mangement	First coyote season held in 1997
2003	Wildlife Research and Mangement	Black bear population 1,490 in research area. First hunt held in 30 years; 328 individuals harvested
2009	NJ Hunter Education	Home Study course instituted; 5607 students graduated in 2009. Hours of instruction by volunteers: 9,357
2011	\$2,410,282—NJ Statewide Development	330,000 acres managed and maintained
	Wildlife Research and Mangement	NJ deer herd estimated at approximately 132,000

taught him how capricious state legislatures could be with its income and he wanted to make sure that the science of fish and wildlife management was taken out of the political arena. If a state wanted federal money to help them restore their wildlife, the state had to guarantee their fish and game department's right to use every dime of hunting and fishing license revenue to support it—period.

The Pittman-Robertson (P-R) Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Act sailed through Congress. President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law on September 2, 1937 turning a deaf ear to protests from his budget office insisting that earmarking funds from excise taxes were not in the country's best interest. Today, on its 75th anniversary, the program has proved without a doubt that it has been in the very best of its country's interest. Its success has been nothing short of astounding.

The P-R program birthed the science of scientific wildlife management in this country. The program has always focused on "can-do" projects, like making white-tailed deer restoration possible by funding research on how to trap and transport deer to repopulate their historic range. And it has made it a priority to partner with sportsmen's groups like the National Wild Turkey Federation and Ducks Unlimited, partnerships which provide matching funds and support for research projects that embody the North American Model's philosophy of "public responsibility" for wildlife. Since 1937, more than \$6.4 billion has been invested in wildlife restoration through the P-R program. It has turned into one of the most successful federal-state-conservationist-sportsmen partnerships in history.

With the passage of the P-R Act in 1937, sportsmen and other conservationists had built up a head of steam they were bound and determined to keep using. A companion bill to establish a stable and secure mechanism to fund the restoration of America's fisheries was the next goal. In California, Congressman Frank H. Buck introduced legislation in 1939 designed along the lines of the P-R Act to impose a 10 percent manufacturers' excise tax on

fishing equipment and lures used for recreational fishing. Unfortunately, the bill died in committee. Undaunted, Congressman Buck introduced a similar bill two years later, but World War II halted its progress. Six years later in 1947, Congressman John Dingell, Sr. of Michigan revived the fisheries restoration bill, but it failed again to pass. Senator Edwin Johnson of Colorado introduced an identical bill the following year. Still, it would not be until 1950 that the United States finally had a Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act that would be the genesis of a reliable funding source that has generated more than \$5.4 billion for fisheries research, habitat restoration, recreational boating access, construction of fish hatcheries and aquatic education.

Through excise taxes and license revenues, sportsmen have contributed more than \$12 billion to conservation through the Wildlife and Sport Fish Restoration Programs (WSFR) and annually provide more than 80 percent of the funding for most state fish and wildlife agencies.

For 75 years, WSFR has been the engine driving the restoration and management of our fish and wildlife resources. It has been justly called the most successful conservation management program in the world. America's hunters, shooters, anglers and boaters can be proud to have held the program on their shoulders for 75 years. But WSFR is not the exclusive club of the sporting community. As Aldo Leopold, one of our country's greatest conservationists and crafters of the P-R Act reminds us: "One cannot divorce esthetics from utility, quality from quantity, present from future, either in deciding what is done to or for soil, or in educating the persons delegated to do it. All land-uses and land-users are interdependent, and the forces which connect them follow channels still largely unknown."

So, buy a hunting license even if you don't hunt. Buy a fishing license not because you fish, but as an affirmation of

what is worth saving in this great country of ours. WSFR is an American legacy, fought for by sportsmen, supported by sportsmen, but open to all.

And if you are hunter, shooter, angler or boater—well, A. Willis Robertson would pipe up just about now that you ought to stop everything and march yourself right out into the great outdoors. In 1932, he wrote "...I feel that the high tension at which the average man has been living is wrecking entirely too many nervous systems. Hunting and fishing is the best nerve tonic I know, and I believe that a greater opportunity for the average citizen to engage in this type of outdoor recreation would greatly promote both the health and happiness of our people." 🦃



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# National Archery in the Schools Program



Melissa Woerner/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

## Imagine a typical physical education class

in high school. The athletic students quickly change into gym clothes and eagerly participate in the day's activity, showcasing their natural coordination and speed. On the margins of the field or gym floor, isolated groups of reluctant students put forth minimal effort as they wait for the minutes to pass by. Often there is an obvious separation between the athletes and the students who are less physically fit, less coordinated or those with disabilities, as well as between boys and girls.

Now picture a physical education class in which the playing field has been leveled. Boys and girls equally excel. A student in a wheelchair lines up next to the varsity quarterback and outperforms him. A shy, overweight student suddenly expresses enthusiasm in participating and looks forward to gym class for the first time. A previously unruly student now demonstrates discipline and focus. The physical education teacher effortlessly manages the integrated class of students through a series of simple whistle commands. This is the reality attainable through the National Archery in the Schools Program.

## Background

The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) began in 2002 when the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources suggested introducing archery as a sport within the public school system. At that time, most schools didn't offer archery due to safety concerns, lack of equipment, limited space to practice or compete and lack of appropriate training opportunities. With the collaboration of the Kentucky Department of Education, archery was introduced in middle school physical education classes which laid the foundation for today's national program.

Today, the National Archery in the Schools Program is taught to over one million students annually across the United States and in several other countries. The New Jersey Archery in the Schools Program is the state affiliate of NASP and is funded and coordinated by the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. Designed in accordance with National Physical Education Standards, NASP teaches target archery in fourth through twelfth grade physical education classes. The program can be run in a standard school gymnasium or outdoors on school grounds. Before presenting the two

week archery course, teachers undergo a free eight-hour Basic Archery Instructor training provided by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. Once certified through NASP, instructors can purchase standardized equipment at a discounted rate or borrow an archery kit from Fish and Wildlife, allowing the program to be implemented completely free of charge.

## NASP in New Jersey

In 2006, the Easton Sports Development Foundation awarded a generous grant to Fish and Wildlife to pay for 21 archery equipment sets and launch NASP throughout schools in New Jersey. Since then, NJ NASP has continued to expand and is now offered in physical education classes and after school programs, recreational centers, summer camps and scout organizations. To further promote the growth of NASP in New Jersey, Fish and Wildlife recently hired two full-time employees dedicated to coordinating NASP throughout the state. As part of the renewed focus on the National Archery in the Schools Program, efforts are being made to contact currently participating schools, evaluate active programs, inventory and repair archery equipment, and introduce the program to new schools.

# How You Can Help

There are several ways that you can help promote the National Archery in the Schools Program in New Jersey:

## SPREAD THE WORD

Talk to your local school district and let them know you would like them to adopt NASP in their schools. Pass along NJ NASP information to physical education teachers, athletic supervisors, principals and superintendents.

## SPONSOR A SCHOOL

Many schools currently run NASP using equipment borrowed from Fish and Wildlife that is only available to them for part of the school year. Sponsor a year-round archery program in a school by funding the \$3000 purchase of an equipment kit.

## BECOME A TRAINER

Get certified as a Basic Archery Instructor Trainer (BAIT) and help train new instructors to implement NASP in schools. BAIT volunteers are often needed for a full day during the week to assist with school training sessions as they arise.

## MAINTAIN EQUIPMENT

If you work at a sports shop or archery center, help maintain and repair archery equipment from NASP schools in your local area.

For more information about the National Archery in the Schools Program in New Jersey or to help promote the program through any of the methods listed above, contact Melissa Woerner or Wayne Tonnesen at (908) 735-2006.



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# Need Hunting Information? There's an app for that!

The Official New Jersey Fishing, Hunting & Wildlife Pocket Ranger® App brings information from back country to the digital foreground.



With more than 750,000 acres of public open space available for hunting, New Jersey's public lands are replete with opportunities for sportsmen and sportswomen year round. Navigating the terrain is made simpler with the use of the NJFH&W Pocket Ranger®, an innovative smartphone app that not only guides users on their expedition but also gives them the digital tools to facilitate their hunt without ever leaving the field.

The mobile app, which was researched and developed by ParksByNature Network™ in collaboration with New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, is a state-approved digital guide to public hunting and fishing areas that gives users access to information, high-resolution maps, GPS tracking, weather updates and more. In-depth GIS information provided by the state renders precise information on hunting areas, migration patterns and species information. With the advanced GPS map-caching feature, hunters can save maps to ensure that navigation remains possible in the event of lost mobile reception.

Pocket Ranger®'s future initiatives will also prove increasingly helpful to hunters seeking information about ways to apply for licenses and permits online, as well as those looking for a community of active users to share details of their harvests. From the novice to the experienced hunter, ParksByNature Network™, together with the state, strives to help hunters across New Jersey with state-of-the-art technology found in the Pocket Ranger® mobile app.



## Follow the rules: easy access to rules, regulations and permits.

Experienced hunters might already know about the procedural side of hunting, but now the Pocket Ranger® app helps clear up any last minute doubts. With the Pocket Ranger®, hunters have access to all rules and regulations pertinent to each species and public use areas of New Jersey's wildlife management areas and state parks and forests. Information about purchasing licenses and permits is on hand, as are access points to public hunting areas.

## Because breadcrumbs get eaten... safeguard trails and traps digitally with advanced GPS mapping.

Beyond species classification, the app's advanced GPS mapping features can help users record their path, mark waypoints and track and record their hunt. Pocket Ranger® technology is the most advanced on the smartphone market. Following years of research and market testing, ParksByNature Network™ developed a seamless way to mark important trail information, locations and landmarks using the advanced GPS technology. Hunters can use the app's waypoint and photo waypoint feature to mark traps and wildlife sightings, capture GPS coordinates, and include a detailed description and a high-res photo. The trail-tracking feature comes in particularly useful at the end of an arduous hunt as users track trails and easily follow their path out of the woods. Users can also export all recorded information and instantaneously post to social media sites, including Facebook and Twitter.

Sanctioned and approved by New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

## Information to improve hunting success at your fingertips.

Responsible hunters recognize that knowing their quarry and being able to accurately identify various animals in the field—such as waterfowl species—is paramount. Pocket Ranger® provides hunters with all the necessary tools to identify game animals and wildlife in the field. Found under the "Types of Game" section of the app, users will find the species' scientific name, a general description, a list of characteristics to help identify the animal, various factoids relevant to the species, and an accompanying image. With state supplied GIS information, hunters may also track movement and activity patterns and zero in on prime hunting areas. Whether a user is attempting to learn more about the game they intend to pursue or to become more proficient in finding and consistently harvesting target animals, the PocketRanger® is equipped to assist.



## PRX Trophy Case: a community where hunters share, comment and compare.

There is no limit to where proud hunters will display their glorious harvests, which is why Pocket Ranger® developed a digital trophy case for users to share their hunts and revel in their efforts. The interactive "Trophy Case" section can be accessed from within the app or online at PocketRangereXchange.com (PRX). The "Trophy Case" features user photo posts species information and a comments section where hunters can share and compare harvested animals and offer tips. With a community of fellow hunters right at their fingertips, New Jersey's sportsmen and sportswomen will find plenty to share and learn about their treasured pastime.

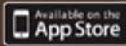
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# Fall & Winter Trout Stocking

TROUT STOCKING PROGRAM



Jeff Matthews/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Fish and Wildlife's Tom Bissonette stocks the Pequest River.

**FANTASTIC TROUT FISHING** opportunities await anglers at dozens of fall and winter trout-stocked streams and lakes in New Jersey. These waters will be stocked with brook, brown and rainbow trout averaging 14 to 16 inches, and weighing 3 to 5 pounds.

Fish and Wildlife stocks approximately 20,000 large trout during the two-week fall stocking period, and about 1,000 of these are exceptionally large rainbow trout broodstock measuring 18–20 inches. About 5,000 trout are stocked for winter trout fishing just days before the Thanksgiving holiday.

Anglers are reminded that **all streams and lakes are open to fishing on the day of stocking in the fall and winter.**

All stocking dates are announced on the:

- Trout Hotline (609) 633-6765
- Fish and Wildlife's website at: [NJFishandWildlife.com/trtinfo.htm](http://NJFishandWildlife.com/trtinfo.htm).

Directions to public access locations for trout-stocked waters are also available on our website.

## Fall Trout-Stocked Rivers and Lakes

Fall stocking will occur in the weeks beginning Oct. 8 and Oct. 15, 2012. When available, the stocking schedule and locations will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's website and the Trout Stocking Hotline.

## Winter Trout-Stocked Lakes

Stocking dates are Nov. 19–21, 2012. When available, the stocking schedule and locations will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's website and the Trout Stocking Hotline.

## "75 years of success, a partnership for America's fish and wildlife"

On September 2, 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act (now the Pittman-Robertson Wildlife Restoration Act.) This Act fostered unprecedented partnerships between federal and state fish and wildlife agencies, the sporting arms industry, conservation groups, and sportsmen to benefit wildlife—and has been key to implementing the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. In 1950, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (now the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act) was passed. Together, these programs have contributed more than \$10 billion to fish and wildlife conservation—more than any other single conservation effort in the United States.

In 2012, we will proudly observe 75 years of the WSFR program and the success of the partnerships that have made this program what it is today. We are planning a yearlong national anniversary program that will be outcome-oriented, inclusive, and memorable. We hope the anniversary program will act as a catalyst to make the WSFR program even stronger in the future.

For more information, or to get involved, please contact Christina Zarrella, USFWS, 703-862-5761 or [Christina\\_zarrella@fws.gov](mailto:Christina_zarrella@fws.gov)



## Continue the Tradition

**Become an instructor with Fish and Wildlife's Hunter Education Program.**

Our Hunter Education Unit is looking for New Jersey's best sportsmen and sportswomen to become instructors at locations where students take the test and field course after first having completed the home study portion. A minimum of six weekend days each year are required.

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Leave your name and address to receive an application. Or visit our website:

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# Perpetual Sunrise & Sunset

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Remember: Hunters must have permission to hunt agricultural land even if the land is not posted. Hunters should obtain permission before hunting any private property. Hunters are advised not to purchase a deer permit for a zone in which they have no place to hunt.

Updates since last year are noted below in **red**.

### Zone Public Land Open to Deer Hunting

- 1 • Bear Swamp WMA
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Hainesville WMA
- Stokes State Forest
- 2 • Kittatinny Valley State Park
- Paulinskill WMA
- Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- Wawayanda State Park
- 3 • Abram Hewitt State Forest
- Hamburg Mountain WMA
- Long Pond Ironworks State Park
- Newark Watershed (see *Special Areas*)
- Norvin Green State Forest
- Ramapo Mountain State Forest
- Ringwood State Park
- Wawayanda State Park
- 4 • Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area
- Flatbrook—Roy WMA
- Stokes State Forest
- Walpack WMA
- Worthington State Forest
- 5 • Beaver Brook WMA
- Columbia WMA
- Honey Run WMA
- Jenny Jump State Forest
- Paulinskill WMA
- Swartswood State Park
- Trout Brook WMA
- White Lake WMA
- Whittingham WMA
- 6 • Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Berkshire Valley WMA
- Fanny State Park
- Morris County Park System—Mahlon Dickerson Reservation, Silas Condict Park (see *Special Areas*)
- Newark Watershed (see *Special Areas*)
- Rockaway River WMA
- Sparta Mountain WMA
- Weldon Brook WMA
- Wildcat Ridge WMA
- 7 • Buckhorn Creek WMA
- Clinton WMA
- Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Union Forge Preserve, Tower Hill Reserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Spruce Run Recreation Area
- 8 • Allamuchy Mountain State Park
- Black River WMA
- Hacklebarney State Park
- Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cold Brook Preserve, Teetertown Ravine Nature Preserve, Point Mountain Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Ken Lockwood Gorge WMA
- Morris County Park System—Black River Park, Schooley's Mountain Park (see *Special Areas*)
- Musconetcong River WMA
- Pequest WMA
- Rockport WMA
- South Branch WMA
- Voorhees State Park
- Black River WMA
- 9 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Musconetcong Gorge, the Drag Strip Property, Hoffman Park, Schick Reserve, South Branch Reservation, Uplands Reserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Musconetcong River WMA
- 11 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Lockatong Nature Preserve, the Case Farm, Wescott Nature Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- Lockatong WMA
- 12 • Hunterdon County Parks Dept.—Cushetunk Mountain Park, Sourland Mountain Nature Preserve, Deer Path Park, South Branch Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- Round Valley Recreation Area
- South Branch WMA
- 13 • No public deer hunting land
- 14 • Assunpink WMA (Robbinsville Twp section only)
- Pigeon Swamp State Park
- Six Mile Run Reservoir State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 15 • Assunpink WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Charleston Springs Golf Course, Perrineville Lake Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 16 • Turkey Swamp WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Bear Swamp Tract of Manasquan Reservoir, Howell Park Golf Course, Turkey Swamp Park, Yellowbrook Tract of Manasquan River Linear Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 17 • Colliers Mills WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Clayton Park, Crosswicks Creek Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 18 • Colliers Mills WMA
- Manchester WMA
- Whiting WMA
- 19 • Medford WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- 21 • Double Trouble State Park
- Forked River Mountain WMA
- Greenwood Forest WMA
- Lebanon State Forest
- 22 • Bass River State Forest
- 23 • Wharton State Forest
- 24 • Bass River State Forest
- Penn State Forest
- Stafford Forge WMA
- Swan Bay WMA
- Warren Grove Recreation Area
- Wharton State Forest
- 25 • Cedar Lake WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Penbryn Pond WMA
- Wharton State Forest
- 26 • Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Hammoncton Creek WMA
- Makepeace Lake WMA
- Port Republic WMA
- 27 • Salem River WMA
- Thundergut Pond WMA
- 28 • Buckshutem WMA
- Elmer Lake WMA
- Parvin State Park
- Union Lake WMA
- 29 • Bayside PSE&G Tract (see *Special Areas*)
- Cohansy WMA
- Gum Tree Corner WMA
- Mad Horse Creek WMA
- Maskells Mill Pond WMA
- Stowe Creek State Park
- 30 • Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
- Dix WMA
- Egg Island WMA
- Fortescue WMA
- Nantuxent WMA
- New Sweden WMA
- 31 • Millville WMA
- Buckshutem WMA
- 34 • Beaver Swamp WMA
- Belleplain State Forest
- Cape May Wetlands WMA
- Cape May National Wildlife Refuge
- Dennis Creek WMA
- Heislerville WMA
- Higbee Beach WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA
- Lizard Tail Swamp Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 35 • D.O.D. Ponds
- Harrisonville Lake WMA
- 36 • No public deer hunting land
- 37 • Fort Dix Military Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- 38 • Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 39 • No public deer hunting land
- 40 • No public deer hunting land
- 41 • Alexauken Creek WMA
- Mercer County Parks—Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain
- Mercer County Parks—Howell Living History Farm
- 42 • Port Republic WMA
- 43 • Millville (Bevan) WMA
- 45 • Menantico Ponds WMA
- Peaslee WMA
- 46 • Gibson Creek WMA
- Great Egg Harbor River WMA
- Tuckahoe WMA
- Maple Lake WMA
- Peaslee WMA
- 47 • Peaslee WMA
- 48 • Rancocas State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 49 • No public deer hunting land
- 50 • Cheesequake State Park
- Monmouth County Park System—Hartshorne Woods Park, Tatum Park, Thompson Park, Big Brook Park, Huber Woods, the Ramanessin Section of Holmdel Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 51 • Allaire State Park
- Manasquan River WMA
- Manahawkin WMA
- Monmouth County Park System—Shark River Park, Rt. 33 Tract and Shark River Park—East of Remsen Mill Rd. (see *Special Areas*)
- 53 • Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (see *Special Areas*)
- 54 • No public deer hunting land
- 55 • Glassboro WMA
- 56 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 57 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 58 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge—north of Rt. 72 (see *Special Areas*)
- 61 • Atlantic County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 63 • Abbotts Meadow WMA
- Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 64 • Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 65 • Winslow WMA
- White Oak Branch WMA
- 66 • Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see *Special Areas*)
- 67 • High Point State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 68 • Franklin Parker Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 70 • Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, north of the Mullica River and south of Rt. 72 (see *Special Areas*)

Maps and information on hunting land is also available from the following sources:

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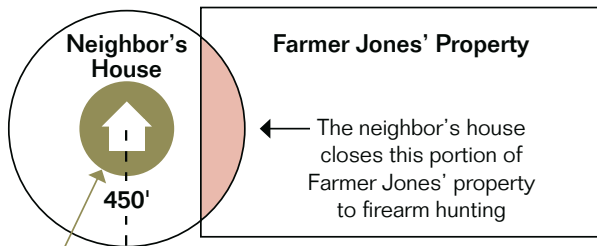
### SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

**NEW JERSEY HUNTERS** enjoy many types of hunting, numerous days afield and generous bag limits. But development and other human encroachment on the forests and fields of the Garden State has changed both wildlife habitat and land suitable for hunting, such that SAFETY ZONE awareness is even more critical for hunters.



#### What is a SAFETY ZONE?

- The firearm SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied. For bowhunters, the SAFETY ZONE around buildings is 150 feet but remains 450 feet from a school playground. See Safety Zone, page 27.
- The SAFETY ZONE is the place where you, the hunter, cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless you have written permission in hand.
- The SAFETY ZONE was established by legislation in 1946 as an area to place some physical distance, a buffer, between hunters and homeowners.
- The SAFETY ZONE could be land where there is suitable wildlife habitat for adaptable species, like the white-tailed deer, cottontail rabbit and Canada goose.
- The SAFETY ZONE is not a magic shield and cannot stop a misdirected projectile from entering the area around a home.



150' Bowhunter safety zone

#### What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

1. Post SAFETY ZONE signs.
2. Talk with landowners.
3. Scout hunting property annually to be aware of new construction or other changes.
4. Hunt SMART and remind your hunting partners to Hunt SMART.
5. Know the law. Know the land.

Remember, failure to hunt safely and responsibly is inexcusable. Always be a responsible hunter. Always be aware of your surroundings, the target and what may lie beyond the target. The principles of good conduct learned at your hunter education course are called into practice every time you hunt.

Take special care hunting on “high visibility” property, habitat where our adaptable wildlife species—especially white-tailed deer—are flourishing. Here, hunter conduct will be watched closely; the image we portray can have a great impact on the tolerance for our sport. Hunting these *Special Areas* carries added responsibility for you, as a hunter, to exercise restraint and make superior judgment decisions. 🐾

### Hunting Opportunities On New Jersey's National Wildlife Refuges 2012–2013 Hunting Seasons

Hunting on national wildlife refuges is not permitted unless specifically opened as listed below.

No Sunday hunting on national wildlife refuges.

#### Cape May NWR

24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 (609) 463-0994; fws.gov/northeast/capemay

- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.
- Migratory game birds except crow—on refuge lands north of Rt. 550 or west of Rt. 47
- Turkey, rabbit and squirrel hunting in select areas only. No refuge permit is required. Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge office for information.

#### Great Swamp NWR

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- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50. In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a Refuge permit for \$26 (\$13 for holders of a Senior Golden Age or Golden Access Passport and youths with a valid 2012 New Jersey youth hunting license).

#### Edwin B. Forsythe NWR

800 Great Creek Rd., Oceanville, NJ 08231-0072; (609) 652-1665; fws.gov/northeast/forsythe

- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.
- Waterfowl
- Special Waterfowl Hunts. Hunters wanting to participate in the special waterfowl hunts must have a reservation. Special hunting conditions apply. Information can be obtained at the refuge, at dispensers, at the headquarters, on the refuge website, or through the mail.

#### Supawna Meadows NWR

c/o Cape May NWR, 24 Kimbles Beach Rd., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210, (609) 463-0994; fws.gov/northeast/nj/spm.htm

- Deer—Bowhunting only. Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.
- Waterfowl. Special hunting conditions apply. Contact refuge manager for information.

#### Wallkill River NWR

1547 County Rt. 565, Sussex, NJ 07461-4013; (973) 702-7266; wallkillriver.fws.gov

- Deer—Special Areas Hunting Season Information; see page 50.
- Migratory Birds except crow
- Spring and Fall Turkey (Zone 5)
- September Canada Goose. Note: the refuge is closed to bear hunting in 2012. In addition to required state licenses and permits, hunters must obtain a refuge permit. There is a \$20 fee for a refuge permit except youths are free, seniors with a Golden Age passport are \$10. Special hunting conditions apply. 🐾

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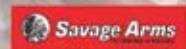
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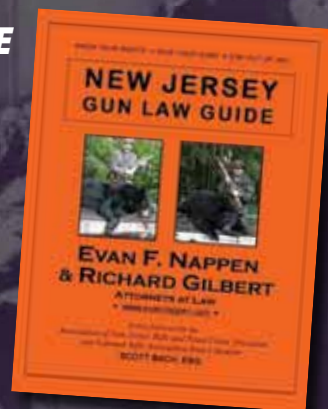
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