

# New Jersey Fish & Wildlife



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## Deer Permit Supplement 2001

This Application is for Zones 3, 4, 18, 23, 24, 37, 38, 43, 46, 52, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 64 and 67 ONLY!!!

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### Important Changes in 2001 – 2002 Deer Permit Sales

In order to better serve our constituents, the Division of Fish & Wildlife is instituting a trial over-the-counter deer permit sales program for the upcoming 2001 – 2002 season. **Therefore, for all zones other than those listed above, permits will be sold at participating license agents,** except Earle Naval Station (zones 39 & 40) which will be sold at the base ONLY.

### Over-the-Counter Permit Sales

In an attempt to curb a burgeoning deer population, permit quotas on most zones have been greatly increased over the past several years. Based on the quota numbers and the total amounts of permits sold in these zones during the last deer season, the division does not anticipate that these zones will sell out. These zones will

be available at participating license agents (every zone except those listed above).

Information pertaining to these zones will be available in the hunting issue of *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest* and is not in this publication.

Participating license agents will be listed in the *New Jersey Fish & Wildlife Digest* available in mid-August, as well as on our website at: [www.njfishandwildlife.com](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com). BOW permit sales will begin Saturday, September 1, 2001.

FIREARM permit sales will begin Saturday, October 13, 2001. Earle Naval Station sales dates same as above.

Permit sales at license agents will end December 31, 2001. If a hunter wishes to purchase a permit from January 1, 2002 through the end of the deer season, (s)he will be able to do so at the

Pequest Trout Hatchery and Trenton Division offices ONLY.

### Lottery Permit Sales

The few zones which have low quotas (see above zone list) that necessitate a lottery will be sold through the application in this supplement ONLY. **Deadline** for lottery submissions is **August 31, 2001.**

Any permits left over from this lottery will be sold over-the-counter at division field offices (see "Over-the-Counter Sales of Leftover Permits" on page 4 of this supplement).

\*\*\*\* The Fish and Game Council will vote on these proposed changes to the Game Code at the end of June. The final version of these regulations will be available in the hunting issue of the *NJ Fish and Wildlife Digest*, expected in sporting goods stores in mid-August.



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## Tentative First Lottery 2001 Permit Quotas Vs. 2000 Applicants

Zone	2000 1st Choice Applicants Bow	2001 Permit Quota Bow	2000 1st Choice Applicants Shotgun	2001 Permit Quota Shotgun	2000 1st Choice Applicants Muzzleloader	2001 Permit Quota Muzzleloader
3	812	1185	169	303	754	1175
4	850	1110	357	744	853	1180
18	393	610	62	118	397	611
23	663	1010	68	214	804	1306
24	195	350	34	106	387	650
37	106	190	22	47	237	390
38	0	0	225	450	4	50
43	122	180	21	55	150	195
46	166	300	35	146	263	528
52	28	55	3	24	76	151
53	25	35	7	31	43	60
54	19	30	16	31	11	18
56	0	0	17	25	0	0
57	13	40	12	40	14	40
58	9	40	7	50	8	40
59	35	35	15	75	9	25
60	0	0	44	120	0	0
61	10	30	18	80	8	30
64	200	0	87	100	0	0
67	0	0	0	0	215	350
<b>Total Allocation</b>		<b>5,200</b>		<b>70,210</b>		<b>42,245</b>

\* This zone not likely to be available for the second lottery based on the number of applicants in 2000.

HOW TO USE THIS TABLE: Compare the 2001 permit quota and the number of 2000 first choice permit requests for a zone to calculate your odds of winning a permit in the first lottery.

## Deer Permit Application Information

Permit hunting seasons play a major role in the division's deer management program. The three permit seasons provide a means to control hunting pressure, and thereby harvest, in each deer management zone in order to meet specific deer management objectives. Since the majority of the permit season's harvest is antlerless deer, whitetail populations can be controlled effectively. In those zones where significant agricultural damage occurs, the division will continue to apply a management strategy to reduce the deer population through special permit seasons. This control is established by setting specific permit quotas and season lengths for each zone. **In 2001, hunters will be able to take one buck during the fall bow season and each of the permits seasons regardless of the number of permits they have.**

With the additional harvest and recreational opportunity these seasons provide, a \$28.00 fee is charged for each adult permit. A regular hunting license with a separate charge is a prerequisite for filing an application for deer permits. The cost for youths possessing a valid youth hunting license is \$12.00 per permit. A free youth hunting license is a prerequisite for filing an application for deer permits. Free resident youth licenses have been mailed to all youths now aged 15 or under whom have completed a New Jersey hunter education course in the past. They are also available at the division's Trenton and field offices.

The Child Support Program Improvement Act was passed by the Legislature in March, 1998 (P.L.1998 c.1) to comply with federal law. The Act requires the collection of social security numbers on applications for all commercial and recreational licenses, including hunting and fishing licenses. To maintain your privacy, this number will not be printed on your permit.

### Before You Apply: Application Instructions

The application period is June 1–August 31. Follow the application instructions carefully and ***read this entire section before completing your permit application.*** Application errors may cause you to miss the opportunity to receive a permit. Permits cannot be exchanged. Be sure to have a place to hunt in a particular zone before applying. Use only one application for all deer permit requests.

Deer management objectives rely on the proper use of deer permits. Each permit issued is valid for only one season, one zone and one hunter. It is illegal to use a permit for a different zone or season, or to transfer the permit to another hunter. Deer permit violators are subject to a fine of \$100 to \$500 for each offense.

Hunters may apply for a total of four deer permits (two bow, two firearm) through the mail-in lottery. Two random lotteries will be conducted. The first lottery will choose applicants from the first lottery section of the permit application. The second lottery will assign permits leftover from the first lottery. These permits will be assigned, where available, to applicants completing the second lottery section of the application.

The second permit lottery is an alternative to over-the-counter sales. This reduces the need for hunters to wait in long lines, and saves thousands of dollars in administrative costs for the division.

Hunters wanting to hunt together should consult the table provided on page 2 and apply for undersubscribed zones. See also the table on page 16 showing public land available in each zone.

**WARNING:** Do not submit a second application if you realize a mistake was made on the application already mailed. If we can not correct your application, it will be returned. You will be given additional time to correct the error and resubmit your application.

### Second Lottery— Zones Available

The purpose of the second lottery is to award permits left over from the first lottery to hunters applying for ***additional permits.*** It is **NOT a continuation of the first lottery.** The computer seeks to fill the first, second or third choices of applicants in the second lottery ***independent*** of any previous request in the first lottery. If you do not want two permits for a particular zone, **DO NOT** list that zone in both the first and second lottery.

### Notification

Application materials will be returned to persons filing incorrect, incomplete or late applications. Any applicant not selected to receive a permit will receive a notice of non-selection. A refund, minus the \$2 application fee, will be issued at a later date. In the past, refunds have been sent in late January as a mass mailing when all permit problems have been resolved. All applicants will receive notification by October 15 for bow permits and October 22 for shotgun and muzzleloader permits. If you have not received notification by these dates, please contact the division after October 15 for bow permits and after October 22 for shotgun and muzzleloader permits. Persons not notifying the division by the end of the appropriate season will not receive refunds for permits that were not deliverable or lost in the mail. Permits are not transferable or exchangeable.

For questions concerning the permit process, call the 24-hour computerized permit hotline: (609) 292-9192. However, questions about the status of your permit cannot be answered before October 15 (bow) and October 22 (shotgun and muzzleloader).

### Why You May Not Have Received A Permit In The Past

In 2000, virtually all hunters who filed a correct application received a permit. Common filing errors include applying for closed zones, failure to include correct fees or hunting license stubs, selecting the wrong season, and filing incomplete applications. Division staff will make every effort to correct obvious mistakes or return your application

for correction. However, it is the hunter's responsibility to submit a correct application in a timely manner.

### Over-The-Counter Sales Of Leftover Permits

All hunters are eligible to purchase permits left over after the mail-in lotteries, even those who received permits through the mail. Leftover permits will be sold on a "first-come, first-served" basis at select division offices. **There will be NO WEEK-END SALES this year.** Sales for permits will be Monday through Friday, beginning Monday, October 22 for bow permits and Monday, October 29 for shotgun and muzzleloader permits. Information on these remaining permits and sale locations can be found on the permit hotline *after* the lotteries are conducted in mid-October (609-292-9192). Information will also be available via news releases. Any extra early season muzzleloader permits for Ft. Dix (Zones 37 and 52) will be sold on October 22 at the Assunpink WMA. Hours for all over-the-counter sales are 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m..

Hunters may send someone to purchase over-the-counter permits on their behalf if the person produces the absent hunter's applicable license. However, a hunter on line is limited to purchasing permits for a total of three individuals. Photocopies of licenses are *not* acceptable. Hunters on line cannot purchase permits for other hunters on line in order to circumvent the "first-come, first-served" rule.

Hunters may purchase more than one permit for selected zones that have an abundance of permits still available. A list of these zones will be posted at the entrance of the over-the-

counter sales locations.

### Farmer Deer Permits

The Legislature passed a law in 1999 to change the requirements for obtaining a free farmer deer permit. There will be two types of applications and the farmer applicant can decide for which it is easiest to qualify. Farmers may only apply with one application. The first, (occupant) is for the farmer and his family who reside on their farm. He must have at least 5 acres of land that is also tax-assessed as farmland. The permit will be valid only for the farm on which he resides.

The second application (non-occupant) is for the farmer who does not reside on his farm. A regular hunting license is required, in addition to a non-occupant farmer permit. The farmer must actively farm at least 30 tilled acres. Woodlots can not be used to qualify. A copy of all leases authorizing the agricultural and hunting uses of the land must be attached to the application. No more than five people may receive permits for the same farm. The permit will be valid for the entire zone requested.

The farmer deer permit applications are available from county agricultural agents, division offices and conservation officer.

Farmers are encouraged to send in their applications as early as possible since additional review of applications will be necessary. Farmers and their family members may also apply for regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer deer permits by completing the deer permit application included in this digest issue and enclosing a license stub and appropriate fee.

## Disabled Veteran's Deer Permits

Recent legislation signed by Governor Whitman provides for the issuance of free hunting licenses and permits for resident disabled veterans.

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

Disabled Veteran hunting licenses are available at the division's Trenton office, as well as all division field offices.

### Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of currently receiving benefits for a service connected disability must be presented to obtain the free license. Applicants must first have a disabled veteran license to obtain a free disabled veteran deer permit.
2. Applicants must fill out one special 2001 Disabled Veteran Deer Permit Application only. **Do not** fill out the regular application found in this supplement.
3. Applicants are entitled to **one** free bow season permit and **one** free firearm (shotgun **or** muzzleloader) season permit. Additional permits must be purchased at the regular price of \$28.

Using a Disabled Veteran application does **not** give the applicant preference in the lottery.

### DEER PERMIT HOTLINE (609) 292-9192

	BOW	FIREARM
Notification Dates:	Oct. 15	Oct. 22
Over-the Counter Sales Dates	Mon., Oct. 22	Mon., Oct. 29
Begin:	9AM-12 noon and 1PM-4PM	9AM-12 noon and 1PM-4PM

Reminder: After Oct. 22 for bow and Oct. 29 for firearm, over-the-counter sales will take place Monday through Friday for the Pequest Trout Hatchery, Northern District, Assunpink, Southern Region, Nacote Creek and Trenton offices.