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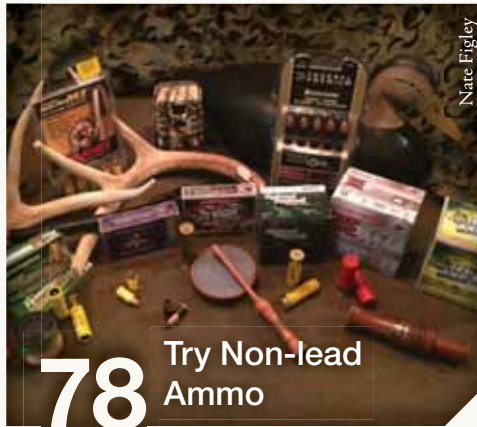
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License Information & Fees 2019–20*

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Turkey Season Permit.....	\$21
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Pheasant & Quail Stamp	\$40
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* New licenses become available on Dec. 15 annually. See page 8 for additional license information.

* Apprentice hunters must purchase any related stamp, permit or HIP certification as required of all hunters.



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

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- To maintain New Jersey's rich variety of fish and wildlife species at stable, healthy levels and to protect and enhance the many habitats on which they depend.
- To educate New Jerseyans on the values and needs of our fish and wildlife and to foster a positive human/wildlife co-existence.
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Director's Message

DAVE GOLDEN



As summer moves into fall, mornings become cooler and days begin to shorten. These changes, subtle at first, signal to many that the season is upon us. As excitement builds, time is spent scouting sites, reconstructing blinds and inventorying gear. This is, without question, my favorite time of the year.

As our thoughts shift towards hunting and trapping, it is important to recognize that managing New Jersey's wildlife is a year-round endeavor. The dedicated staff of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife have been working hard throughout the spring and summer to ensure wildlife populations are healthy and habitats remain intact. Over the past year wildlife has been surveyed, regulations have been evaluated, fields have been planted and access points have been maintained. With all this work accomplished, great things await those who are planning to hunt or trap public and private lands in New Jersey.

Around the end of 2019, you will be treated to a brand-new licensing system with a more user-friendly interface and additional online purchasing options. (See page 6.) Several years in the making, our new licensing system is designed to be more convenient so that you can spend less time purchasing your license and more time *using* your license.

To inspire you to increase your days afield, our staff has worked hard to enhance your field experience. Fish and Wildlife's wildlife management area system continues to grow—now over 355,000 acres. Our habitat management efforts on these lands is at an all-time high. Our pheasant stocking program will release over 54,000 birds this year for youth hunts, veteran hunts, dog training and regular hunting. Our 54 boat ramps throughout the state will get you to your favorite waterfowl spot and the over 900 miles of roads on wildlife management areas will give you access to that “secret spot” you've been keeping to yourself.

The primary goal of the Division of Fish and Wildlife is to maintain healthy wildlife populations and habitats. We know that you share in this goal, and the article on page 16 provides a series of recommendations on things you can do to help reduce the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease. This disease can be devastating to deer populations and the easy tips described in the article can go a long way to keep our herd healthy.

This year we had to make the difficult, but responsible, decision to close the Ruffed Grouse Season due to concerns about its population. This species has suffered severe population declines due to habitat loss and the bird's susceptibility to West Nile

Virus. While hunting was not the root cause of the population's decline, we need to work together to grow this population and hope that through active habitat management, the grouse population can be restored in New Jersey.

For duck hunters, note that all Atlantic Flyway states have reduced bag limits on Eastern Mallards based on 25-year trend data (page 76). New Jersey is among these states and continues to work with hunters to reverse these trends. A bag limit reduction to two mallards with no more than one hen has been implemented in all Atlantic Flyway states for 2019.

While the Director's Message always provides the introduction to the *New Jersey Hunting & Trapping Digest*, all the “good stuff” can be found on the pages that follow. The content within will help keep you safe, legal and responsible while you are in the field this season. Whether you access the regulations online or from a hard copy of the *Digest*, it is your responsibility to be informed and to be safe. As my first year as the director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife continues to unfold, I look forward to helping you to get outside and have fun! Tuck the *Digest* in your backpack or view it from your cellphone and enjoy your time outdoors! 🦋

Dave Golden is the Director of New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife.

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New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is pleased to announce a multi-year contract with the company Aspira to create and manage a new license system platform. At press time, the new New Jersey Electronic License System is scheduled to be operational late in 2019. Check the Fish and Wildlife website for updates.

Cell phones and home computers are heavily relied upon for making daily purchases. Knowing that, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife has responded by prioritizing your convenience in this new license system.

What does this mean for hunters? The new license system will function the same as our previous system but has many useful updates. All customer records and Conservation ID Numbers (CIDs) remaining the same.

The most significant license system change is that a license or permit can now be printed on a home printer. This popular option is successful in many other states and is especially beneficial for those whose plans change at a moment's notice.

New Jersey firearm laws necessitate that all firearm hunting licenses (Firearm License, Apprentice Firearm License and All-Around Sportsman License) must also be printed on durable material and sent by mail. Purchasers of these licenses may print a temporary, paper license valid for 15 days from the date of purchase.

As with most Internet purchases, all New Jersey Electronic License System Internet purchases are subject to an additional transaction fee (3.9%) and a credit card processing fee (2.5%). To avoid these minor fees, customers may go to any license agent to pay only the item's face value.



Additional Electronic License System Improvements and New Features

- ♦ **Newly designed web interface.** The website is more user-friendly.
- ♦ **Connect with any device.** Regardless of how one chooses to connect (desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone) the same website features will display. No need to "view full site" for certain functions like hunter education course registration.
- ♦ **Internet purchases are now a print-at-home* license.**
- ♦ **ALL participating license agents can sell all products.** There are no limitations for license agent sales. Items like the Buddy Fishing License and crabbing or shellfish licenses are available from every agent.
- ♦ **Apprentice and Buddy Fishing licenses are also available via the Internet sales site. Buddy Fishing Licenses will become available for the 2020 license year sales.**
- ♦ **Gift Vouchers.** Beginning with 2020 license year sales, guests may purchase gift vouchers for friends and relatives.
- ♦ **Email option for license copies.** Beginning in 2020, customers purchasing items at a license agent will be able to receive PDF copies via email except for Firearm or All-Around licenses.
- ♦ **Duplicates are available everywhere,** regardless of where the original purchase was made.
 - » Internet/mobile customers may also request a durable license for an additional fee.
 - » Firearm and All-Around Sportsman licenses, printed on durable material, will be mailed automatically, but a home-printed temporary paper license is available for immediate use.
- ♦ **Multiple customers may be added to one transaction,** provided that each customer has already completed a Child Support Certification.
 - » A person can make purchases for all family members in a single transaction.
 - » Buddy Fishing licenses may be purchased online or at license agents.
 - » A mentor may purchase licenses and permits for their apprentice hunter.
- ♦ **New Electronic Harvest Reporting will replace former methods of reporting harvests.** Turkey, coyote, fox, beaver and otter harvest reporting will be phased in during 2020.
- ♦ **Hunters now have access to their own harvest report records.** Hunters may print up to three years of harvest reports.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife staff is working diligently to ensure a smooth transition to the new license system. We ask for your understanding and patience if minor bumps occur along the way.

*The print-at-home license must be treated with the same respect as a license printed on durable material. **ALL licenses still must be displayed, regardless of the print material. Anyone caught falsifying information on a license or permit will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.**

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