

deer with broken antlers which measure less than three inches are considered antlerless deer.

12. "Limited quota, special deer permits" means bow, muzzleloader or shotgun special deer seasons permits for management zones where a random drawing is required because demand for permits is expected to exceed the supply, and for special management areas including military bases, National Wildlife Refuges, State and county parks and other areas that require application or issuance of special deer permits through the Division.

13. "Antlered buck stub" means that part of a 2002 or later, firearm, bow and arrow or all-around sportsman license that must be surrendered with the completed deer transportation tag upon registration of an antlered deer at an official deer checking station.

14. "Youth Hunting License" means the free hunting license issued by the Division to persons 10 through 15 years of age upon the successful completion an approved hunter education course. The license is valid, unless revoked for due cause, from the time of issuance until December 31 of the year in which the youth attains the age of 16 years.

15. "Youth hunter" status applies to the possessor of the Youth Hunting License or the immediate family member of a qualified occupant farmer who is at least 10 years of age and continues until December 31 of the year in which he or she turns 16 years.

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

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

18. "Conservation ID Number" means the lifetime identification number assigned to sportsmen and sportswomen when they initially obtain a license, permit or child support certification through the electronic licensing system (ELS) beginning in 2006 and thereafter.

19. "Bonus muzzleloader permit," "bonus shotgun permit" or "bonus bow permit" permit means the additional purchase to the regular muzzleloader, shotgun or bow antlerless permit, that contains an antlered deer transportation tag and allows for the pursuit and harvest of an antlered deer only.

20. "Electronic License System" or "ELS" means the integrated Web-based and license agent-based automated

electronic license purchasing system used by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to sell hunting, fishing and trapping licenses and permits.

(e) For the purpose of this subchapter, "Trenton Office" shall mean the Bureau of Wildlife Management, Division of Fish and Wildlife, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, 501 East State Street, 5 Station Plaza, PO Box 400, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0400.

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

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).

In (b), inserted second sentence; and in (c), substituted "1996-97 Game Code" for "1995-96 Game Code".

Amended by R.1998 d.408, effective August 3, 1998 (operative August 8, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1681(a), 30 N.J.R. 2886(a).

In (c), changed Game Code year from 1996-97 to 1997-98; and in (d), deleted references to Deer Permits throughout.

Amended by R.1999 d.287, effective August 16, 1999 (operative August 21, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 1231(a), 31 N.J.R. 2338(a).

In (c), changed date; and in (d), added 10 through 12.

Amended by R.2000 d.365, effective September 5, 2000 (operative September 10, 2000).

See: 32 N.J.R. 1673(a), 32 N.J.R. 3294(a).

In (c), substituted "1999-2000" for "1998-99"; and in (d), added 13 and 14.

Amended by R.2001 d.300, effective August 20, 2001 (operative August 25, 2001).

See: 33 N.J.R. 1527(a), 33 N.J.R. 2829(a).

Rewrote section.

Amended by R.2002 d.272, effective August 19, 2002, (operative August 24, 2002).

See: 34 N.J.R. 1504(a), 34 N.J.R. 2973(a).

In (d), added 16 and 17; added (f).

Amended by R.2003 d.359, effective September 2, 2003 (operative September 7, 2003).

See: 35 N.J.R. 1804(a), 35 N.J.R. 4053(a).

In (c), substituted "2002-2003" for "2001-2002"; in (d)16, substituted "special" for "farmer deer and" preceding "farmer turkey permit" and deleted the "s" of "sections".

Amended by R.2004 d.385, effective October 4, 2004 (operative October 9, 2004).

See: 36 N.J.R. 2325(a), 36 N.J.R. 4513(b).

In (c), substituted "2003-2004" for "2002-2003".

Amended by R.2005 d.321, effective September 19, 2005 (operative September 24, 2005).

See: 37 N.J.R. 1959(a), 37 N.J.R. 3657(a).

In (c), substituted "2004-2005" for "2003-2004".

Amended by R.2007 d.239, effective August 6, 2007.

See: 39 N.J.R. 587(a), 39 N.J.R. 3324(a).

In (c), substituted "2005-2006" for "2004-2005"; in introductory paragraph of (d), substituted "subchapter" for "chapter"; and added (d)18 through (d)20.

Case Notes

Shell fisherman did not have right to adjudicatory hearing on proposed coastal development by reason of his occupation. *Spalt v. New*

Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection, 237 N.J. Super. 206, 567 A.2d 264 (A.D.1989), certification denied 122 N.J. 140, 584 A.2d 213.

Hunter with four serious fish and game violations was not entitled to early restoration of hunting privileges where no extenuating circumstances existed. *Wulster v. Department of Environmental Protection*, 96 N.J.A.R.2d (EPE) 340.

7:25-5.2 Pheasant-Chinese ringneck (*Phasianus colchicus torquatus*), English or blackneck (*P. c. colchicus*), Mongolian (*P. mongolicus*), Japanese green (*Phasianus versicolor*); including mutants and crosses of above

(a) The duration of the pheasant season will be November 12—December 3 and December 12, 13, 15—31, 2005 and January 2—February 20, 2006; November 11—December 2 and December 11, 12, 14—30, 2006, and January 1—February 19, 2007; November 10—December 1 and December 10, 11, 13—31, 2007, and January 1—February 18, 2008; November 8—December 6 and December 15, 16, 18—31, 2008, and January 1—February 16, 2009; November 7—December 5 and December 14, 15, 17—31, 2009, and January 1—February 15, 2010; and, November 13—December 4 and December 13, 14, 16—31, 2010, and January 1—February 21, 2011. The Director, with the approval of the Council, may establish season dates for special, experimental pheasant management zones for research purposes.

(b) The Statewide daily bag limit is two pheasants of either-sex. The Director, with the approval of the Council, may establish bag limits for special, experimental pheasant management zones for research purposes.

(c) The duration for the pheasant season for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is September 1—December 3, and December 12, 13, 15—31, 2005 and January 1—March 31, 2006; September 1—December 2 and December 11, 12, 14—30, 2006, and January 1—March 31, 2007; September 1—December 1, and December 10, 11, 13—31, 2007, and January 1—March 31, 2008; September 1—December 6 and December 15, 16, 18—31, 2008, and January 1—March 31, 2009; September 1—December 5 and December 14, 15, 17—31, 2009, and January 1—March 31, 2010; and, September 1—December 4 and December 13, 14, 16—31, 2010, and January 1—March 31, 2011.

(d) The hours for hunting pheasant on the opening day of the season are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset. The hours for hunting pheasants on all other days on which pheasant hunting is legal are sunrise until ½ hour after sunset.

(e) The Director, with the approval of the Council, may designate special, experimental pheasant management zones for research purposes.

(f) Nothing contained in this section shall preclude properly licensed and permitted youth hunters from hunting pheasants on the Saturday before the opening of the pheasant season on selected wildlife management areas or portions

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

(g) The season for properly licensed semi-wild preserves is November 12, 2005—March 15, 2006; November 11, 2006—March 15, 2007; November 10, 2007—March 15, 2008; November 8, 2008—March 15, 2009; November 7, 2009—March 15, 2010; and, November 13, 2010—March 15, 2011, except that nothing contained herein shall preclude properly licensed and permitted youth hunters from hunting pheasant on the Saturday before the regular opening of the pheasant season, on semi-wild preserves licensed for pheasant. Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 years or older), who must possess a proper and valid firearm license. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter shall not hunt independently of the supervising adult. The Director, with approval of the Council, may extend the pheasant season on licensed semi-wild preserves for a period not to exceed 20 days.

1. There is no daily bag limit and pheasants of either sex may be taken on properly licensed semi-wild shooting preserves. The total number of pheasants taken on a semi-wild shooting preserve in the season may not exceed the number specified for release on the semi-wild shooting preserve application.

(h) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, 23:3-32, 23:4-2, 23:4-8, and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Amended dates of hunting season throughout; in (d), added seasons in Cumberland and Salem Counties; in (f), inserted provision relating to male pheasants in Cumberland and Salem Counties; and in (h), inserted provision relating to persons between 10 and 15 years of age.

Amended by R.1998 d.408, effective August 3, 1998 (operative August 8, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1681(a), 30 N.J.R. 2886(a).

In (a), (b), (d), (e) and (h), changed season dates throughout.

Amended by R.1999 d.287, effective August 16, 1999 (operative August 21, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 1231(a), 31 N.J.R. 2338(a).

Changed dates throughout; rewrote (a); inserted a new (b); recodified former (b) through (i) as (c) through (j); and in the new (f), inserted "1/2 hour before" following "hours are".

Amended by R.2000 d.365, effective September 5, 2000 (operative September 10, 2000).

See: 32 N.J.R. 1673(a), 32 N.J.R. 3294(a).

Changed dates throughout.

Amended by R.2001 d.300, effective August 20, 2001 (operative August 25, 2001).

See: 33 N.J.R. 1527(a), 33 N.J.R. 2829(a).

Rewrote section.

Amended by R.2002 d.272, effective August 19, 2002, (operative August 24, 2002).

See: 34 N.J.R. 1504(a), 34 N.J.R. 2973(a).

Changed dates throughout; rewrote (f) and (g).

Amended by R.2003 d.359, effective September 2, 2003 (operative September 7, 2003).

See: 35 N.J.R. 1804(a), 35 N.J.R. 4053(a).

Changed dates throughout.

Amended by R.2004 d.385, effective October 4, 2004 (operative October 9, 2004).

See: 36 N.J.R. 2325(a), 36 N.J.R. 4513(b).

Amended by R.2005 d.321, effective September 19, 2005 (operative September 24, 2005).

See: 37 N.J.R. 1959(a), 37 N.J.R. 3657(a).

Rewrote (a)-(c); deleted former (e); added new (e); in (g), rewrote introductory paragraph.

7:25-5.3 Cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*), blacktail jackrabbit (*Lepus californicus*), whitetailed jackrabbit (*Lepus townsendii*), European hare (*Lepus europeus*), chukar partridge (*Alectoris graeca*), and quail (*Colinus virginianus*)

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of cottontail rabbit, black-tailed jack rabbit, white-tailed jack rabbit, European hare and chukar partridge November 12—December 3 and December 12, 13, 15—31, 2005, and

January 2—February 20, 2006; November 11—December 2 and December 11, 12, 14—30, 2006, and January 1—February 19, 2007; November 10—December 1 and December 10, 11, 13—31, 2007, and January 1—February 18, 2008; November 8—December 6 and December 15, 16, 18—31, 2008, and January 1—February 16, 2009; November 7—December 5 and December 14, 15, 17—31, 2009, and January 1—February 15, 2010; and, November 13—December 4 and December 13, 14, 16—31, and January 1—February 21, 2011. The season for hunting quail in the area of New Jersey north of Route 33 is as listed above. The season for hunting quail in the area of New Jersey south of Route 33 is above, except that the season shall end on January 31, 2006, January 31, 2007, January 31, 2008, January 31, 2009, January 30, 2010, and January 31, 2011.

(b) The duration of the season for the hunting of the animals enumerated by (a) above for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is September 1—December 3 and December 12, 13, 15—31, 2005 and January 1—March 31, 2006; September 1—December 2 and December 11, 12, 14—30, 2006 and January 1—March 31, 2007; September 1—December 1 and December 10, 11, 13—31, 2007, and January 1—March 31, 2008; September 1—December 6 and December 15, 16, 18—31, 2008, and January 1—March 31, 2009; September 1—December 5 and December 14, 15, 17—31, 2009, and January 1—March 31, 2010; and, September 1—December 4 and December 13, 14, 16—31, 2010, and January 1—March 31, 2011.

(c) The daily bag limit is one jackrabbit or hare, seven quail, seven chukar partridge, and four cottontail rabbits, except the bag limit for quail in the area of New Jersey south of Route 33 is four quail.

(d) The hunting hours for the animals enumerated in this section are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset on November 12, 2005, November 11, 2006, November 10, 2007, November 8, 2008, November 7, 2009, and November 13, 2010. On all other days for which hunting for these animals is legal, the hours are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(e) The quail and chukar partridge season for properly licensed semi-wild preserves is November 12, 2005—March 15, 2006, November 11, 2006—March 15, 2007, November 10, 2007—March 15, 2008, November 8, 2008—March 15, 2009, November 7, 2009—March 15, 2010, and November 13, 2010—March 15, 2011 inclusive, except that nothing herein contained shall preclude properly licensed and permitted youth hunters from hunting quail and/or chukar on the Saturday before the regular opening of the quail and chukar season on semi-wild preserves licensed for quail and/or chukar. Youth hunters must be under the direct supervision of a non-hunting adult (21 years or older), who must possess a proper and valid firearm license. Direct supervision means the youth hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The youth hunter may not hunt independently of the supervising adult. The Director, with approval of the council, may extend the quail and chukar

partridge season on licensed semi-wild preserves for a period not to exceed 20 days.

1. There is no daily bag limit for quail and chukar partridge taken on properly licensed semi-wild shooting preserves. The total number of quail and chukar partridge taken on a semi-wild shooting preserve in the season may not exceed the number specified for release on the semi-wild shooting preserve application.

(f) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1 and 23:4-2 and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Amended dates of hunting season throughout; and in (e), inserted provision relating to persons between 10 and 15 years of age.

Amended by R.1998 d.408, effective August 3, 1998 (operative August 8, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1681(a), 30 N.J.R. 2886(a).

In (a), (b), (d) and (e), changed season dates throughout.

Amended by R.1999 d.287, effective August 16, 1999 (operative August 21, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 1231(a), 31 N.J.R. 2338(a).

Changed dates throughout; and in (d), inserted "1/2 hour before" following "hours are".

Amended by R.2000 d.365, effective September 5, 2000 (operative September 10, 2000).

See: 32 N.J.R. 1673(a), 32 N.J.R. 3294(a).

Changed dates throughout.

Amended by R.2001 d.300, effective August 20, 2001 (operative August 25, 2001).

See: 33 N.J.R. 1527(a), 33 N.J.R. 2829(a).

Rewrote section.

Amended by R.2002 d.272, effective August 19, 2002, (operative August 24, 2002).

See: 34 N.J.R. 1504(a), 34 N.J.R. 2973(a).

Changed dates throughout; rewrote (e).

Amended by R.2003 d.359, effective September 2, 2003 (operative September 7, 2003).

See: 35 N.J.R. 1804(a), 35 N.J.R. 4053(a).

Amended by R.2004 d.385, effective October 4, 2004 (operative October 9, 2004).

See: 36 N.J.R. 2325(a), 36 N.J.R. 4513(b).

Changed dates throughout; in (e), added 1.

Amended by R.2005 d.321, effective September 19, 2005 (operative September 24, 2005).

See: 37 N.J.R. 1959(a), 37 N.J.R. 3657(a).

Rewrote (a)-(e).

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

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of grouse is October 20—December 3, and December 12, 13, 15—31, 2005; October 19—December 2 and December 11, 12, 14—30, 2006; October 18—December 1 and December 10, 11, 13—31, 2007; October 16—December 6 and December 15, 16, 18—31, 2008; October 15—December 5 and December 14, 15, 17—31, 2009; and, October 21—December 4, and December 13, 14, 16—31, 2010.

(b) Daily bag limit: two grouse. No season limits.

(c) The hunting hours for ruffed grouse are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset except on November 12, 2005, November 11, 2006; November 10, 2007; November 8, 2008; November 7, 2009; and, November 13, 2010 when legal hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset.

(d) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1 and 23:4-2 and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Amended dates of hunting season throughout.

Amended by R.1998 d.408, effective August 3, 1998 (operative August 8, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1681(a), 30 N.J.R. 2886(a).

In (a) and (c), changed season dates throughout.

Amended by R.1999 d.287, effective August 16, 1999 (operative August 21, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 1231(a), 31 N.J.R. 2338(a).

Changed dates throughout; and in (c), inserted "1/2 hour before" following "grouse are".

Amended by R.2000 d.365, effective September 5, 2000 (operative September 10, 2000).

See: 32 N.J.R. 1673(a), 32 N.J.R. 3294(a).

Changed dates throughout.

Amended by R.2001 d.300, effective August 20, 2001 (operative August 25, 2001).

See: 33 N.J.R. 1527(a), 33 N.J.R. 2829(a).

Rewrote section.

Amended by R.2002 d.272, effective August 19, 2002, (operative August 24, 2002).

See: 34 N.J.R. 1504(a), 34 N.J.R. 2973(a).

Changed dates throughout (a) and (c).

Amended by R.2003 d.359, effective September 2, 2003 (operative September 7, 2003).

See: 35 N.J.R. 1804(a), 35 N.J.R. 4053(a).

Changed dates throughout (a) and (c).

Amended by R.2005 d.321, effective September 19, 2005 (operative September 24, 2005).

See: 37 N.J.R. 1959(a), 37 N.J.R. 3657(a).

Rewrote (a) and (c); in (b), substituted "two" for "three" preceding "grouse".

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

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels is September 24–December 3, and December 12, 13, 15–31, 2005 and January 2–February 20, 2006; September 30–December 2 and December 11, 12, 14–30, 2006, and January 1–February 19, 2007; September 29–December 1 and December 10, 11, 13–31, 2007, and January 1–February 18, 2008; September 27–December 6 and December 15, 16, 18–31, 2008, and January 1–February 16, 2009; September 26–December 5 and December 14, 15, 17–31, 2009, and January 1–February 15, 2010; and, September 25–December 4 and December 13, 14, 16–31, 2010, and January 1–February 21, 2011.

(b) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is September 1–December 3, and December 12, 13, 15–31, 2005, and January 1–March 31, 2006; September 1–December 2 and December 11, 12, 14–30, 2006, and January 1–March 31, 2007; September 1–December 1, and December 10, 11, 13–31, 2007, and January 1–March 31, 2008; September 1–December 6 and December 15, 16, 18–31, 2008, and January 1–March 31, 2009; September 1–December 5 and December 14, 15, 17–31, 2009, and January 1–March 31, 2010; and, September 1–December 4 and December 13, 14, 16–31, 2010, and January 1–March 31, 2011.

(c) Daily bag limit: Five squirrels. No season limit.

(d) Hunting hours for squirrels are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except on November 12, 2005; November 11, 2006; November 10, 2007; November 8, 2008; November 7, 2009; and November 13, 2010 when legal hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset.

(e) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1 and 23:4-2 and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).

Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).

Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).

Amended dates of hunting season throughout.

Amended by R.1998 d.408, effective August 3, 1998 (operative August 8, 1998).

See: 30 N.J.R. 1681(a), 30 N.J.R. 2886(a).

In (a), (b), and (d), changed season dates throughout.

Amended by R.1999 d.287, effective August 16, 1999 (operative August 21, 1999).

See: 31 N.J.R. 1231(a), 31 N.J.R. 2338(a).

Changed dates throughout; and in (d), inserted "1/2 hour before" following "squirrels are".

Amended by R.2000 d.365, effective September 5, 2000 (operative September 10, 2000).

See: 32 N.J.R. 1673(a), 32 N.J.R. 3294(a).

Changed dates throughout.

Amended by R.2001 d.300, effective August 20, 2001 (operative August 25, 2001).

See: 33 N.J.R. 1527(a), 33 N.J.R. 2829(a).

Rewrote section.

Amended by R.2002 d.272, effective August 19, 2002, (operative August 24, 2002).

See: 34 N.J.R. 1504(a), 34 N.J.R. 2973(a).

Changed dates throughout (a), (b) and (d).

Amended by R.2003 d.359, effective September 2, 2003 (operative September 7, 2003).

See: 35 N.J.R. 1804(a), 35 N.J.R. 4053(a).

Changed dates throughout (a), (b) and (d).

Amended by R.2005 d.321, effective September 19, 2005 (operative September 24, 2005).

See: 37 N.J.R. 1959(a), 37 N.J.R. 3657(a).

Rewrote (a), (b) and (d).

rifle. Black bears may not be taken from dens. 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 (N.J.S.A. 23:4-24.2). Persons hunting black bear must wear a cap made of 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 hunting.

6. A Black Bear Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from the Division. The Black Bear Hunting Season Permit Quotas are as set forth by Zone as follows:

BLACK BEAR HUNTING SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

<u>Black Bear Hunting Area</u>	<u>Hunting Season Permit Quota</u>	<u>Portions of Counties Involved</u>
1	2,000	Sussex, Warren
2	3,000	Sussex, Warren, Morris
3	3,000	Sussex, Passaic, Morris, Bergen
4	2,000	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset, Sussex
5	0	Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, and Union
6	0	Warren, Hunterdon, Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer, Monmouth, Burlington, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, Salem, Camden, Gloucester

(b) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4.1 and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.

See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).

Amended by R.2000 d.365, effective September 5, 2000 (operative September 10, 2000).

See: 32 N.J.R. 1673(a), 32 N.J.R. 3294(a).

Rewrote the section.

Notice of stay of black bear hunting season.

See: 32 N.J.R. 3592(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.300, effective August 20, 2001 (operative August 25, 2001).

See: 33 N.J.R. 1527(a), 33 N.J.R. 2829(a).

Rewrote (a); deleted (b) through (g); recodified (h) as (b).

Amended by R.2003 d.359, effective September 2, 2003 (operative September 7, 2003).

See: 35 N.J.R. 1804(a), 35 N.J.R. 4053(a).

Rewrote (a).

Amended by R.2004 d.385, effective October 4, 2004 (operative October 9, 2004).

See: 36 N.J.R. 2325(a), 36 N.J.R. 4513(b).

In (a), substituted "6-11, 2004 and shall be concurrent with the six-day firearm deer season" for "8-13, 2003" following "shall be December" in the introductory paragraph, and substituted "2004" for "2003" throughout 1.

Amended by R.2005 d.321, effective September 19, 2005 (operative September 24, 2005).

See: 37 N.J.R. 1959(a), 37 N.J.R. 3657(a).

Rewrote (a).

Amended by R.2007 d.239, effective August 6, 2007.

See: 39 N.J.R. 587(a), 39 N.J.R. 3324(a).

Rewrote (a) liii.

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

(a) The duration of the 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 Fall Either Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Seasons for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 20 and 21 shall include a hunting period "N" of six days including: Monday, October 30—Saturday, November 4, 2006; Monday, October 29—Saturday, November 3, 2007; Monday, October 27—Saturday, November 1, 2008; Monday, October 26—Saturday, October 31, 2009; and, Monday October 25—Saturday, October 30, 2010. There shall be no Fall Turkey Hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, and 22 in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. The hunting periods for all 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler Seasons shall be as set forth in (a)1 through 6 below as follows:

1. Hunting Period A: Monday, April 17—Friday, April 21, 2006; Monday, April 16—Friday, April 20, 2007; Monday, April 14—Friday, April 18, 2008; Monday, April 13—Friday, April 17, 2009; and Monday, April 19—Friday, April 23, 2010, inclusive;

2. Hunting Period B: Monday, April 24—Friday, April 28, 2006; Monday, April 23—Friday, April 27, 2007; Monday, April 21—Friday, April 25, 2008; Monday, April 20—Friday, April 24, 2009; and Monday, April 26—Friday, April 30, 2010, inclusive;

3. Hunting Period C: Monday, May 1—Friday, May 5, 2006; Monday, April 30—Friday, May 4, 2007; Monday, April 28—Friday, May 2, 2008; Monday, April 27—Friday, May 1, 2009; and Monday, May 3—Friday, May 7, 2010, inclusive;

4. Hunting Period D: Monday, May 8—Friday, May 12, 2006; Monday, May 7—Friday, May 11, 2007; Monday, May 5—Friday, May 9, 2008; Monday, May 4—Friday, May 8, 2009; and Monday, May 10—Friday, May 14, 2010, inclusive;

5. Hunting Period E: Monday, May 15—Friday, May 19 and Monday, May 22—Friday, May 26, 2006; Monday, May 14—Friday, May 18 and Monday, May 21—Friday, May 25, 2007; Monday, May 12—Friday, May 16 and Monday, May 19—Friday, May 23, 2008; Monday, May 11—Friday, May 15 and Monday, May 18—Friday, May 22, 2009; and Monday, May 17—Friday, May 21 and Monday, May 24—Friday, May 28, 2010, inclusive;

6. Hunting Period G: Saturdays, April 21 and 28 and May 5, 12 and 19, 2007; April 19 and 26 and May 3, 10

and 17, 2008; April 18 and 25 and May 2, 9 and 16, 2009; April 24 and May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2010; April 23 and 30 and May 7, 14 and 21, 2011; and April 21 and 28 and May 5, 12, and 19, 2012 inclusive; and

7. Hunting Period Y, exclusively applicable to youth hunters 10 to 16 years of age: April 14—May 25, 2007; April 12—May 23, 2008; April 11—May 22, 2009; April 17—May 28, 2010; April 16—May 27, 2011; and April 14—May 25, 2012 inclusive.

(b) Bag Limit: The bag limit for the spring turkey hunting season is one male wild turkey with each special wild turkey, general turkey hunting, private land turkey hunting permit and with each special farmer turkey permit. Only one turkey may be taken in a given day. The bag limit for the fall season is one wild turkey of either-sex per permit.

(c) The hunting hours for wild turkey gobblers in the spring season shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to noon daily. Hunting hours for the fall either sex turkey season shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset daily.

(d) Special wild turkey hunting permits are valid only during the hunting period designated and only in the designated turkey hunting area. Permittees aged 10 to less than 14 years of age shall be accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult who is at least 21 years of age. For the purposes of this section, direct supervision is defined as both the juvenile hunter and properly licensed adult set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit and not hunting independently of each other for different birds. Youth hunters, 10 to 16 years of age, may obtain only one permit for Hunting Period Y per season. Youth hunters may use their Hunting Period Y permit in the designated zone at any time the season is open, including the special youth spring turkey hunting day enumerated in (o) below. Youth hunters possessing permits for Hunting Periods A, B, C, D, E or G may only use these permits during the periods specified and on the special youth spring turkey hunting day. Youth hunters are not required to use their Hunting Period Y permit before using other permits. After taking their bird with a permit for Hunting Period Y, youth hunters are subject to the same area and hunting period that any additional regular period hunting permit designates. Permits are not transferable.

(e) Hunting methods shall be restricted to calling or stand hunting during the spring gobbler season. No person shall stalk or attempt to approach a wild turkey for the purpose of taking or attempting to take the bird. All persons must have a turkey calling device in their possession while turkey hunting. No person shall use an electronic calling device for calling turkeys at any time during the open season. Persons may not drive or chase wild turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of hunters, except that fall hunters may rush turkeys for the purpose of causing the flock to scatter. No group of hunters larger than five individuals may hunt turkeys at any time. The use of dogs is prohibited in the spring gobbler sea-

son. No live or electronically operated decoys may be used. Fluorescent hunters orange is not required on outer clothing for turkey hunting. No shot size larger than No. 4 fine shot or smaller than No. 7 1/2 fine shot may be used for turkey hunting. No shotgun larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge may be used for turkey hunting. A person hunting turkeys shall not have in possession or control, a firearm or other weapon within 300 feet of a baited area during the turkey hunting seasons. A baited area is defined as the collection, deposit, concentration or unnatural gathering of feed including, but not limited to, corn, wheat, oats or other substance that may constitute a lure or enticement to turkeys.

(f) Method: The taking of one male wild turkey in the spring gobbler season or one wild turkey of either sex during the fall turkey season per special turkey permit with firearm or bow and arrow is permitted in any designated turkey hunting areas by holders of a special wild turkey permit.

1. Except as provided in (h)1 below, special wild turkey permits will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm or archery hunting licenses. Only one application per person may be submitted for the spring wild turkey season and only one application per person may be submitted for the fall turkey season during the initial application period. Only one application per person may be submitted for a left over permit during the initial application period. All persons, while their hunting licenses are void under authority of law or as imposed by a court, are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring a turkey hunting permit.

(g) Special permits consist of a back display which includes a wild turkey transportation tag. The back portion of the permit will be conspicuously displayed on the outer clothing in addition to the valid firearm or archery license. Any wild turkey killed must be tagged immediately with the completed wild turkey transportation tag. This completely filled in wild turkey transportation tag allows legal transportation of the wild turkey to an authorized checking station only. Personnel at the checking station will issue a "possession tag". Any permit holder killing a wild turkey must transport this wild turkey to an authorized checking station by 3:00 P.M. on the day killed during the spring gobbler hunting season or by 7:00 P.M. on the day killed during the fall turkey season to secure the legal "possession tag." The possession of a wild turkey after 3:00 P.M. on the date killed during the spring gobbler season or 7:00 P.M. on the date killed during the fall season without a legal "possession tag" shall be deemed illegal possession.

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

1. Holders of valid and current firearm or archery hunting licenses, including juvenile licenses, shall apply by submitting an application. Applications shall be submitted via the Division's ELS or, in the event of ELS operating difficulties, by providing the same information at ELS lo-

permittee, including sworn statements from the permittee or other persons with knowledge relevant to the allegations on which the Division action is based. The petition and its supporting statements and documentation shall be made available to the court and all parties in advance of any hearing.

4. The Division shall reinstate horseshoe crab harvesting privileges suspended for late or incomplete reports, but no more than one time per permittee in any single permit year, if that permittee personally delivers any missing reports, completed, along with a credible written explanation for the delay and/or omissions to the Division within 20 business days from the date on the notice of suspension.

5. Any permittee who has had his or her horseshoe crab harvesting privilege revoked shall be disqualified from exercising any privilege associated with a horseshoe crab harvesting permit for 24 months following the effective date of an uncontested notice of proposed revocation of privileges, or whichever of the following is applicable:

i. The date of the Commissioner's Final Decision affirming revocation of horseshoe crab harvesting privileges, or

ii. The filing date of the court order affirming the Commissioner's Final Decision revoking horseshoe crab harvesting privileges.

6. The Division shall issue a horseshoe crab permit to an applicant pending resolution of a contested Division proposal to revoke that applicant's horseshoe crab harvesting privilege, but that permittee shall not exercise or enjoy any horseshoe crab harvesting privilege pending resolution of a proposed revocation until, as appropriate, one of the following occurs:

i. The Division Director lifts the suspension of that permittee's horseshoe crab harvesting privilege;

ii. The Commissioner issues a Final Decision reinstating that permittee's horseshoe crab harvesting privilege; or

iii. A court of competent jurisdiction orders reinstatement of that permittee's horseshoe crab harvesting privileges.

New Rule, R.1993 d.185, effective May 3, 1993.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2978(a), 25 N.J.R. 1876(b).

Amended by R.1996 d.218, effective May 6, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 245(a), 28 N.J.R. 2375(a).

Emergency amendment R.1997 d.268, effective May 30, 1997 (expired July 29, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 3084(a).

The emergency amendment substantially amended (a); rewrote (b) and (c); and deleted (d).

Emergency amendment R.1997 d.350, effective July 29, 1997 (to expire September 27, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 3737(a).

In (a), substituted "land or possess horseshoe crabs" for "horseshoe crabs except by hand collection or while using other gear allowed under this chapter and/or N.J.S.A. Titles 23 and 50" and inserted "be eligible to" preceding "obtain a permit"; added (a)3; inserted new (b) and (c);

added (f) and (g); recodified former (b), (b)1, (c) and (d) as (d), (e), (h) and (i), respectively; deleted former (d)2 and 3; in (e), inserted reference to uplands; and in (h), for contents of monthly report, deleted to gear utilized.

Adopted concurrent proposal, R.1997 d.446, effective September 25, 1997.

See: 29 N.J.R. 3737(a), 29 N.J.R. 4900(a).

Deleted (g); changes upon adoption effective November 17, 1997.

Amended by R.1998 d.185, effective April 6, 1998.

See: 30 N.J.R. 262(b), 30 N.J.R. 1320(a).

Rewrote (c); and in (d), extended the horseshoe crab season from May 1 through June 30 to April 1 through August 15.

Amended by R.2001 d.73, effective March 5, 2001.

See: 32 N.J.R. 4435(a), 33 N.J.R. 874(a).

Amended by R.2001 d.346, effective September 17, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 453(a), 33 N.J.R. 3352(a).

Rewrote (d), (e), and (g); added new (h); recodified former (h) as (i) and rewrote first sentence as new first and second sentences; and recodified former (i) as (j).

Emergency amendment, R.2002 d.223, effective May 1, 2003 (to expire June 30, 2003).

See: 35 N.J.R. 2366(a).

In (d), substituted "150,000" for "297,680" in the introductory paragraph; in (d)1, specified season for horseshoe crab; in (i), rewrote the first sentence and added a second sentence.

Adopted concurrent amendment, R.2003 d.305, effective June 30, 2003.

See: 35 N.J.R. 2366(a), 35 N.J.R. 3611(b).

Provisions of R.2002 d.223 adopted without change.

Emergency amendment, R.2005 d.215, effective June 9, 2005 (to expire August 8, 2005).

See: 37 N.J.R. 2565(a).

In (d), updated the horseshoe crab season dates in 1.

Emergency amendment, R.2005 d.215, expired August 8, 2005.

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See: 37 N.J.R. 4074(a), 5066(a).

Amended by R.2006 d.195, effective May 15, 2006.

See: 38 N.J.R. 873(a), 38 N.J.R. 2139(a).

In the introductory paragraph of (a), substituted "Subject to the . . . in (d) below, any" for "Any" in the second sentence and substituted "section" for "prohibition" in the third sentence; and rewrote the former first sentence of (d) as the first and second sentences.

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See: 39 N.J.R. 700(b), 1528(a).

Petition for Rulemaking: Horseshoe crabs.

See: 40 N.J.R. 893(a), 2139(b), 2291(a).

Case Notes

Adoption of a permanent rule for harvesting horseshoe crabs rendered moot an appeal from a judgment determining that an emergency amendment, which extended prior emergency amendment's 60-day ban on taking horseshoe crabs for another 60 days, violated the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). Delaware Bay Waterman's Ass'n of New Jersey v. New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection, 709 A.2d 192, 153 N.J. 345 (N.J. 1998).

Emergency amendment to regulation, which extended prior emergency amendment's ban on taking horseshoe crabs, violated Administrative Procedure Act's requirement of legislative approval for such amendment continuation; although Department of Environmental Protection offered two different reasons for original and successive amendments, each amendment had same cause and same result, rendering successive amendment a continuation of first. Delaware Bay Waterman's Ass'n of New Jersey v. New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection, 304 N.J.Super. 20, 697 A.2d 957 (A.D. 1997).

7:25-18.17 Request for adjudicatory hearing

Any person, subject to the limitation on third party appeal rights set forth in P.L. 1993, c.359 (N.J.S.A. 52:14B-3.1 through 3.3), who believes himself or herself to be aggrieved with respect to a license and/or permit decision made by the

Department under this subchapter may request an adjudicatory hearing pursuant to the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., in accordance with the provisions set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:25-14.21, Request for adjudicatory hearing.

New Rule, R.2004 d.20, effective January 5, 2004.
See: 35 N.J.R. 4224(b), 36 N.J.R. 174(b).

**SUBCHAPTER 18A. FISHERIES CLOSURES AND
ADVISORIES FOR STRIPED BASS, AMERICAN
EEL, BLUEFISH, WHITE PERCH AND WHITE
CATFISH TAKEN FROM THE NORTHEAST
REGION OF THE STATE**

Subchapter Historical Note

Subchapter 18A, Fisheries Closures and Advisories for Striped Bass, American Eel, Bluefish, White Perch and White Catfish Taken from the Northeast Region of the State, was adopted as emergency new rules by R.1982 d.477, effective December 15, 1982.

7:25-18A.1 Authority

This subchapter has been promulgated pursuant to the Marine Fisheries Management and Commercial Fisheries Act, N.J.S.A. 23:2B-1 et seq.

7:25-18A.2 Scope and construction

(a) The following shall constitute the rules governing the issuance by the Department, of fisheries closures and advi-

sories concerning PCB contaminated fish taken from the waters of the Northeast Region of the State.

(b) These rules shall be liberally construed to permit the Department to effectuate the purpose of these rules.

7:25-18A.3 Definitions

“Advisory” means a Departmental warning to limit consumption of designated fish species taken from designated regions of the State’s waters.

“Closure” or “closed” means prohibition of sales of designated fish species taken from designated regions of the State’s waters.

“Commissioner” means the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.

“Department” means the Department of Environmental Protection.

“Limited consumption” or “limit consumption” means that in order to reduce exposure to and bioaccumulation of PCBs, persons of high risk, including but not limited to pregnant women, nursing mothers, women of child-bearing age, and young children, should not eat any designated fish species taken from designated regions of the State’s waters and all other persons should not consume more than one meal per week of any designated fish taken from designated regions of the State’s waters.