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## SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

## 7:25-1.1 Scope

Unless otherwise provided, the following shall constitute supplements to the statutes governing fish and game laws.

## Case Notes

In constitutional challenge by unincorporated organization whose members advocated and practiced a "clothing-optional lifestyle" to local ordinance barring nude sunbathing on township beaches, ordinance held constitutional and generally enforceable in township; ordinance unenforceable on beach located on State-owned lands inside township boundaries. *Tri-State Metro Naturists v. Lower Twp.*, 219 N.J.Super. 103, 529 A.2d 1047 (Law Div.1987).

## 7:25-1.2 Construction

These rules shall be liberally construed to permit the department, the Division of Fish and Wildlife and its various agencies to discharge its statutory functions.

Amended by R.2001 d.73, effective March 5, 2001.  
See: 32 N.J.R. 4435(a), 33 N.J.R. 874(a).

## 7:25-1.3 Practice where rules do not govern

The Fish and Game Council may rescind, amend or expand these rules from time to time, and such new rules shall be filed with the Secretary of State as provided by law.

## 7:25-1.4 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise.

"Closed season" means the time during the year when fish, game, birds, or animals, as the case may be, may not be captured, taken, killed or had in possession.

"Code" means the New Jersey Administrative Code.

"Compendium" means the regularly published summary of applicable rules, regulations and statutes.

"Conservation officer" means a law enforcement officer of the division.

"Council" means the Fish and Game Council in the Division.

"Division" means the Division of Fish and Wildlife in the Department of Environmental Protection.

"Open season" means the time during the year when fish, game, birds or animals, as the case may be, may be captured, taken, killed or had in possession.

Amended by R.2001 d.73, effective March 5, 2001.  
See: 32 N.J.R. 4435(a), 33 N.J.R. 874(a).

## 7:25-1.5 License, permit and stamp fees

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 23:3-1a, the fees for hunting and fishing licenses, permits and stamps issued by the Division are as follows. The listed fees include, where applicable, a nonrefundable \$2.00 application fee as set by the Legislature in N.J.S.A. 23:3-1c and an issuance fee of \$.50 as set by the Legislature in N.J.S.A. 23:3-1.1, 23:3-4 and 23:3-4.1.

Resident Fishing	\$ 16.50
Jr/Sr Fishing	7.75
Family Fishing	27.50
Family Supplement	2.25
Non-Resident Fishing	25.25
Non-Resident 7-Day Fishing	16.50
Resident Trout Stamp	7.75
Non-Resident Trout Stamp	15.50
Resident Hunting	22.00
Jr/Sr Hunting	10.75
Juvenile Hunting	3.00
Non-Resident 2-Day Hunting	27.50
1 Day Hunting	7.75
Resident Bow and Arrow	26.25
Jr/Sr Bow and Arrow	12.00
Juvenile Bow and Arrow	3.00
All Around Sportsman	60.50
Pheasant/Quail Stamp	22.00
Woodcock Stamp	2.75
Rifle Permit	14.00
Deer Permit	21.75
Turkey Permit	16.25
Semi-Wild	57.00
Commercial Hunt	222.00
Propagation	7.50
Fish Preserve	167.00

R.1973 d.13, effective January 8, 1973.

See: 5 N.J.R. 38(c).

Amended by R.1989 d.26, effective January 3, 1989.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2666(a), 20 N.J.R. 55(a).

Deleted (a)5 and 6 and renumbered 7-11. as 5-9.

Amended by R.1989 d.502, effective September 18, 1989.

See: 21 N.J.R. 1482(b), 21 N.J.R. 2963(a).

Lease and surveying fees deleted.

Repealed by R.1991 d.132, effective March 18, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 37(a), 23 N.J.R. 848(b).

Section 1.5—Fee schedule—deleted.

New Rule, R.1993 d.360, effective July 19, 1993.

See: 25 N.J.R. 1928(a), 25 N.J.R. 3154(a).

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

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

## 7:25-1.6 (Reserved)

## 7:25-1.7 Penalties

(a) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 50:2-1 no person shall take or catch any clams without either a recreational or commercial license. Any person violating this provision shall be liable to a penalty of \$20.00 for the first offense and \$40.00 for each subsequent offense.

(b) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 50:2-2, no person shall take or catch more than 150 clams a day with only a recreational license or no license. Any person violating this provision shall be liable to a penalty of \$100.00 for the first offense and \$200.00 for each subsequent offense.