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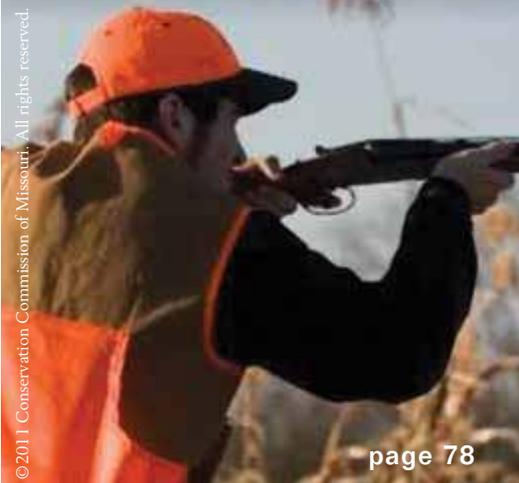
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- To educate New Jerseyans on the values and needs of our fish and wildlife and to foster a positive human/wildlife co-existence.
- To maximize the recreational and commercial use of New Jersey's fish and wildlife for both present and future generations.

Director's Message



BY DAVE CHANDA

As Director, I am fortunate to have a number of interesting letters cross my desk. Recently, Julius Shepherd sent me a letter regarding Frank Harmin, his 98 year old uncle who has hunted and fished in New Jersey all his life—and STILL hunts and

fishes today. Not only will Mr. Harmin be deer hunting again this fall, he will likely be driving himself 50 miles (just as he did last year) to hunt his nephew's Hunterdon County farm. We hope to tell you more about Mr. Harmin and his recollections of hunting and fishing in New Jersey in our next issue of the *Hunting & Trapping Digest*.

While contemplating Mr. Harmin's fabulous longevity in the outdoors, I couldn't help but think of all the changes he has witnessed in New Jersey wildlife populations and hunting opportunities during the last century. The evolution of conservation during his lifetime is staggering as is the realization of how truly fortunate we are to have the wildlife and hunting opportunities that currently exist in New Jersey.

When Mr. Harmin was born in 1913, white-tailed deer from Pennsylvania and Michigan were being released to "re-establish" the New Jersey deer population. Around the same time, black bears were little more than a memory in the Garden State. When Mr. Harmin was born, waterfowl populations had already been decimated and it wasn't until five years after his birth that the Federal Migratory Bird Act of 1918 outlawed market hunting and better regulated the sport hunter as well. The only turkeys he heard gobble as a boy were domestic birds since the wild turkey had been silenced long before. Even populations of wildlife that were doing well at the time of his birth, like the ring-necked pheasant, had to be supplemented as early as 1922 with game farm-reared birds.

The good old days were not so good for our fish and wildlife resource nor for the hunters and anglers who were our country's first conservationists. Bag limits were meager, nearly all land was privately owned, hunting seasons were extremely short and incredibly—the relative cost of a hunting license was the same as it is today. The first resident hunting license required in 1909 cost \$1.15. When adjusted for inflation,

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I am sure Mr. Harmin will agree we've come a long way since 1913. New Jersey's populations of white-tailed deer, black bear, waterfowl and wild turkey are now abundant and thriving as are sensitive endangered species such as bald eagle and peregrine falcon. At no time in our past have we had more recreational hunting opportunities or public land open to hunting and wildlife viewing as we do today.

Our wealth of fish and wildlife and the countless ways it enriches our lives today are indisputable evidence of the successes of professional wildlife management and the "user pays-user regulated" North American Model of Wildlife Conservation. As hunters and anglers, we can all be proud of the fish and wildlife legacy we and our forebears built in New Jersey during the last century. We can only hope to have as many years as Mr. Harmin has had to enjoy that legacy. ♪

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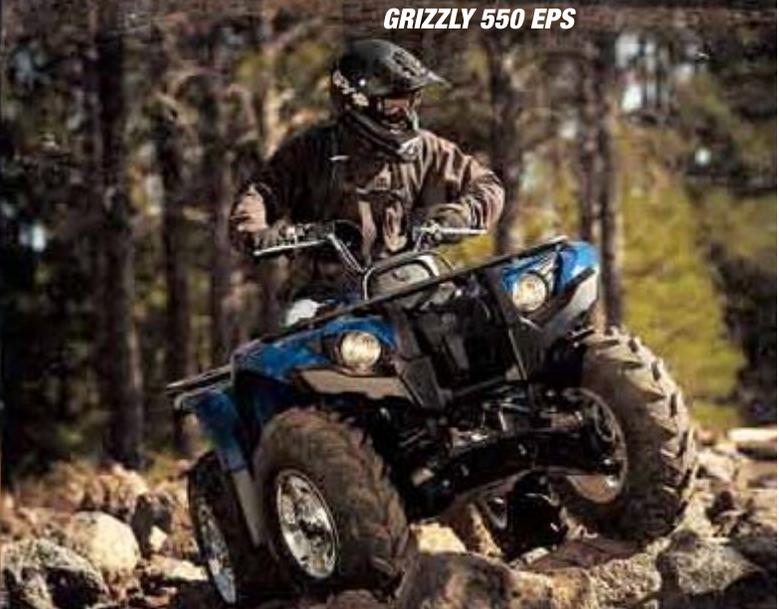
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Highlights of Regulation Changes

2011-2012 HUNTING AND TRAPPING

CHANGES TO REGULATIONS

Changes to deer regulations for the 2011-12 seasons are extensive and involve: **a trial run of the new automated method of deer check to be in effect ONLY for the Winter Bow season**; the inclusion of five deer management zones (DMZ) into the Antler Point Restriction Program; the requirement for farmers who deer hunt during the non-permit seasons to get a free conservation identification number (CID); the requirement to use hunter orange if deer hunting from a ground blind while any deer firearm season is open; for youth hunters only, the removal of the requirement to harvest an antlerless deer before an antlered deer in the early fall bow season; the addition of a new deer regulation set; and several deer management zone boundary changes.

• For the upcoming **Winter Bow Season only**, successful deer hunters must check their deer using Fish and Wildlife's **new Automated Deer Check System**. This is a trial run prior to the system's full implementation for the 2012-13 deer season in September of 2012 when the automated system will replace all deer check stations. Under the new system, all hunters will still have to check their deer, but will no longer be required to bring the deer to a check station. For the trial run during January and February 2012, Winter Bow season hunters must check their deer via telephone or online. The number and Web site address will be printed on your 2012 hunting license. Note that successful Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun Season deer hunters must still bring their harvest to a deer check station during January and February 2012. Go to www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com for detailed instructions, zone maps, township and deer management unit information necessary to check in your deer using this new system. See pages 30 and 32 for additional information.

• **DMZs 28, 30, 31, 34 and 47 are included the antler point restriction** regulation. Bucks harvested in these zones must now have a minimum of three antler points on one side to be legal.

• **All farmers who deer hunt must now have a conservation ID number.** A CID is obtained free at license agents or online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. A CID will be necessary to check a deer when Fish and Wildlife transitions to our automated deer check 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.

• Both firearm plus bow and arrow deer hunters utilizing a **ground blind** during a concurrent firearm deer season must display at least 200

square inches of **hunter orange** atop the blind and visible from all sides, or within five feet outside of the blind and higher than the blind or at least three feet off the ground, whichever is higher.

• **Youth hunters** 10 through 16 years of age with a youth hunting license are **exempt from taking an antlerless deer before taking an antlered deer** during the early Fall Bow Season for DMZs in Regulation Sets 4, 6 and 8.

• A new **Regulation Set 3A** is added. Set 3A is based on Regulation Set 3, but has the addition of an early Fall Bow Season, and an unlimited antlerless bag limit for all bow seasons. **DMZ 6 is added to Regulation Set 3A.**

• **The zone boundary between DMZs 19 and 23 is changed.** That portion of DMZ 19 around Tabernacle is returned to DMZ 23. See zone boundary descriptions on page 34.

• **The zone boundary between DMZs 25 and 65 is changed** to move the portion of DMZ 25 that contains the White Oak Branch Wildlife Management Area into DMZ 65. See zone boundary descriptions on page 34 for details.

• Possession of **judo tips and target blunts in the field are now legal** only for the safe discharge of crossbows.

• **Zone 38** (Great Swamp NWR) has **season date changes.**

Other Game Code amendments for the 2011-12 hunting seasons include the following:

• The closing date of the **rabbit and hare season** is moved back to the Saturday after the third Monday in February, **adding five days to the season**; see page 64.

• The **hunting season for bobwhite quail is closed statewide** with the exception of the Peaslee and Greenwood WMAs and existing semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves; see page 62.

• **Separate black bear hunting seminars have been eliminated.** Bear hunting information will now be covered by the regular Hunter Education Program courses. See page 60.

» Bear hunters may now purchase a **second black bear hunting permit** for a different zone, if any leftover permits are available after the initial black bear permit lottery. The season bag limit remains at one bear per hunter. See pages 13 and 60.

» **The application period deadline** for black bear hunting permits is **changed from October 30 to October 15.** See page 13.

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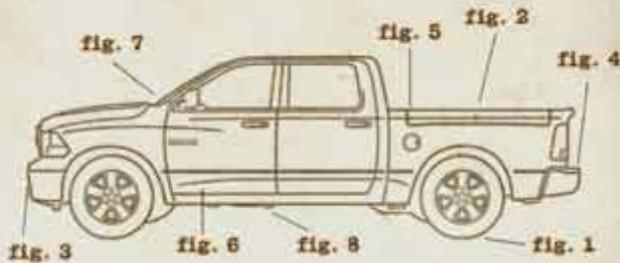


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- » **Special farmer black bear permits are now available—free**—as are the special farmer deer and turkey permits. See page 29.
- The **fall turkey season is expanded by one day**. The season will now open on a Saturday and continue through the following Saturday. There is no Sunday turkey hunting. See page 67.
- **Newbold Island**, a hunttable island in the Delaware River near Bordentown, is **added to Turkey Hunting Area (THA) 14**. See page 67.
- The **boundary between THAs 16 and 22 is changed**. A portion of THA 16 with higher turkey densities is now part of THA 22 which includes both a spring and fall turkey hunting season. See page 67.
- Beaver trapping permits are adjusted for beaver management zones 13, 19, 20 and 27; see page 13.
- Crossbows are now permitted for the taking of migratory birds.
- Sandhill cranes are protected as a migratory species with a closed season.
- The **bow and arrow season for coyote and fox is changed to open with the early fall bow deer season**, in DMZs with an early fall bow season, increasing the season length by three weeks.
- The **firearm or bow and arrow coyote and fox season is extended by four weeks**; see page 62.
- Arrows with edged heads are prohibited for the **taking of game birds in flight; flu-flu arrows now required instead**. See page 25. 🏹

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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. 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), from approved license agents listed on page 18, or by calling (888) 773-8450.

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The "Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires Fish and Wildlife to collect and maintain Social Security numbers and a child support

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A farmer and the immediate members of the family 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.

Beginning in January 2012, all farmers must have a Conservation Identification number (CID). Apply starting on Dec. 15, 2011 for a free CID either at a license agent (see page 20) or online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. No purchase required. All hunters will need a CID when Fish and Wildlife transitions to the Automated Deer Check System in 2012.

Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements

New Jersey requires everyone 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.

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 Web site. 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 Web site at NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm or call (877) 2HUNT NJ.

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- Central Region Office, Upper Freehold Twp., Monmouth Co., (609) 259-2132;
- Southern Region Office, Sicklerville, Camden Co., (856) 629-0090.

Applications for disabled veteran certification and your first disabled veteran license may be made via the mail by sending the application and all required documentation to: Pequest Trout Hatchery/Natural Resource Ed. Ctr, Disabled Veteran Applications, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863.

All licenses, stamps and permits for which the veteran is eligible will be free of charge. This does not give preferential treatment in any lottery.

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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transportation tags 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 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 Web site at <http://www.atf.gov/forms/download/atf-f-5330-3a.pdf>.

Non-resident Servicemen 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

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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

See *Take a Kid Hunting* pages 22–24. Properly licensed youth hunters ages 10–13 may hunt only when under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult age 21 or older. Youths 15 years of age and under are able to hunt, fish and trap for free provided they have passed a hunter or trapper education course. Youth hunters who pre-registered and successfully complete a hunter education course will receive their youth 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.

Permits for Hunters and Trappers

Lottery Permit Application Process

A lottery is conducted to allocate turkey, beaver, otter and black bear hunting or trapping permits; application is required for these lottery permits. **There will be no lottery for deer permits this year.** See *Special Areas*, page 50 for specific deer permit requirements on those properties. 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,

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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 now, 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 Web site, 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

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 Web site (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 via the Internet. Internet permit purchases CANNOT be printed from 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.
- Additional information—including the zone map and descriptions—becomes available Sept. 12 on Fish and Wildlife’s Web site, 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. 14, the same time successful applicants may begin to claim their awards. Beaver and Otter Permits awarded in the lottery must be claimed prior to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5. Awarded permits that are not claimed prior to 11:59 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 5 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. 12, 2011. 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 Web site late in the afternoon of Thursday, December 8, 2011.
- 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 15 - Oct 15.

Award notifications and permit pick-up period begins on October 24. Permits awarded in the lottery must be claimed prior to 11:59 P.M. on SUNDAY, November 13.

Any leftover and unclaimed permits will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis beginning at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 16, 2011. Permits will

be available for sale at all license agents and on our Internet sales site. Leftover permit availability will be posted on our Web site by the end of the day on Tuesday, November 15, 2011.

2011 Black Bear Hunting Permit Quota	
Black Bear Management Zone	# of Permits
1	2,000
2	3,000
3	3,000
4	2,000

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, 2012.
- Permits will be available at any license agent or via Fish and Wildlife’s Internet license sales site beginning Dec. 15, 2011. A 2012 hunting license must be purchased prior to, or in conjunction with, the purchase of a 2012 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

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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 Web site at 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, 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 for 10- to 17-year-olds will be valid only for muzzleloaders. No persons under age 18 may hunt with centerfire or rimfire rifles.
- 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 now handled on two separate applications; only one application may be made for each season.
- Complete instructions for the 2012 Spring Gobbler season will be detailed in the *2012 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, available in late January at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices, and on our Web site at NJFishandWildlife.com.

Turkey Permits, 2011 Fall Season

- Fall turkey hunting is by permit only.
- The 2011 Fall Turkey Permit Lottery Application period is Aug. 1–Aug. 31.
- Award notification and permit pickup will begin Sept. 12.
- All permits awarded in the lottery will be held until 11:59 p.m. on Oct. 2. Unclaimed, awarded

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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. 4, at 10 a.m., first come, first served, at license agents and at Fish and Wildlife's Internet sales site www.NJWildlifeLicense.com.
- Detailed information on the application procedures, season dates, bag limits and permit quotas are available in the *2011 Wild Turkey Hunting Season Permit Supplement*, which can be found on Fish and Wildlife's Web site or at license agents.
- For more detailed information including the status of available permits, check the Web site or call the 24-hour automated Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192.

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:

1. have a permanent or irreversible physical disability that limits their ambulatory ability,
2. suffer from cardiovascular disease and are classified as Class 3 or 4 heart patients according to American Heart Association standards, or
3. suffer from chronic lung disease. This permit will be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician or chiropractor.

Individuals hunting with a permit to hunt or shoot from a motor vehicle must mark the vehicle being used for the purpose of hunting either with handicapped license plates issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission or by displaying a sign provided by Fish and Wildlife in the rear window of the vehicle being used.

Additional information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions is available by calling (609) 292-2965 or by writing: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Handicapped Permits, MC 501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or downloaded directly from our Web site: 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;

- Game birds and mammals: (609) 292-2966, NJFishandWildlife.com/captpermits.htm.

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 tag, 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) hunting or possessing pheasant (or quail on Greenwood Forest or Peaslee WMAs) on the following designated wildlife management areas must have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp (the free youth hunting license includes a 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

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 12.

- 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.**

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- 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 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 2012 calendar year. Hunters are still limited to purchasing one zone-specific permit per 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 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 Hunting 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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Antlered Buck Permits may be purchased only during specific time frames. Antlered Buck Permits

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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. 29** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Muzzleloader Season **must be purchased by Nov. 28** at 11:59 p.m.
- Antlered Buck Permits for the Permit Shotgun Season **must be purchased by Dec. 14** 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.
- Bow, muzzleloader and shotgun permits will be available for sale beginning at 10:00 am on Monday, September 12, 2011 and continue until each season ends. Some seasons run through Feb. 11, 2012. See *Regulation Sets*, page 44.
- Hours of operation and types of payment accepted vary according to license agent. Be prepared.
- To purchase a permit at a license agent a hunter must present his or her valid, current year's hunting license.
- A person may purchase a permit for an absent hunter only when the following conditions are met:
 1. The absent hunter has already completed a Child Support Certification (see page 10) 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.

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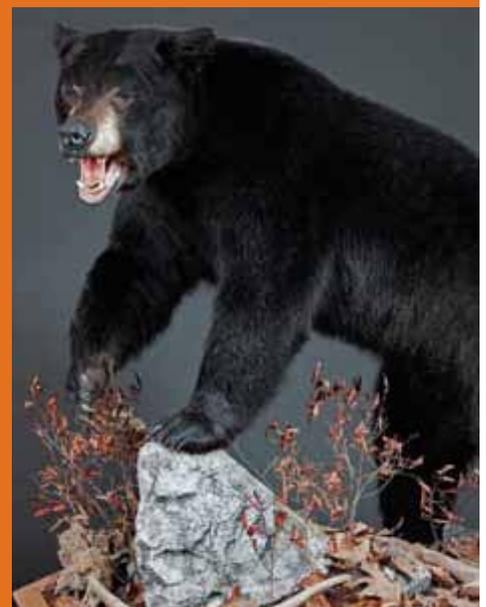
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Deer Season Permits

PERMIT INFORMATION

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- 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 NAES (Zone 53), FAA Tech Center (Zone 66) and Fort Dix (Zone 37). All have lower quotas with a limited number of available permits. Due to heightened security, hunters must be sure to have proper security clearance and access prior to applying for or purchasing permits for military base zones.

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<p>Deer Pick-up Times</p> <p>Early Season: Sat. 9 am–2 pm</p> <p>From Thanksgiving–End of January: Thurs. 7 pm–9 pm Sat. 9 am–2 pm</p> <p>Deer Drop Off 24-7</p> <p>\$20 deposit on all deer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sweet 'n Spicy Cheese Links • • BBQ Snack Sticks • • Venison BBQ • • Burger (with pork or bacon) • • Sausage (hot or sweet) • • Deer Roll • • Kielbasa • • Bologna • • Honey Bologna • • Bologna with Cheese • • Snack Sticks • • Reconstructed Jerky • • Hot Dogs • • Seasoned Patties • • Smoked Tennessee Sausage • • Minute Steaks • • Dried Beef • • Jerky • • Cape out service •
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TAKE A KID HUNTING

YOUTH DEER HUNTING DAYS

Youth Bow Hunt, Saturday, September 24, 2011

Youth Firearm Hunt, Saturday, November 19, 2011

Bill Weiss, Jr.



Young Billy Weiss and his grandfather Bill (Pop) Weiss, Sr. with one of two eight-pointers Billy took in 2010.

In 2010, my son Billy Weiss, 10, shot two eight-point bucks. He took his first deer ever, a spike, the season before.

While scouting, Billy saw a buck which he was sure was an eight point. He was determined to harvest it and during the fall bow season he did by making a perfect double-lung shot. (What a happy kid!) This was his first eight-pointer; it has a 19 1/2-inch spread.

Billy and I hunted on Youth Day. Several does and a small buck came in. He passed on the buck which had a broken antler. Later we saw a nice buck chasing does about 150 yards away. Finally, the does came closer. Moments later the buck followed and trotted by our stand. Billy took aim with his 20 gauge Mossberg, making a single, lethal shot with a slug—his second eight pointer of the year! Besides having a very happy son, I was the happiest, most proud dad ever! WHAT A GREAT DAY!!!

I am looking forward to many happy years hunting with my son. I've hunted with my dad for 35 years and now two years with my son. Three generations of Bills hunting together for a lifetime of memories! Thank you for the youth day season! It is great that we can keep alive the hunting tradition.

*Sincerely,
Bill Weiss
Montville, NJ*

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

Who can hunt:

Hunters with a valid youth hunting license.

- 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 or possess a firearm or bow. 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 muzzle-loader. 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 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.

Tagging Requirement

The youth hunter must tag their deer with a homemade transportation tag, or cut out the deer transportation tag provided on page 29.

- The tag must include the youth hunting license number or Conservation ID number, sex of deer, number of antler points, date, zone, county and township from which the deer was taken, and must say "Taken during the Bow (or Firearm) Youth Hunt." No supplemental tags are issued when Youth Hunt deer are checked.

YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT November 5, 2011

The 2011 Take a Kid Hunting Pheasant Hunt will allow properly licensed hunters with a valid youth license to hunt on one of nine stocked Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on Saturday morning, Nov. 5, 2011. 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, 2011. Information will be mailed around Oct. 21, 2011.

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. 5, 2011 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. 5, 2011 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 1):

- Assunpink Black River Clinton Colliers Mills
 Millville Peaslee Whittingham Winslow

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

- NO YES—2010 Other (list year) _____

3. With what gauge shotgun will you be hunting?

- 12 16 20 28 .410 caliber

4. If you have a trained hunting dog and would like to participate as a mentor, enter your name and daytime phone number: _____

5. Breed of dog: _____

TAKE A KID HUNTING

National Wild Turkey Federation



YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY

April 21, 2012

Youth hunters with a valid youth license who have obtained a turkey permit may begin their spring turkey season on the special youth turkey hunting day, April 21, 2012. Youth must be under the direct supervision of an adult 21 years or older who possesses a valid New Jersey hunting license.

Chris DeAngelo, during his youth, enjoyed a great day afield at the mentored youth pheasant hunt.



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YOUTH UPLAND BIRD HUNT DAY

Saturday, November 5, 2011

Youth hunters 15 years and under with a valid youth license, 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. 5, 2011 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.

YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAYS

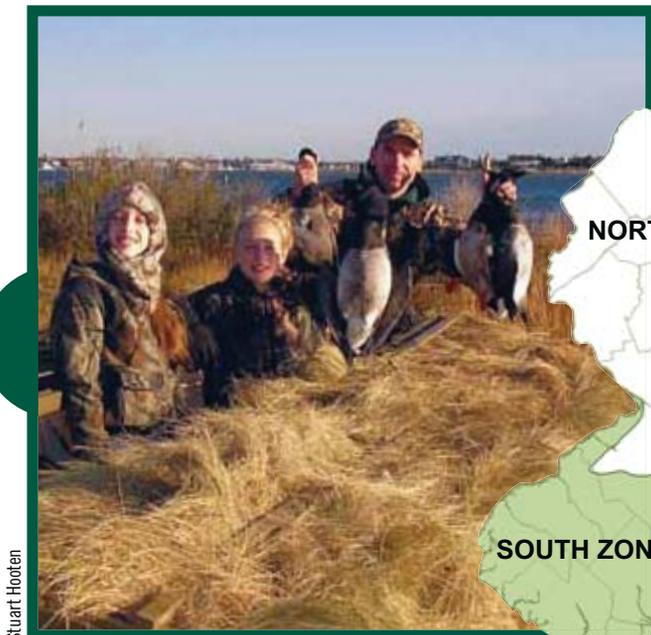
Youth hunters 15 years and under with a valid youth hunting license and under the direct supervision of a non-shooting New Jersey-licensed adult hunter (age 21 or older) will be permitted to hunt for waterfowl from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset on the following dates by zone:

North Zone.Oct. 1; Nov. 5

South ZoneNov. 11–12

Coastal ZoneOct. 22; Oct. 29

Each youth hunter may participate on all four days. See the New Jersey 2011–12 *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 74 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.



Stuart Hooten

Pat Hand with daughters Katrina and Erika enjoy a Youth Hunt on Barnegat Bay in Brick Township.



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 96, 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 14, 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.

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 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 barbed broadheads
- **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

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.

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.

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

- 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.
- 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.

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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 new 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-3) 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: Your liability changes if you charge a fee 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 14. 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 tag 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, hunting license number and possession seal number of any black bear, deer or turkey 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 (tag or seal) should be retained for verification. Road killed deer 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 Web site, 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 shells. No 10–17 year-olds may hunt with any rimfire or centerfire rifle.

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 3.

Safety Zone

No 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.

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 now 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 83 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. 🐾

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 26.)
- 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.
- Using electronic calling devices except when hunting for fox, raccoon, crow and coyote.
- 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.

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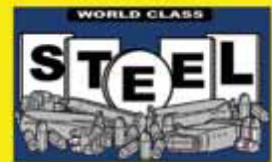
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Farmer License Exemption

All farmers must have a Conservation Identification number (CID) for 2012. Apply starting Dec. 15, 2011 for a free CID online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. No purchase required. All hunters will need a CID when Fish and Wildlife transitions to the Automated Deer Check System in 2012.

A farmer and the immediate members of the family 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 farmer deer transportation tag.) 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.

Farmer Regulations

The occupant of a farm may allow his or her dog to run at large on land he or she occupies, except during the firearm deer seasons.

Farmers and their lessees occupying or farming their land, members of their immediate families, 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 now 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 is currently reviewing the Farmer Permit Program. In 2010, farmers whose last name begins with one of the letters A through M were re-inspected along with new applicants. Farmers who were approved should have received their Conservation Identification Number (CID) as well as notification of approved status and eligibility to claim their permits.

Farmers whose last name begins with one of the letters N through Z will be re-inspected in the summer of 2011.

New farmers (or farmers who have not applied for reapplication in 2010 or 2011) must submit an application to obtain free turkey, deer and/or bear permits. Applications are available on our Web site at 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 and in the new license system, 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 12, 2011 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 the Permit Hotline at (609) 292-9192.

- Only a qualified farmer and the immediate family members 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 immediate family (spouse and children only) 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 their immediate family members (spouse and children only) 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 or call your regional deer biologist:

- North—(908) 735-7040
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- South—(609) 748-2043 ►

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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 12, 2011 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.

For the purpose of farmer turkey permits, "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.

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 Web site for details.

Farmer Bear Permits—New for 2011

Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or immediate members of his family 10 years of age or older who also reside thereon, may apply on forms provided for a special farmer black bear permit. 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.

Application forms may be obtained from Fish and Wildlife's Web site 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 2011 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 _____ Social Security Number _____
 Medications _____
 Blood Type _____ Signature _____

YOUTH / FARMER DEER TRANSPORTATION TAG

For use as 1st tag in Fall Bow, Six-day Firearm, and Winter Bow or Youth Hunt Days seasons ONLY

Name _____ Address _____ Youth License # _____
 OR
 Conservation ID # _____ Date Deer Killed _____ Signature _____

Please check **only** one box:
Male
 Button Buck
 Shed
 Antlered
Female

Total Antler Points _____
 Deer Mgmt. Zone _____
 County _____
 Township _____

YOUTH / FARMER DEER TRANSPORTATION TAG

For use as 1st tag in Fall Bow, Six-day Firearm, and Winter Bow or Youth Hunt Days seasons ONLY

Name _____ Address _____ Youth License # _____
 OR
 Conservation ID # _____ Date Deer Killed _____ Signature _____

Please check **only** one box:
Male
 Button Buck
 Shed
 Antlered
Female

Total Antler Points _____
 Deer Mgmt. Zone _____
 County _____
 Township _____

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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 during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Youth Days, Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons must be registered at an official deer check station (see page 58) and have a metal possession seal affixed to the deer. **To be legal, all deer harvested during the Winter Bow Season must be registered using Fish and Wildlife's new Automated Deer Check System, either online or by telephone. Hunters will be issued a confirmation number as a substitute for the metal possession seal customarily provided at check stations. This number, like the metal tag, 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 at Sportsmen's Outpost, Fries Mill Rd., Williamstown. Check Fish and Wildlife's Web site at NJFishandWildlife.com for details.

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 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. 5–10, 2011

- **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. 24, 2011. The Youth Firearm Deer Hunt Day is Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011.** The bag limit for youth hunters on this day is one deer of either sex. Antler Point Restrictions do not apply for deer taken on this day by youth hunters. See page 22 for details. See page 29 for a cut-out youth transportation tag.

Licenses and Permits

- See *License, Permits and Stamps*, page 10, 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. 29 for Permit Bow; Nov. 28 for Permit Muzzleloader and Dec. 14 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 14 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 Seven, may be used with a muzzleloading firearm when engaged in

hunting. Modern smokeless powder is strictly prohibited while hunting game with a muzzle-loading 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.

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 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 firearm license in addition to an archery license, or have an all-around sportsman license. Bow

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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	Bow: 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	Muzzleloader: rifle or smoothbore, single-barrel, single-shot. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal. Double-barrel firearms prohibited.	Rifle: not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: 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	Bow: 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.
	Shotgun: 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	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot: 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
	Muzzleloader: single-shot, single barrel rifle OR single or double-barrel smoothbore shotgun. Flintlock, percussion and in-line ignitions permitted. Electronic ignitions are not legal.	Muzzleloading rifle: single shot not less than .44 caliber Smoothbore: single or double-barrel not smaller than 20 gauge and not larger than 10 gauge	Muzzleloading rifle: single projectile Smoothbore: buck shot not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	Telescopic sights permitted
Permit Shotgun	Shotgun: 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	Slugs: lead, lead alloy or copper rifled slug or sabot slug Buck shot: 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
	Muzzleloader: 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	Buck shot: sizes not smaller than #4 (0.24") nor larger than #000 (0.36") or a single projectile	—

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hunters who bag an antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season with their bow must use the transportation tag for the Six-day season from their firearm or all-around license only.

- Firearm hunters legally may take two antlered deer during the Six-day Firearm Season on a firearm or all-around license. Hunters will receive a supplemental tag upon checking in their first Six-day Firearm Season buck, allowing the 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 who 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 14 and 28.

Tagging Requirements— Transportation Tag

Immediately upon harvesting any deer during the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Youth Days, Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun seasons, hunters must complete in ink all information requested on the transportation tag either attached to your license, the regular, zone-specific deer permit, the Antlered Buck Permit or the supplemental tag. Be sure to use the transportation tag corresponding to the hunting season in which the deer was harvested. **Winter Bow hunters must fill in the transportation tag with the exception of**

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the confirmation number which will be assigned.

1. A valid transportation tag for the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Youth Days, Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun seasons first must be detached from your license or permit then securely attached to the deer immediately after it has been killed. **The Winter Bow transportation tag need NOT be detached nor affixed to the deer.**
2. Youth and farmer hunters creating a hand-written transportation tag must include the following information: Conservation ID number, date, hunting season, gender of deer, number of antler points, county, township and deer management zone. See page 29 for a printed Youth/Farmer Transportation Tag.
3. Transportation tags from 2011 permits are valid for the entire length of the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun seasons, including January and February 2012, if the zone specified on the original permit is open for hunting during these dates.
4. All Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags for the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Youth Days, Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun seasons, **or Confirmation Number for the Winter Bow season** are valid on the day of issuance for taking another deer.
5. See *Mandatory Deer Check Station Requirement* below.

After Harvesting a Deer— Mandatory Deer Check Requirement

Immediately upon harvesting a deer, hunters must complete in ink all required tags.

1. **All hunters are required to register harvested deer on the day killed.** During the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Youth Days, Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun seasons, deer must be taken to the closest official deer check station (see *Deer Check Stations*, page 58) by the hunter who killed the deer by 8 p.m. during the regular Fall Bow Season and by 7 p.m. during all other seasons listed. **During the Winter Bow Season all hunters are required to register their deer using Fish and Wildlife's new Automated Deer Check System, by either telephone or online by 7 p.m. to receive an assigned confirmation number.**
2. Be discrete when transporting your deer to and from a check station, butcher or taxidermist; 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.
3. During the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Youth Days, Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun seasons transportation tags must be surrendered to the check station operator. Check station personnel will attach a legal metal possession seal to the deer, and, if applicable, will issue a New Jersey Supplemental

Transportation Tag for the harvest of another deer. It is the hunter's responsibility to confirm that the seal is attached and locked on the deer.

4. **During the Winter Bow Season, the transportation tag remains attached to the hunting license; the assigned confirmation number is recorded onto the tag.**

Remember: Bring your hunting license and applicable deer season permit(s) to the deer check station.

After Checking Your Deer— Possession or Sale

- The metal possession seal (affixed to deer at check stations) **or the assigned confirmation number 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, legal possession seal number **or 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. ➤

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**NJ Winter Bow Deer
Hunters Must Check
Deer Online or
by Phone Starting
January 2012**

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Guidance

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) affects the central nervous system of deer family species. Most scientists believe the disease is caused by an infectious protein or prion. CWD has been diagnosed in white-tailed deer, black-tailed deer and mule deer, white-tailed deer hybrids and North American elk. Moose have been experimentally infected through oral inoculation.

There is no evidence linking CWD to disease in humans; however, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization recommend that people do not consume meat from an apparently sick deer, elk or any animal found dead or known to be positive for CWD. Also, as a precaution in areas where CWD has been identified, hunters are advised not to eat tissues known to harbor CWD prions (lymph nodes, tonsils, spleen, pancreas, brain, and spinal cord) and to "bone out" the meat.

CWD has been diagnosed in deer and elk in 16 states and two Canadian Provinces:

Canada, Alberta ²	New Mexico ³
Canada, Saskatchewan ¹	New York ¹
Colorado ¹	Oklahoma ²
Illinois ³	South Dakota ¹
Kansas ²	Utah ³
Maryland ³	Virginia ³
Minnesota ²	West Virginia ³
Montana ²	Wisconsin ¹
Nebraska ¹	Wyoming ^{1*}

- 1 CWD in both captive and wild deer
- 2 CWD in captive deer only
- 3 CWD in wild deer only
- * captive research herd

CWD can be transmitted among adult deer, and the prions have been found in the brain, eyes, spinal cord, spleen, tonsils and lymph nodes. Prions

in these tissues of infected deer can potentially infect other deer if they are disposed of improperly.

To ensure you do not inadvertently spread CWD prions from the above-listed states:

- Follow the rules of the states in which you hunt to ensure you do not spread CWD
- Bring back to New Jersey only hides, capes and boned meat free of spinal cord, brain and associated lymph nodes
- Bring back to New Jersey skull plates free of brain residue and disinfected by soaking in a 30 percent Clorox solution for 15 minutes
- Do not dispose of carcasses (particularly skull, brain, spinal cord, lymph nodes) in the wild when you return to New Jersey. The remains of an eviscerated butchered deer or elk must be disposed of in the household trash where it will be delivered to an appropriate landfill.
- Butchers must use food-waste dumpsters for appropriate disposal of larger quantities of deer remains in landfills.
- Taxidermists must not dispose of curing salts, deer or elk carcasses or body parts in the wild where deer may find them. Taxidermists with larger quantities of animal parts must use food-waste dumpsters for appropriate disposal.
- For the latest CWD information, visit our Web site at: NJFishandWildlife.com/cwdinfo.htm.

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This deer check change applies only to Winter Bow hunters and is a test run of NJ Fish and Wildlife's Automated Deer Check System (ADCS).

The ADCS is scheduled for full implementation in September 2012 when all deer hunters will be required to check deer online or by phone.

See *Highlights of Changes*, pages 6 and 32, for more information.

What should be done when a deer is recovered too late to register at a check station or a hunter cannot access the Automated Deer Check System?

1. **Immediately call the nearest New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Office. First, check the counties listed below to call the correct office.**

Call the Northern Region Law Enforcement Office at (908) 735-8240 for deer harvested in these counties:

Bergen	Morris	Union
Essex	Passaic	Warren
Hunterdon	Somerset	
Hudson	Sussex	

Call the Central Region Law Enforcement Office at (609) 259-2120 for deer harvested in these counties:

Burlington	Monmouth	Mercer
Ocean	Middlesex	

Call the Southern Region Law Enforcement Office at (856) 629-0555 for deer harvested in these counties:

Atlantic	Cumberland
Camden	Gloucester
Cape May	Salem
2. **Leave a message on the recorder with your name, phone number, Conservation I.D. number, sex of deer and from which deer management zone the deer was taken.**
3. **During the Fall Bow, Permit Bow, Youth Days, Six-day Firearm, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun seasons check your deer the following morning at the deer check station closest to your home.** If weather conditions necessitate butchering the deer immediately, the hunter must bring the head and hide to be checked the next day. **During the Winter Bow Season, register your deer as soon as possible upon recovery using Fish and Wildlife's new Automated Deer Check 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 intersection 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; ➤

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Trespass	\$100 to \$200 fine	\$200 to \$500 fine and five-year loss of license

then southeast on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 633; then north on Rt. 633 to its intersection with 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

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Rt. 22 to the point of beginning at Somerville. The Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 38) is excluded from Zone 13.

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

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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 Fort Dix Military Reservation; then westward along the Fort Dix Military Reservation 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 Fort Dix Military Reservation; then northward along the Fort Dix Military Reservation boundary to the northernmost intersection of the Fort Dix Military Reservation 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; ➤

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then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 530; then east along 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-Bypass 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 with a continuous line beginning 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 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

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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 Rt. 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

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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. 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 Nescochague Creek at Pleasant Mills; then south along the west bank of Nescochague Creek to Nescochague Lake; then southwest along the western bank 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 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 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

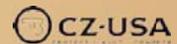
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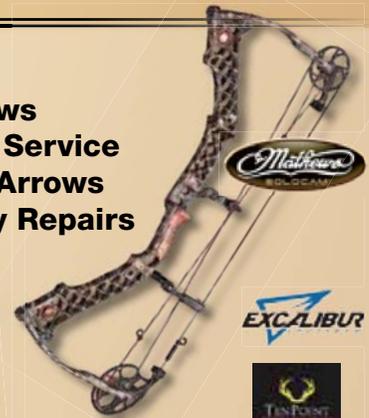
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northwest on Buckshutem Rd. to its intersection with Cedarville Rd. (County Rd. 610); then southwest on Cedarville Rd. to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Rd. (County Rd. 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 553; then northwest along Rt. 553 to the Cohansy River at Fairton; then north on the east bank of the Cohansy 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 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 Fort Dix Military Reservation; then northward along the western Fort Dix 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 House Rd.) to its intersection with County Rd. 635 (Grenlode-Hurfville 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

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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 Rt. 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 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
Zones	21, 23, 24, 34* , 43, 45, 46	4
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any antlered deer taken in Zone 34 must have at least three antler points on one side of the rack. 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. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30. Note: 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 corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30. Note: 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 corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	Oct. 1–28, 2011 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer—and only one antlered deer.	Oct. 1–28, 2011 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.
Youth Day —Bow Only—	Sept. 24, 2011	Sept. 24, 2011
Youth Day —Firearm Only—	Nov. 19, 2011 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.	Nov. 19, 2011 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.
Permit Bow	Oct. 29–Nov. 26, 2011 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 Note above.)	Oct. 29–Nov. 26, 2011 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 Note above.)
Permit Muzzleloader	Nov. 28, 29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011 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 Note above.)	Nov. 28, 29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–27, 2011 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 Note above.)
Six-day Firearm	Dec. 5–10, 2011 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.	Dec. 5–10, 2011 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.
Permit Shotgun Season	Dec. 14, 2011 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 Note above.)	Dec. 14, 2011 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 Note above.)
Winter Bow	Jan. 1–31, 2012 Season bag limit is one antlerless deer—and only one antlered deer.	Jan. 1–31, 2012 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
Zones	1, 3*, 18	22, 26, 30*, 55, 65
Info	<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"> 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. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30. Note: 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 corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<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"> 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. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30. Note: 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 corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p>Oct. 1–28, 2011 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>Oct. 1–28, 2011 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>
Youth Day —Bow Only—	Sept. 24, 2011	Sept. 24, 2011
Youth Day —Firearm Only—	<p>Nov. 19, 2011 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>Nov. 19, 2011 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>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 29–Nov. 26, 2011 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 Note above.)</p>	<p>Oct. 29–Nov. 26, 2011 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 Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 28, 29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011; Jan. 3–6, 2012 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 Note above.)</p>	<p>Nov. 28, 29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011; Jan. 3–6, 2012 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 Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 5–10, 2011 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. 5–10, 2011 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. 14, 2011 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 Note above.)</p>	<p>Dec. 14–16, 2011 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 Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2012 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2012 Season bag limit is two deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>

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

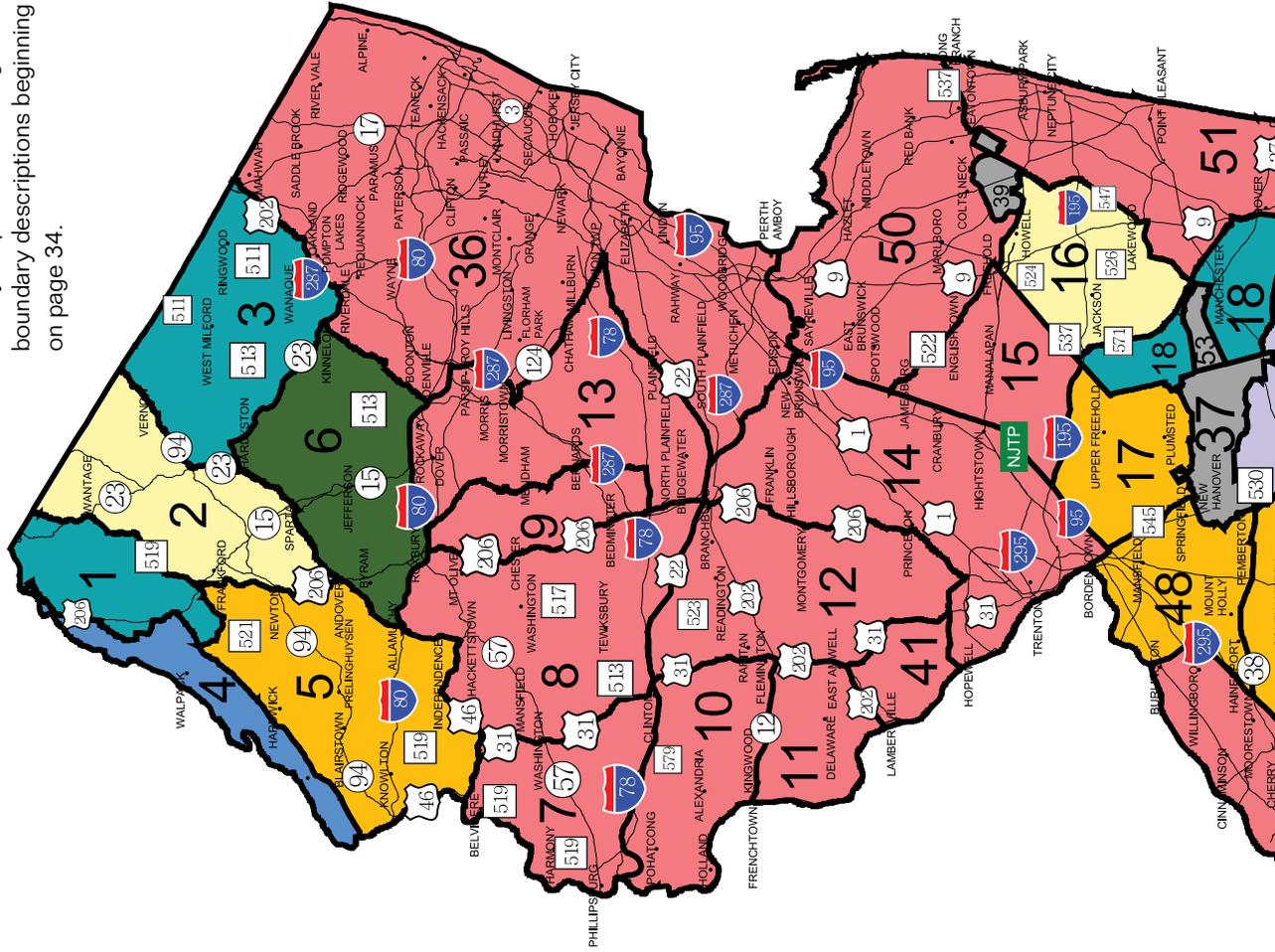
Regulation Set	Regulation Set #3A	Regulation Set #4
Zones	6	2, 16, 27*, 28*, 29*, 31*, 35*, 47*, 63*
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal hunting hours: 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. No firearm deer hunting on Sunday. Limited Sunday bowhunting allowed; see page 30. For more details, see Deer Hunting Regulations, page 30. Note: 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 corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * 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. 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. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30. Note: 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 corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p>First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 10–Sept. 30, 2011</p> <p>First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 1–28, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 10–30, 2011</p> <p>First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 1–28, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day —Bow Only—	Sept. 24, 2011	Sept. 24, 2011
Youth Day —Firearm Only—	<p>Nov. 19, 2011</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>Nov. 19, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit 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. 29–Nov. 26, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit 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 Note above.)</p>	<p>Oct. 29–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Nov. 28, 29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011; Jan. 3–6, 2012</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 Note above.)</p>	<p>Nov. 28, 29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011; Jan. 3–6, 2012</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 Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 5–10, 2011</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. 5–10, 2011</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. 14–16, 2011</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 Note above.)</p>	<p>Dec. 14–16, 2011; and Jan. 14–21, 2012</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 Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer—only ONE may be antlered.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2012</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
Zones	5, 17, 19, 25, 42, 48	7, 8, 9*, 10, 11, 12, 13*, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51
Info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30. Note: 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 corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased. 	<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"> 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. For more details, see <i>Deer Hunting Regulations</i>, page 30. Note: 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 corresponding zones for that season. Properly licensed hunters are still limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of the number of antlerless permits purchased.
Fall Bow	<p>First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 10–30, 2011</p> <p>First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 1–28, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>First deer must be antlerless: Sept. 10–30, 2011</p> <p>First deer may be antlered or antlerless: Oct. 1–28, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>
Youth Day —Bow Only—	Sept. 24, 2011	Sept. 24, 2011
Youth Day —Firearm Only—	<p>Nov. 19, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit 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>Nov. 19, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit 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>
Permit Bow	<p>Oct. 29–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>	<p>Oct. 29–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2011</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer. ONE antlered deer may be harvested if the Antlered Buck Bow Permit is purchased. (See Note above.)</p>
Permit Muzzleloader	<p>Antlered or Antlerless: Nov. 28, 29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011; and Jan. 1–31, 2012</p> <p>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 5–10, 2011</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 Note above.)</p>	<p>Antlered or Antlerless: Nov. 28–29; Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011; and Jan. 1–Feb. 11, 2012</p> <p>Antlerless deer only: Nov. 30–Dec. 2, 5–10, 2011</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 Note above.)</p>
Six-day Firearm	<p>Dec. 5–10, 2011</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. 5–10, 2011</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>Antlerless deer only: Dec. 5–10, 2011</p> <p>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 14–16, 2011; Jan. 7–31, 2012</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 Note above.)</p>	<p>Antlerless deer only: Nov. 30–Dec. 2, 5–10, 2011</p> <p>Antlered or Antlerless: Dec. 14–16, 2011; and Jan. 7–Feb. 11, 2012</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 Note above.)</p>
Winter Bow	<p>Jan. 1–31, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>	<p>Jan. 1–Feb. 18, 2012</p> <p>Season bag limit is unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.</p>

New Jersey Deer Management Zones*

* Map is for reference only. Use a county map while following zone boundary descriptions beginning on page 34.

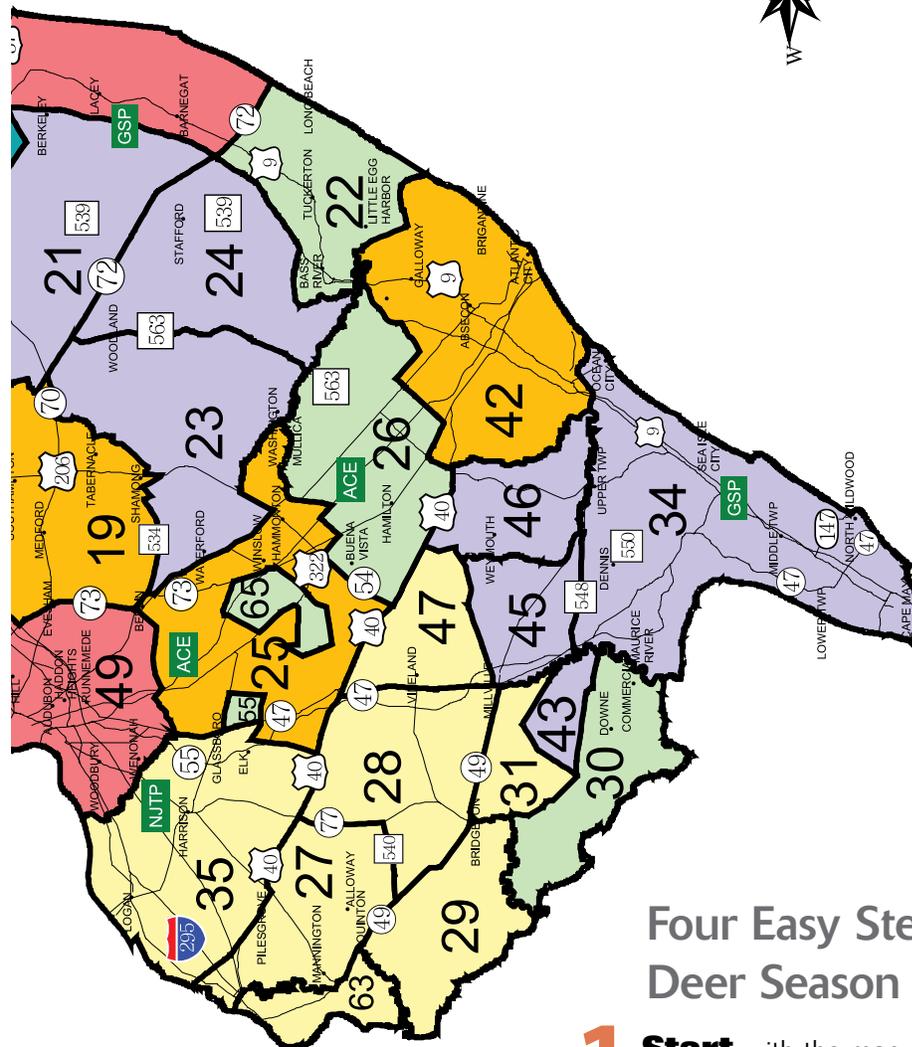


Deer Zone Map

2011-12 NJ Deer Season Regulation Sets Reference Chart

Zone	For seasons and bag limits, see details in <i>Regulation Sets</i> beginning on page 44.	Zone	For seasons and bag limits, see details in <i>Regulation Sets</i> beginning on page 44.
1	Regulation Set # 2	36	Regulation Set # 8
2	Regulation Set # 4	37	Special Hunting Area Seasons
3	Regulation Set # 2	38	Special Hunting Area Seasons
4	Regulation Set # 1	39	Special Hunting Area Seasons
5	Regulation Set # 6	40	Special Hunting Area Seasons
6	Regulation Set # 3A	41	Regulation Set # 8
7	Regulation Set # 8	42	Regulation Set # 6
8	Regulation Set # 8	43	Regulation Set # 0
9	Regulation Set # 8	44	Zone is not Designated
10	Regulation Set # 8	45	Regulation Set # 0
11	Regulation Set # 8	46	Regulation Set # 0
12	Regulation Set # 8	47	Regulation Set # 4
13	Regulation Set # 8	48	Regulation Set # 6
14	Regulation Set # 8	49	Regulation Set # 8
15	Regulation Set # 8	50	Regulation Set # 8
16	Regulation Set # 4	51	Regulation Set # 8
17	Regulation Set # 6	52	Zone is not Designated
18	Regulation Set # 3	53	Special Hunting Area Seasons
19	Regulation Set # 6	54	Special Hunting Area Seasons
20	Zone is not Designated	55	Regulation Set # 3
21	Regulation Set # 0	56	Special Hunting Area Seasons
22	Regulation Set # 4	57	Special Hunting Area Seasons
23	Regulation Set # 0	58	Special Hunting Area Seasons
24	Regulation Set # 0	59	Zone is not Designated
25	Regulation Set # 6	60	Zone is not Designated
26	Regulation Set # 4	61	Special Hunting Area Seasons
27	Regulation Set # 4	62	Zone is not Designated
28	Regulation Set # 4	63	Regulation Set # 4
29	Regulation Set # 4	64	Special Hunting Area Seasons
30	Regulation Set # 3	65	Regulation Set # 3
31	Regulation Set # 4	66	Special Hunting Area Seasons
32	Zone is not Designated	67	Special Hunting Area Seasons
33	Zone is not Designated	68	Special Hunting Area Seasons
34	Regulation Set # 3	70	Special Hunting Area Seasons
35	Regulation Set # 4		

No zones assigned to Regulation Sets 5 and 7.



ZONES SPECIAL AREA

- 37 Fort Dix Reservation
 - 38* Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge
 - 39 Earle Naval Weapons Station
 - 40* Earle Naval Weapons Station - Waterfront Section
 - 53 Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station
 - 54* Picatinny Arsenal (Dept of the Army)
 - 56* Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Southern portion)
 - 57* Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Central portion)
 - 58* Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Northern portion)
 - 61* Atlantic County Parks System
 - 64* Monmouth Battlefield State Park
 - 66* Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center
 - 67* High Point State Park
 - 68* Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve
 - 70* Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (northern portion, southern section)
- * Not shown on map

Four Easy Steps to Find Your Deer Season Regs by Zone

- 1 Start** with the map on this page, then go to the *Deer Management Zone (DMZ) Descriptions*, page 34, to confirm your exact zone boundary. Follow the zone boundary description with a county map to determine your exact location. Be sure to check for new boundary changes each year!
- 2 Use** the *Regulation Sets Reference Chart* on page 48 to learn in which regulation set your DMZ is located.
- 3 Find** your actual regulation set (see page 44), then confirm that your DMZ is listed at the top of that regulation set.
- 4 Locate** your desired hunting season (e.g., fall bow, permit muzzleloader) for dates, bag limits and special information for your DMZ in the color-coded Deer Regulation Sets chart.

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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. 12, 2011. 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. 29, 2011 to Jan. 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 60 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: Nov. 28, 29 and Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011 and Jan. 2–6, 2012; **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. 5–10, 2011; **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. 5–10 and 14–16, 2011; **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. The limited supply of permits will be available—first come, first served—on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 8 a.m. Hunters must bring 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. 12, 2011. 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. 7–10 and 14–17, 2011; **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, 2012; **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 Web site for details on the hunt, hunting maps and regulations at 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 and click on Parks and Recreation.

Mercer County Parks (Zone 41)

Hunters interested in deer hunting on Baldpate Mountain in Hopewell Township (Deer Management Zone 41) should contact the Mercer County Park Commission at (609) 989-6532.

Howell Living History Farm in Hopewell Township (Deer Management Zone 41) is open for limited permit muzzleloader and winter bow hunting. Howell Living History Farm charges a non-refundable \$5 processing fee. Deer hunting in Howell Living History Farm is prohibited at all other times. Call (609) 737-3299 for more information, season dates, maps and access permits before purchasing a Zone 41 permit.

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. 12, 2011. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 14. 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, 2011.

Permit Shotgun Season: Dec. 5–10, 2011; **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. 5–10, 2011; **Bag limit:** two antlered deer. Only one buck may be taken at a time.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 2–Feb. 28, 2012; **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.

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 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 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/ 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 deer hunting weekdays 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. 12, 2011. 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): Oct. 1–28, 2011; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Fall Bow Season (Zone 40): Sept. 10–Oct. 28, 2011; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 10–Sept. 30, 2011.

Permit Bow Season (Zone 39): Oct. 29–Dec. 31, 2011; **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. 29–Dec. 31, 2011; **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. 5–10, 2011; **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. 28–Dec. 3, 12–31, 2011 and Jan. 2–31, 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 100 permits are available.

Permit Muzzleloader Season: (Zone 40): Nov. 5, 11, 12, 19, 21–23, 25 and 26, 2011; **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. 3, 5–10,

17, 24 and 31, 2011 and Jan. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 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 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. 5, 11, 12, 19, 21–23, and 25–26, 2011; **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

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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, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Winter Bow Season (Zone 40): Jan. 1–31, 2012; **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.

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. 12, 2011, 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. 10–Oct. 28, 2011; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 29–Dec. 31, 2011; **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. 26–Dec. 3, 9, 10, 2011 and Jan. 7, 14, 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 15 permits are available.

Permit Shotgun Season: Nov. 26–Dec. 3, 9, 10, 2011 and Jan. 7, 14, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer. In addition, hunters who purchase an Antlered Buck Shotgun Permit may harvest ONE

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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. 2–31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 37)

To hunt Fort Dix Military Reservation, 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. 12, 2011. 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 Ft. Dix prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 37 does NOT guarantee access to Fort Dix. 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 Fort Dix 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: Oct. 1–28, 2011; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 29–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2011; **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. 5–10, 2011; **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. 7–11 and Dec. 12–24, 26–31, 2011 and Jan. 2–7, 2012; **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. 24, 26 and 27, 2011; **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. 18, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer.

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. 12, 2011. 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 Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station prior to purchasing a permit. Purchasing a deer permit for Zone 53 does NOT guarantee access to Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering 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.

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 or contact John Joyce, Naval Air Engineering Station, Code N8L, Rt. 547, Lakehurst, NJ 08733-5065. Deer hunting is not permitted on Christmas Day in Zone 53.

Fall Bow Season: Sept. 10–Oct. 28, 2011; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 10–30, 2011.

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 29–Dec. 31 2011; **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. 5–10, 2011; **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–Dec. 1–3, 12–24, 26–31, 2011 and Jan. 2–7, 2012; **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. 5–10, 14–16, 2011 and Jan. 7–14, 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.

Winter Bow Season: Jan. 1–31, 2012; **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 Jonathan Van De Venter at (973) 724-4691 for more information. Deer hunting is permitted on Christmas Day and New Year's Day in Zone 54, except on Sunday.

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. 12, 2011. 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: Oct. 1–28, 2011; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and one antlered deer

Permit Bow Season: Oct. 29– Dec. 31, 2011; **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. 5–10, 2011; **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. 28, 29, Dec. 12–31, 2011 and Jan. 2–7, 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: Dec. 5–10, and 17, 2011 and Jan. 7, 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: Jan. 1–31, 2012; **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.

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- 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).
- Entry is prohibited on all refuge lands posted *Area Closed* and on refuge roadways posted with Inholders Only signs.
- 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 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. 12, 2010. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, 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 Web site. 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.

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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. Visit the refuge Web site at 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. 12–16, 2011; **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 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. 29 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2011; **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):** Dec. 5–10, 2011 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Nov. 28, 29 and Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011 and Jan. 2–6, 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 a time. A total of 40 permits are available for Zone 57.
- Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 57):** Dec. 5–10, 2011 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 14–16, 2011 and Jan. 7–31, 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 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. 29 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2011; **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):** Dec. 5–10 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Nov. 28, 29 and Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 27–31, 2011 and Jan.

2–6, 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 a time. A total of 35 permits are available for Zone 58.

- Permit Shotgun Season (Zone 58):** Nov. 30–Dec. 2 and Dec. 5–10, 2011 are antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 14–16, 2011 and Jan. 7–14, 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 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. 29 to Dec. 24, 26–31, 2011; **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. 28, 29 and Dec. 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011 and Jan. 2–6, 2012; **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. 14–16, 2011 and Jan. 14–21, 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 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.

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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. 12, 2011. Permits will be available for sale until 11:59 p.m. on Friday, 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 2011 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. 5 and Nov. 9–12, 2011. On Nov. 5 (Saturday), hunting is only for youths who possess a valid 2011 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:** two deer—either two antlerless or one antlerless and one antlered. Hunters using muzzleloaders may take an antlered deer first whereas hunters using shotguns must take an antlerless deer first. Hunters must be in possession of the appropriate 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)

Note: DMZ 59 is no longer designated as a separate zone but is now incorporated into Zone 63. Zone 63 regulations apply.

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. 10–Oct. 28, 2011; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 10 to Sept. 30, 2011. First deer may be antlered or antlerless from Oct. 1–Oct. 28, 2011.
- **Youth Day (Bow):** Sept. 24, 2011; **Bag limit:** one deer of either sex.
- **Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 29–Dec. 24, 26–31, 2011; **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. 2–31, 2012; **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 Web site at wallkill-river.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

Byside 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 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.

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. 12, 2011. 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.

- **Fall Bow Season:** Sept. 10–Oct. 28, 2011; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. First deer must be antlerless from Sept. 10–30, 2011.
- **Permit Bow Season:** Oct. 29–Dec. 24 and 26–31, 2011; **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. 5–10, 2011; **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:** Dec. 5–10, 2011 is antlerless deer only. Antlered or antlerless: Nov. 28, 29 and Dec. 12, 13, 17–24 and 26–31, 2011; and Jan. 2–31, 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 100 permits are available.
- **Permit Shotgun Season:** Dec. 5–10, 2011 is antlerless deer only; Antlered or antlerless: Dec. 14–16, 2011; and Jan. 7–31, 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 170 permits are available.
- **Winter Bow Season:** Jan. 1–31, 2012; **Bag limit:** unlimited antlerless deer and ONE antlered deer. ♫

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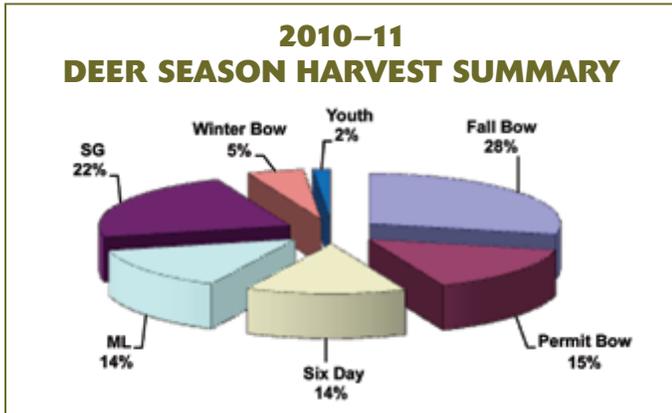


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2010-2011 Deer Harvest

SUMMARIES

NEW JERSEY DEER hunters harvested 55,404 deer during the 2010–2011 season between September 11, 2010 and February 19, 2011. The harvest for this year's deer season is the highest in four years, and is five percent higher than the 52,784 deer taken in 2009. The antlerless portion of the 2010 harvest was 35,479 deer, up almost 4 percent from 2009. The antlered portion of the 2010 harvest was 19,925 deer, up over 5.5 percent from 2009. 🍖



2010-11 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	2,536	471	319	591	485	441	162	67
BERGEN	74	30	7	9	5	11	10	2
BURLINGTON	4,867	1054	666	858	652	1357	208	72
CAMDEN	866	216	150	160	116	140	66	18
CAPE MAY	533	76	93	115	157	15	53	24
CUMBERLAND	2,710	551	427	459	650	426	133	64
ESSEX	192	67	44	4	36	10	31	
GLOUCESTER	2,630	609	462	264	444	701	83	67
HUNTERDON	8,895	2949	1272	1081	1006	2166	333	88
MERCER	2,257	632	282	270	194	750	109	20
MIDDLESEX	1,122	356	126	135	97	353	46	9
MONMOUTH	4,110	1348	757	371	322	986	303	23
MORRIS	4,065	1516	716	387	342	785	288	31
OCEAN	2,401	613	396	449	320	429	149	45
PASSAIC	427	134	56	78	126	3	12	18
SALEM	3,534	862	600	278	802	802	104	86
SOMERSET	4,144	1523	718	321	301	967	281	33
SUSSEX	5,226	1553	720	873	1085	736	167	92
UNION	31	—	1	1	—	28	1	—
WARREN	4,779	1215	613	781	686	1339	87	58
Unknown	5	—	3	—	1	1	—	—
Totals	55,404	15,775	8,428	7,485	7,827	12,446	2,626	817

The 2010-11 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	6.3
2	149	5.5	16.6
3	153	2.2	3.9
4	71	4.3	8.0
5	215	5.7	15.9
6	176	2.6	4.5
7	103	6.5	18.5
8	203	7.1	20.7
9	52	5.3	21.0
10	110	9.0	24.6
11	68	9.7	28.3
12	152	8.5	26.9
13	109	4.3	16.8
14	165	4.2	13.2
15	86	5.3	16.3
16	91	4.7	14.2
17	90	4.4	14.2
18	70	3.4	5.8
19	159	4.2	11.8
21	192	2.0	3.1
22	34	3.5	6.5
23	178	2.0	2.8
24	169	1.0	1.7
25	164	3.1	10.5
26	195	3.0	4.9
27	103	3.3	11.0
28	125	3.9	10.6
29	64	5.4	19.9
30	43	4.1	9.5
31	40	2.9	9.8
34	97	3.6	6.7
35	171	3.4	11.8
36	124	2.3	7.6
37	20	4.5	12.5
38	12	4.5	10.0
39	15	2.1	4.8
40	1	1.0	2.0
41	39	8.4	26.7
42	90	2.1	6.9
43	27	2.3	3.9
45	65	3.3	5.1
46	79	2.7	4.0
47	54	2.3	5.9
48	86	4.8	14.7
49	65	2.7	7.6
50	137	4.0	12.6
51	162	1.5	5.0
53	8	2.0	5.0
54	10	2.6	5.7
55	6	5.3	12.8
56	1	2.0	30.0
57	1	2.0	18.0
58	3	3.0	12.7
61	5	1.0	2.4
63	21	3.6	11.5
64	3	4.3	17.0
65	17	6.5	13.4
66	3	2.0	6.3
67	15	1.3	6.9
68	17	1.7	6.2
70	1	1.0	5.0
State	4941	4.0	11.2

2010–11 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	470	106	77	5	142	119	—	21
2	2,478	849	336	45	298	434	438	78
3	592	153	82	22	117	196	8	14
4	567	130	69	11	146	190	11	10
5	3,412	954	457	55	585	482	807	72
6	790	227	144	13	170	136	54	46
7	1,909	511	258	16	285	224	580	35
8	4,192	1301	599	36	532	427	1132	165
9	1,094	437	193	9	71	70	222	92
10	2,710	920	374	33	348	306	624	105
11	1,925	610	237	22	251	274	490	41
12	4,087	1328	624	39	404	388	1103	201
13	1,826	789	426	10	59	76	296	170
14	2,177	730	309	14	248	108	601	167
15	1,401	410	200	15	141	141	429	65
16	1,294	412	243	8	157	137	249	88
17	1,279	303	143	15	162	120	508	28
18	408	102	77	11	106	81	4	27
19	1,878	434	271	22	314	198	574	65
21	601	113	98	16	230	80	10	54
22	220	53	50	8	37	42	12	18
23	495	84	71	18	192	92	7	31
24	279	54	49	13	91	55	2	15
25	1,728	395	227	34	181	261	588	42
26	960	137	142	32	302	224	48	75
27	1,135	305	205	31	81	251	227	35
28	1,323	307	231	31	147	265	280	62
29	1,272	267	182	27	103	339	335	19
30	408	69	57	17	71	98	68	28
31	391	115	56	3	41	81	70	25
34	652	88	113	26	145	200	18	62
35	2,025	478	370	53	160	437	452	75
36	938	429	162	1	48	76	125	97
37	250	68	49	2	5	100	—	26
38	120	—	—	—	—	69	51	—
39	72	—	11	—	15	24	21	1
40	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
41	1,043	275	126	12	134	113	358	25
42	624	179	78	3	77	89	170	28
43	106	19	24	1	31	21	1	9
45	329	27	47	18	125	87	8	17
46	319	37	37	14	130	65	3	33
47	319	51	52	8	66	55	72	15
48	1,263	247	146	14	164	155	504	33
49	492	172	111	3	32	20	103	51
50	1,721	658	332	12	121	97	365	136
51	804	254	132	3	77	43	216	79
53	40	9	7	—	4	13	5	2
54	57	16	10	—	11	12	6	2
55	77	23	23	—	11	16	1	3
56	30	—	—	—	—	—	30	—
57	18	—	4	—	—	2	12	—
58	38	—	10	—	—	5	23	—
61	12	—	2	—	3	5	2	—
63	242	76	41	6	25	58	35	1
64	51	—	—	—	13	—	36	2
65	227	43	32	10	68	50	10	14
66	19	3	—	—	1	1	12	2
67	103	—	—	—	—	94	—	9
68	105	17	17	—	7	25	29	10
70	5	—	4	—	—	—	1	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	55,404	15,775	8,428	817	7,485	7,827	12,446	2,626



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Main Street Hardware, 6016 Main St., Mays Landing, (609) 625-4941	Open for All Deer Seasons
Nesco Package Goods, Rt. 542, Nesco, (609) 561-8704	Open for All Deer Seasons
The Port Store, 205 Clarks Landing Rd., Port Republic, (609) 652-1616	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sugar Hill Sub & Deli, 153 Somers Pt. Rd. (Rt. 559), Mays Landing, (609) 625-0538	Open for All Deer Seasons
Ted's Taxidermy, 713 Rt. 40 (1/10 mile west of Rt. 54), Buena, (856) 697-8585	Open for All Deer Seasons
Bergen County	
Targeteers Sporting Goods, 101 Rt. 46 West, Saddle Brook, (201) 843-7788	Open for All Deer Seasons
Burlington County	
Green Bank Inn, 1301 Rt. 542, Green Bank, (609) 965-5630	Open for All Deer Seasons
Hedger House, 4265 Rt. 563, Chatsworth, (609) 894-4565	Open for All Deer Seasons
Mighty Joe's Texaco, 1231 Rt. 206 South, Shamong, (609) 268-0303	Open for All Deer Seasons
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Nixon's General Store, Chastworth Rd. & New Rd. jct., Tabernacle, (609) 268-9800	Open for All Deer Seasons
Pine Barren Stove & Sport Shop, Rt. 72, Chatsworth, (609) 726-1550	Open for All Deer Seasons
Sportsmen's Center, Rt. 130 North, Bordentown, (609) 298-5300	Open for All Deer Seasons
Camden County	
Atco Sports, 2209 Atco Ave., Atco, (856) 767-9446	Open for All Deer Seasons
Creek Keepers, 1130 Black Horse Pike (Rt. 168), Blackwood, (856) 227-1923	Not open in December, January and February
Russell's PIC-II, 386 White Horse Pike, Ancora, (609) 567-9886	Open for All Deer Seasons
Cape May County	
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Just Sports, 21 Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, (609) 465-6171	Open for All Deer Seasons
Cumberland County	
Bailey's Seafood, Rt. 47, Port Elizabeth, (856) 825-2621	Open for All Deer Seasons
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FOLLOWING COMMENCEMENT OF the black bear season, the Commissioner of DEP or 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 Web site NJFishandWildlife.com.

Black Bear Hunting Season: Dec. 5–10, 2011

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 61; see also *Black Bear Hunting Permits*, page 13. 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.

Game Care: 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.

Youth Bear Hunters: Youth hunters (aged 10 through 13 on or before Dec. 5, 2011), with a valid hunting license must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Youth hunters 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 arrows or with a crossbow.
- It is illegal to take or attempt to take a bear in a den structure.

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, current firearm license 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 re-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.

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

- Former Forest Fire Bldg.
20 Rt. 23N, Franklin
- 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

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 south-west 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 intersec-

tion with Rt. 519 in Branchville; then north along Rt. 519 to the New York State line; then southeast along the New York 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.

2010 Black Bear Harvest by Zone and County

BMZ	2010 Harvest
1	217
2	127
3	212
4	36
Total	592

County	2010 Harvest
Sussex	338
Warren	112
Passaic	59
Morris	82
Bergen	1
Total	592

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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. 11, 2011 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.

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 when the person is in possession of a valid deer transportation tag for the applicable deer season (i.e., before harvesting a deer.) All hunting must cease immediately upon harvesting the daily deer bag limit and completing the deer transportation tag(s). Incidental hunting of coyote

or fox while deer hunting may resume following the issuance of a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag for the applicable deer season (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) using 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) beginning December 15. A hunting license must be purchased prior to or in conjunction with the purchase of a Special Coyote and Fox Permit.

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, exacerbated by severe snowfalls during the last two seasons, **the statewide quail hunting**

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Coyote / Fox Season

Dates	Sept. 10 – Nov. 11 but only in DMZs open for early fall bow deer hunting; otherwise Oct. 1 – Nov. 11	Nov. 12 – March 15 — Firearm or Bow	Jan. 2 – March 15, 2012 — 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. 12	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. Shotgun and Shot Size: See <i>General Small Game Hunting Methods</i> , above. 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.	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 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.	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"
Notes	Hunter orange not required. Use of dogs prohibited. Daily bag: unlimited coyote or fox	Hunter orange required when using firearm. Muzzleloading rifle may be used only incidental to deer hunting. Use of dogs permitted except during Dec. 5–10, and Dec. 14. 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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season will be closed beginning with the 2011–12 season except at Peaslee WMA and Greenwood Forest WMA where Fish and Wildlife will provide hunters and falconers 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 semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves licensed 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 and Whittingham WMAs will be stocked with pheasant for the following dates:

- Nov. 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26
- Dec. 3, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31

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and the Heislerville, Howardsville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan, Medford, Stafford Forge and Winslow WMAs will be stocked with pheasant for the following dates:

- Nov. 12, 19, 24, 26
- Dec. 3, 17, 24, 27, 29, 31

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

- Nov. 12, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26
- Dec. 3, 17, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 31

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 Web site at NJFishandWildlife.com/phsstkcancl.htm.

Rabbit and Hare

The rabbit and hare hunting season will begin the last Saturday in September. The earlier opening date allows for hunting opportunity when rabbit populations are at their peak. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 11 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 rifles 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 20. Firearm hunting is prohibited on Nov. 11 on those wildlife management areas designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. South of Rt. 70 the season length will begin November 12 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. 12 to March 15 on semi-wild and from Sept. 1 through May 1 on commercial shooting preserve lands 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. 5, 2011—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. 24 to Nov. 11, 2011; and, Jan. 2 to Feb. 20, 2012. 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; 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

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2011–2012 Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species (alphabetical)	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
Bobwhite (quail)	Closed statewide; except at Peaslee & Greenwood WMA (see Notes) At Peaslee & Greenwood WMAs ONLY: Nov. 12–Dec. 3, Dec. 12, 13, 15–31, 2011 and Jan. 2-31, 2012	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	4	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12 Quail may be hunted ONLY at Peaslee and Greenwood Forest WMAs. Pheasant and Quail Stamp required. Season closed in remainder of the state. (See exceptions under Northern Bobwhite, page 62.)
Coyote* and Fox, General <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	Bow and Arrow only: Sep. 10–Nov. 11 in DMZ Regulation Sets 3A-8 Oct. 1–Nov. 11 in DMZ Regulation Sets 0-3 Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Nov. 12, 2011 - March 15, 2012	½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12 Open Dec. 5–10 and Dec. 14 with restrictions as specified under Small Game Hunting, <i>Coyote and Fox</i> , page 62. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle (allowed only incidental to deer hunting).
Coyote* and Fox, Special Permit Season <i>All coyote must be reported within 24 hrs.</i>	Firearm or Bow and Arrow: Jan. 2 to March 15, 2012 (permit required)	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. Rifle permit required in possession when hunting with muzzleloading rifle, allowed only during the daytime hunting hours. 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.
Grouse, Ruffed	North of Rt. 70: Oct. 20 to Dec. 3** and Dec. 12, 13, 15–31 South of Rt. 70: Nov. 12 to Dec. 3** and Dec. 12, 13, 15–31	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12
Opossum & Raccoon	Oct. 1, 2011 to Mar. 1, 2012	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. 7:41 p.m. start on Oct. 1 Closed Dec. 5–10 and Dec. 14
Pheasant & Chukar	Nov. 12 to Dec. 3 and Dec. 12, 13, 15–31, 2011 and Jan. 2 to Feb. 20, 2012	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Chukar — 7 Pheasant — 2	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12 Pheasant and Quail Stamp required on designated areas (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64).
Rabbit, Hare and Jackrabbit	Sept. 24 to Dec. 3 and Dec. 12, 13, 15–31, 2011 and Jan. 2 to Feb. 25, 2012	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	Cottontail — 4 Hare — 1 Jackrabbit — 1	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12
Squirrel, Gray	Sept. 24 to Dec. 3** and Dec. 12, 13, 15–31, 2011 and Jan. 2 to Feb. 20, 2012	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12
Squirrel, Gray: Muzzleloading Rifle (.36 caliber or smaller)	Sept. 24 to Nov. 11, 2011 and Jan. 2 to Feb. 20, 2012	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	5	Rifle permit required. Designated areas only (see <i>Small Game Hunting</i> page 64).
Turkey (Fall, Either-Sex)	(Period N) Oct. 29–Nov. 5	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.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler)	(Periods A to E) Apr. 23 to May 25, 2012	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2012 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Turkey (Spring Gobbler, Youth)	(Period Y) Apr. 21 to May 25, 2012	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Turkey per permit	Permit required. Refer to 2012 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Woodchuck: Bow, Rifle or Shotgun	Mar. 1 to Sept. 28, 2011 Mar. 1 to Sept. 26, 2012	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	Rifle permit required when hunting with rifle. Rifle hunting prohibited on state property (see <i>General Hunting Regulations</i> , page 26 and <i>Small Game Regulations</i> page 62).
Woodchuck: Bow or Shotgun	Sept. 24 to Dec. 3** and Dec. 12, 13, 15–31, 2011 and Jan. 2 to Feb. 20, 2012	Sunrise to ½ hour after sunset	No limit	8 a.m. start on Nov. 12
Woodcock	See <i>Migratory Bird Regulations</i> **	Sunrise to sunset	3 daily; 6 possession	HIP number required (see page 73). 8 a.m. start on Nov. 12
Youth Turkey Day	Apr. 21, 2012	½ hour before sunrise to noon	1 Male Wild Turkey	Permit required. Refer to 2012 turkey permit supplement, available in late January.
Youth Upland Bird Day	Nov. 5, 2011	8 a.m. to sunset	Pheasant — 2	Selected WMAs and licensed semi-wilds (see page 23).

* 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 5** on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp Areas. See list of areas, page 64.

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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; and 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. 🐿️

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.



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Woodchuck Season

Dates	Weapon Type Permitted	Gauge, Caliber or Weight	Projectile(s)
Mar. 1 to Sept. 28, 2011	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. 26, 2012	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.
	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
Sept. 24 to Dec. 3; Dec. 12, 13, 15-31, 2011	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"

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Fall 2011 Turkey Hunting Regulations

- **New for 2011:** The Fish and Game Council has added an additional hunting day (Saturday) to the beginning of the fall turkey season. This additional day will provide more opportunity to hunters who work weekdays, and to youth hunters. The 2011 fall turkey season will consist of one seven-day hunting segment, N, (excluding Sunday) from Saturday, Oct. 29 through Saturday, Nov. 5, 2011. 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.
- **New for 2011:** The Fish and Game Council has changed the boundary for Turkey Hunting Area 22. Turkey Hunting Area 22 is now larger and contains some of the southern parts of Turkey Hunting Area 16. Refer to the Turkey Hunting Area descriptions on our Web site (NJFishandWildlife.com/pdf/2011/turkey11.pdf) for details. This change will open the productive southern parts of Turkey Hunting Area 16 to fall turkey 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.

YOUTH TURKEY HUNT DAY APRIL 21, 2012 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 14. For farmers, see *Farmer Turkey Permits*, page 28.

- 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

There are many factors that can contribute to changes in the turkey population, and very few of these factors (spring rainfall, for example) can be controlled by wildlife managers. One factor that wildlife managers can control is the length and timing of hunting seasons.

Spring gobbler hunting seasons are set to coincide with the time when hens begin to incubate their eggs. In New Jersey, this occurs in late April. Starting a spring season too early can be detrimental to turkey populations because hens abandon nests more readily if they are disturbed before they start to incubate. In addition, illegal take of hens occurs more frequently if a spring season starts before incubation, when hens are still mobile.

The second peak in gobbling activity occurs at the start of incubation, when nesting hens are no longer available to gobblers. The spring season should be timed to better coincide with this peak in gobbling activity.

Local and regional data on wild turkey hens showed that New Jersey's former spring season format was not optimally timed to help prevent nest abandonment and illegal take of hens. Therefore, New Jersey's spring gobbler season now begins later in April. This season structure favors the success of nesting hens, and will more closely match peaks in gobbling activity.

Spring 2012 Gobbler Hunting Regulations

Spring gobbler hunting regulations are published in the 2012 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement available in January. See *Turkey Hunting Permits, General*, page 14.

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 2012 Wild Turkey Hunting Season permit supplement for the seminars scheduled during March and April. 🦃

2012 Spring Gobbler Hunting Season

Hunting Period	Dates
Youth Turkey Hunting Day (10-16 years of age) Hunting Period Y	Sat., April 21 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 23 – Fri., April 27
Hunting Period B	Mon., April 30 – Fri., May 4
Hunting Period C	Mon., May 7 – Fri., May 11
Hunting Period D	Mon., May 14 – Fri., May 18; Mon., May 21 – Fri., May 25
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By Karen Leskie, Wildlife Technician **Get Outside and Enjoy One of New Jersey's Natural Resources**

The 20th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament will be held Sunday, Oct. 2, 2011. 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 strong northeast wind blew hard all day at the 19th annual tournament, but that didn't discourage the nearly 800 anglers. Contestants caught blackfish, bluefish, kingfish and striped bass. A total of twenty prizes were awarded in categories for children, teens and adults. However, the grand prize went to Gary Grimm of Flanders, with a 30½-inch striped bass. Lieutenant Governor Kim Guadagno along with DEP Division of Fish and Wildlife Director, Dave Chanda

congratulated Mr. Grimm with a plaque and two rod-and-reel combinations. Also, Mr. Grimm'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 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 19th Annual Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament in 2010:

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Left to right: Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno; Paul Harris, President, NJ Beach Buggy Association; Gary Grimm, 19th Annual Governor's Surf Tournament winner; Frank Dara, President, Governor's Surf Tournament Committee and Mark Taylor, President, Jersey Coast Anglers Association.

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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 10 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 at least 18 years of age 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. Applicants must have a current and valid trapping license to apply.

Zone maps, boundary descriptions and permit quotas are available on our Web site 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 sepa-

rate, 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. 25, 2012. 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. 20 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

Mandatory pelt registration:
February 25, 2012

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

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 special permit
Otter—1 per season

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

All other 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.

THE COMPLETE MIGRATORY bird regulations will be published in the *New Jersey 2011–12 Migratory Bird Regulations* booklet available in September at license agents, Fish and Wildlife offices and on the Fish and Wildlife Web site 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. 1–30	15
Rail and moorhen	Statewide	Sept. 1 – Nov. 9	Sora & Virginia rail: 25 total or aggregate; moorhen and clapper rail: 10
Sea Duck	Special Sea Duck Area	Sept. 22 – Jan. 24, 2012	7, except no more than 4 scoters
Snipe	Statewide	Sept. 16 – Dec. 31	8
Crow (Mon., Thurs., Fri., Sat.)	Statewide	Aug. 8 – Dec. 3 & Dec. 12 – Mar. 17, 2012	No limit
Woodcock	North Zone	Oct. 15 – Nov. 19	3
	South Zone	Nov. 12 – Dec. 3 & Dec. 17–30	
Mourning Dove, swans, harlequin duck, king rail	Statewide	Closed	No Season
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days	North Zone	Oct. 1; Nov. 5	As for regular season for all species
	South Zone	Nov. 11–12	
	Coastal Zone	Oct. 22; Oct. 29	

* 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. Unplugged guns are permitted. Magazine and chamber may hold up to seven shells.
3. Hunting hours: ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset. This allows hunting one half hour later than past years.

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.

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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
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. 🦌

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 Web site. Federal stamps are available from some U.S. post offices and online at <http://www.fws.gov/duckstamps/stamps.htm>.

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) 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. 2, 2011
- **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!

The New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Program: Did you know?

The New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp Program has been a success story for waterfowl and their habitat. The physical stamps and prints have been discontinued (although waterfowl hunters 16 years and over must still purchase a state migratory bird stamp certification), but this legally earmarked, dedicated funding lives on. Since its inception in 1984, the Stamp Program has raised over \$4.5 million leading to the purchase of over 17,000 acres, from Sussex to Cape May, nearly all of which is open to waterfowl hunting. The Stamp Program has also funded habitat improvement projects and research activities related to habitat carrying capacity research studies in New Jersey.



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

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.

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:

- | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 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. 11, 2011, 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. 11, 2011.

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. 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. 11, 2011 on those WMAs designated as Pheasant and Quail Stamp areas except in tidal marsh open to an ongoing waterfowl season. See *Pheasants*, page 64.

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 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, .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:

- | | | |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| 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

- 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 (.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 .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 **closed**.

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 Agreement Card

Landowner Copy

Permission given to _____
 Address _____
 Vehicle Make _____ Yr. _____ Color _____
 Vehicle Lic. No. _____ No. in Party _____
 Dates from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
 Limitations _____
 Other licenses, tag no. _____
 Permissions dates from ____/____/____ to ____/____/____
 Limitations _____
 Hunter may hunt within 450 feet of buildings: Yes No

HUNT SMART Courtesy Card

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Deer will not be measured at the Deer Classic.

See entry details on page 77.

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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 ____/____/____

ASK PERMISSION
SEE LANDOWNER

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

HUNT SMART

HUNT 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 ____/____/____

ASK PERMISSION
SEE LANDOWNER

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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 Web site) and one for field dressed does reaching or exceeding 135 pounds (witnessed, non-certified scale at a deer check station or Fish and Wildlife regional office).

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 Web site 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 (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 2010 Garden State Deer Classic. The Classic **showcased the outstanding deer taken during the 2009–10 deer hunting seasons, not the past 2010–11 hunting seasons.** Those deer will be honored at the January 2012 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 Web site 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.



2011 Garden State Deer Classic Winners*

Rank	Name	Score / Weight	County Harvested	DM Zone
135 Pound Doe—Archery				
1st	Douglas Wright	142	Salem	27
135 Pound Doe—Crossbow				
1st	Dennis Butler	158	Salem	27
135 Pound Doe				
1st	Michael Gonzalez	148	Warren	7
200 Pound Buck—Archery				
1st	Robert Skinner	215.5	Somerset	13
2nd	Ronald R. Turpin	206	Cumberland	28
3rd	Fred Wistuba, Jr.	202	Somerset	14
200 Pound Buck—Shotgun				
1st	Bryan Soltes	205	Morris	8
Non-typical Archery				
1st	Gerald P. Buckley, Jr.	160 0/8	Hunterdon	12
2nd	Frank Kocsis	142 4/8	Hunterdon	10
Non-typical Archery				
1st	Gerald P. Buckley, Jr.	160 0/8	Hunterdon	12
2nd	Frank Kocsis	142 4/8	Hunterdon	10
Non-typical Crossbow				
1st	Gary Cameron	163 2/8	Ocean	17
Non-typical Muzzleloader				
1st	Charles Sutton, III	161 2/8	Warren	8
2nd	Leo Stoehr, Jr.	153 2/8	Atlantic	26
3rd	Donald L. Fiocchi	140 2/8	Cumberland	47
Non-typical Shotgun				
1st	Frank Turcotte	186 0/8	Somerset	12
2nd	Jeff N. Trull	147 3/8	Salem	27
3rd	Joe Chomko	142 2/8	Monmouth	50
Typical Archery				
1st	Jeffrey Melillo	141 5/8	Morris	36
2nd	Brian A. Baum, Sr.	141 1/8	Monmouth	50
3rd	Jared M. Cramer	141 0/8	Warren	5
Typical Crossbow				
1st	Phillip J. Richard	142 4/8	Somerset	13
2nd	Douglas J. Kurman, Sr.	137 3/8	Salem	27
3rd	Guy Russo	132 3/8	Hunterdon	12
Typical Muzzleloader				
1st	Jim Kelly	149 1/8	Hunterdon	10
2nd	Theodore R. Brewer	136 7/8	Burlington	48
3rd	Henry Tamagni, III	135 1/8	Salem	28
Typical Shotgun				
1st	Robert Staudt, Jr.	154 5/8	Somerset	14
2nd	Wayne Queen	153 2/8	Salem	25
3rd	Keith J. Gadsby	148 0/8	Mercer	14

* For deer harvested during the 2009–10 hunting seasons.

TAKE AIM with NONTOTOXIC SHOT

By Paul Ritter, Supervising Biologist

Gone are the days when shotgun hunters had few ammunition choices. Not very long ago hunters were limited to 2¾-inch long shells loaded with #6 shot available in a high or low brass. For many hunters the deciding factor when purchasing a box of shells was which brand of ammunition was on sale prior to the season opener. Technological advancements in ammunition development provide today's shooters with a multitude of ammunition choices specific not only to the type of game hunted, but also to individual firearms and chokes. Some of the most impressive advancements have come in the development of lead alternative ammunition types more commonly known as nontoxic shot.

Steel shot ammunition first made its debut in the early 80s after the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mandated that nontoxic shot be used for all migratory game bird hunting. Hunters recognized the need for this transition away from lead but often struggled acclimating to shooting the new steel shot ammunition. Steel performed quite differently than traditional lead pellet loads. Reports surfaced about steel shot damaging shotgun bores.

Over the next 30 years, the ammunition industry developed a variety of great nontoxic shot loads made from metals such as bismuth, zinc, tin, molybdenum, tungsten, steel and several alloys of these metals. Knowing the ballistic benefits of lead, manufacturers developed ammunition alternatives that mimic—and often outperform—lead.

Newer nontoxic shot types are most effective when well-matched to the right barrel/choke combination and to the specific type of game. Here are highlights of some of the outstanding options in nontoxic shot today.

Wild Turkey Hunting

Turkey hunters want a shotgun shell that can deliver a high-velocity, hard-hitting, dense pattern out to a distance of 40 yards. While improvements in shotgun chokes have made the old standby lead pellet loads more efficient, nothing outperforms many of the nontoxic choices offered by most manufacturers. Hunters understand that when choosing a new shotgun shell it must perform first at the range on paper before it is used in the field. Some of the new nontoxic shotgun shell choices, when coupled with specialized choke tubes, are delivering 90 percent of the shot pattern within a 30-inch circle at critical distances of 30 and 40 yards. Patterns providing this type of density greatly exceed the generally agreed-upon performance standard of placing 12 or more pellet strikes within the skeletal area of the head and neck of a turkey required to bring down this tough bird.

One such manufacturer of a great turkey hunting shell is Kent Cartridge. They developed the Kent Tungsten Matrix pellet in a special turkey load that delivers a dense pattern downrange with a muzzle velocity of 1,300 feet per second. This nontoxic load, when coupled with today's turkey choke tubes, is a must-try for all hunters. For those with an older gun who may have retired it from use fearing bore damage from early-style nontoxic shot, the Tungsten Matrix is also a great choice. Kent developed this malleable pellet to be physically and ballistically comparable to lead; it can be fired safely through all shotguns.

Small Game

Hunters pursuing small game require versatility in shot size offerings so they can match the ammo with the variety of game hunted. Whether your quarry is rabbit, pheasant, squirrel or quail your shot size selection will change as does your game.

When first introduced, steel shot was limited only to size #6 shot and larger. Today, nontoxic shot is available in virtually every shot size a shooter requires. Even distribution of shot within the pattern is vital to upland game hunters. Patterns must not contain areas void of shot so that game is not missed or wounded.

Lead pellets are produced from drop towers or dropped into warm water and rolled down an incline resulting in many misshapen pellets and inconsistent pellet weights. Misshapen pellets disrupt the aerodynamics of the shot string as it travels downrange resulting in a wider pattern with many pellet gaps, translating into missed targets in the field.

This is where nontoxic shot excels. Nontoxic pellet manufacturing techniques produce pellets of equal size and weight. It is this uniformity and consistency that translates into equally distributed shot throughout the pattern, increasing your success rate of connecting with the intended target.

One such producer of nontoxic upland game loads is Environ-Metal, Inc., manufacturers of HEVI-Shot. This company annually introduces to the market new types of nontoxic shotgun shells in all gauges, shell lengths and virtually all shot sizes needed for any type of upland game.



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White-tailed Deer

It may be surprising to learn that shotgun deer hunters can now choose from several nontoxic ammunition types ranging from buckshot to solid projectiles. Although a bit more difficult to find, non-traditional buckshot is now offered by a few select companies. Most alternative buckshot is made from steel and touts superior downrange accuracy and performance with extremely tight patterns. Matched with the correct choke tube it is now a simple task to place all pellets in the vital area of a deer within 40 yards.

Shotgun slug technology has excelled with the introduction of the sabot. Rifled and even smooth-bore shotgunners benefit from this fall-away plastic cup designed to cradle the projectile and grip the rifling while traveling down the barrel, effectively increasing accuracy. Long gone are the days of bouncing a 1-ounce hunk of lead down the barrel with the resulting inconsistent shot groups, even as close as 50 yards. Today's manufacturers are placing nontoxic (copper) bullets into sabots designed to be shot through a rifled shotgun barrel. The results of this pairing are phenomenal, with target groups under 2 inches at 100 yards and greater!

Ammo manufacturers focus on bullet design to achieve the maximum expansion and knock-down power at these greater distances. Federal Cartridge

Company excels in this area with two lethal shotgun slugs to their credit. Federal has placed a Barnes expanding bullet in a sabot to produce uniform and maximum bullet expansion. A second round uses this same expanding bullet but with a ballistic tip for even greater precision and more retained energy. With almost laser-guided accuracy these new nontoxic projectiles now possess the required knockdown power to harvest successfully an outstanding New Jersey whitetail.

Waterfowl

This is where it all started. Many of the recent advances in nontoxic shot and bullet development happened as a result of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service mandate that all migratory bird hunters use only nontoxic shot but demanded that manufacturers continue to improve the quality and availability of shotgun shell offerings in all gauges and shot sizes. Ammunition manufacturers responded.

Today's waterfowlers enjoy more nontoxic shot choices than ever. One of the newest developments for 2011 is from ENVIRON-Metal, Inc., makers of HEVI-Shot shotgun shells. Their new technology packs each shell with two types of nontoxic, sharp-edged shot resulting in phenomenal pattern densities at 40 yards and incredible knockdown

abilities for both large and small waterfowl. The best advice one can give waterfowl hunters who want to expand their nontoxic shot arsenal is to research ammunition online, buy some shells to match your gun and the type of hunting planned, then hit the range for some good old-fashioned field testing.

Muzzleloader Hunters

The technological advances in nontoxic shotgun projectiles also benefit the muzzleloader shooter. Both shotgun and rifle smoke pole enthusiasts now have the same opportunities to utilize nontoxic shot and rifle ammunition with the same great results that modern shotgunners are enjoying.

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Berkshire Valley Wildlife Management Area



Forest Management Activities | 1991–present

By Miriam Dunne, Northern Region Habitat Biologist (photos by author)

Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the northern part of the state provide nearly 50,000 acres of woodland wildlife habitat, much of it in mid to later stages of the natural regrowth and replacement of plant communities over time known as ecological succession.



Older, uneven-age stand in foreground with younger, dense stand in background.



Forest stands cut in 1996 are regenerating from stump sprouts (American chestnut shown above), from seedlings present in the stand before harvest and from seeds that have germinated after harvest (below).



Younger forests have a more open canopy, allowing more sunlight to enter the forest floor resulting in a dense growth of tree and shrub seedlings, grasses, forbs and vines. As the forest ages, trees grow and outcompete other plant species that are intolerant to shade. For about the first 25 years following a harvest (cut), the structure of a regenerating forest contains a dense growth of trees and shrubs plus provides food and cover for numerous wildlife species. As trees grow and compete with each other for sunlight, many will be eliminated naturally and the stand will become less dense. Older growth forests (120+ years) typically contain larger diameter trees, standing dead trees and decaying logs, a closed canopy with gaps allowing sunlight to enter the forest floor and patches of mixed age trees. Early, mid and later successional stages of forest growth are each important to wildlife; it is the goal of forest management activities on state WMAs to have all successional stages represented.

To that end, forest management activities were implemented at Berkshire Valley WMA (Roxbury Twp, Morris County) since the early 1990s to increase the amount of early successional forest areas available for species like ruffed grouse, chestnut-sided warbler and prairie warbler. A cooperative effort was undertaken between New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife, the Ruffed Grouse Society and New Jersey Division of Parks and Forestry to create diversified age classes of forest stands. Forest management activities were initiated to “set back” the plant successional stage in patches of the 80-110 year old oak-hickory forest, allowing young shrubs and trees to flourish where the old growth had been established. Over the course of these 20 years, approximately 70 acres of forest patches have been harvested in an even-aged system. These areas have regrown producing a high stem density cover type that is valued by many species of wildlife.

Berkshire Background

Berkshire Valley WMA covers approximately 2,000 acres, mostly forest. Like all of New Jersey, Berkshire Valley was cut over extensively during the mid to late 1800s for sawlogs, fuel and charcoal production. More than half of this WMA was purchased in the 1940s specifically for wildlife habitat. During the ensuing years there has been minimal forest management activity.

In the early 1990s, the Division of Parks and

Forestry worked with Fish and Wildlife to undertake select even-aged management activities. About 22 acres of firewood and timber were harvested in five blocks during 1991. The Ruffed Grouse Society then funded the development of a management plan by a consulting forester, which Parks and Forestry approved and implemented. The plan was designed to produce a mosaic of forest stands in four harvest blocks over a 20-year period resulting in a checkerboard pattern of various-aged stands. Over the course of 20 years, the plan called for four harvests of about 23 acres, creating a total of 92 acres of early successional habitat.

The harvest blocks ranged in size from 1 to 12 acres. The first harvest occurred in September 1991 and resulted in good regeneration of black birch, ash, tulip poplar, shrubs, forbs and grasses. These blocks, now 20 years old, have reached the stem exclusion phase of development and are almost at the end of their prime as early successional habitat.

A second round of harvesting took place from 1996 through 1997. As with the initial cuts, these forest blocks ranged from 1.5 to 7 acres. Good regeneration of hardwoods resulted, with both nominal deer browse and invasive plants (non-native, rapidly spreading intruders) in the understory.

Habitat Management Becomes More Sophisticated

The next round of harvesting was done years later in the winter of 2008. Care was taken to leave adequate mast trees (nut bearing) on the periphery of the cuts to enable oaks to seed in. Cut tree tops left within the harvest blocks provide coarse woody debris which is beneficial to a number of insects (and animals that eat these insects), and also forms a temporary barrier to deer which discourages browsing on tree seedlings. Cavity trees (used for shelter and nesting) and select mast trees were left standing in the middle of the even-aged blocks.

At the end of three growing seasons, the harvest blocks appear scrubby or brushy. This might be considered unsightly to some, but these areas contain a great diversity of young trees, shrubs, brambles, vines, forbs, grasses and sedges. Plant diversity equates to wildlife diversity.

Harvesting was conducted during the winter to reduce run-off and minimize the spread of invasive exotic plants through mud on equipment. Despite this precaution, some invasive vegetation is present

in the newly cut blocks—as it is everywhere in New Jersey. Some invasive plant experts believe that Japanese stiltgrass can become shaded-out of the developing understory. Other invasives like garlic mustard and Japanese barberry tolerate shade well and are much more persistent. In the future, spot herbiciding prior to harvest will be done when needed to kill plants like Japanese barberry as a preventative measure. Winter or late summer harvesting and better equipment washing prior to entering the wildlife management area may reduce the occurrence of invasives.

Deer Affect Forest Diversity

Deer management is an important component of maintaining or restoring forest health and regeneration. Berkshire Valley WMA is located within Deer Management Zone (DMZ) 6, Regulation Set 3, which allows 120 consecutive days of deer hunting throughout six deer seasons. Habitat and land use varies greatly within this zone, from highly populated suburban areas along the Route 80 corridor on its southern boundary to the forested uplands along its northwestern boundary. In 2007, the estimated deer population density in the huntable portion of the herd in Zone 6 was 31 deer per square mile. This is considerably lower than the estimated densities in the highly productive agricultural DMZs where 40-plus deer per square mile are thought to be present. The Zone 6 density is also considerably more than the single digit density estimates for the nutrient-poor habitat of a Pinelands zone.

Deer can have a huge impact on forest health and regeneration. In areas with a lot of agricultural and other vegetation able to sustain a large population of deer, high densities will not have a major impact on the surrounding forest. However, on less-productive sites, and especially when adjacent suburban development provides a refuge from hunters, deer can have a significant impact on forest vegetation.

In 2010, two of the harvest blocks at Berkshire Valley WMA saw the installation of deer exclosures measuring 75 x 75 feet, designed to allow the cut areas to regenerate without influence from deer. Plant diversity, along with the calculated total height of tree species within and outside of the deer exclosure will be compared again in 2015 and 2020 and used to gauge the long-term impacts from deer.

Regardless of the estimated density, the ultimate test of deer density-habitat compatibility in any one location is the amount of plant regeneration present. At Berkshire Valley, evidence such as the amount of understory browse observed and the vegetation represented in these cuts—despite the fact that some plant species are preferred by deer (e.g. maple leaf viburnum)—demonstrates an acceptable deer density and that hunting pressure is adequate.

Plant Diversity Supports Forest Birds

A breeding bird survey was conducted during June of 2008 and found species including those that prefer



Two deer exclosures were installed to look at deer impacts on regenerating stands.



Regrowth in areas cut in 2008 has resulted in a dense, diverse assemblage of plants.



Opening the canopy to sunlight stimulates the growth of seedlings present before the harvest (like oak and beech) and releases shade-intolerant species like birch and ash.

“interior forest” for nesting (like wood thrush and scarlet tanager), as well as those that require scrub/shrub (prairie warbler) and species who need a well developed understory (worm eating warbler, black-billed cuckoo). Though many birds that nest in “interior forest” will not nest in the regenerating cuts, this habitat is important to them for foraging after the young fledge and also during migration. The great abundance of berries and insects on the plants in the cuts makes them a desirable habitat type.

Focus on Grouse

Since one of the main goals of the forest management work at Berkshire Valley was to create grouse habitat, it is important to monitor the effects on this species. At one time grouse were fairly common on Berkshire. Grouse surveys conducted during April and May of the last two years have not been fruitful. It is possible that sufficient source populations do not exist in close proximity to the harvest blocks to allow grouse numbers to expand and utilize the regenerating habitat. Perhaps there is not yet enough early successional vegetation in this area.

The home range for a pair of grouse is from 50-100 acres, providing there is suitable habitat. The farther a grouse must travel to meet its living and breeding requirements, the more likely it is

subject to predation. Localized predation from raptors, cats, raccoons and other predators may be having an impact on these birds. Disturbance from illegal ATV and dirt bike activity could also thwart nesting. It is probably a combination of factors.

Successional Success

Activities at Berkshire Valley Wildlife Management Area provide an example of how professional forest management is used successfully as a tool to create wildlife habitat. Two more rounds of timber harvests are planned under the current management plan. These cuts are scheduled to take place in 2013 and 2018. By choosing a “no-action” alternative (no management activity) it will not change the fact that invasives are likely to be present in the future stand. The result of no action will be little regeneration of trees like oak that need an open canopy and sunlight reaching the forest floor in order to thrive. No action will also be detrimental to a suite of species that need the structure and food supply of an early successional forest. Without oaks in future stands the outlook for wildlife that depends on oak is bleak. Tolerating some invasives may be necessary in order to achieve a diversity of forest successional stages that is so crucial to forest health and wildlife diversity. 🌿

SELECTING WATERFOWL SEASON DATES

An example from the 2010–2011 season

By Ted Nichols, Principal Wildlife Biologist

Background

Migratory bird hunting season packages, including season dates, length and bag limits, are based on scientific assessments conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and state wildlife agencies through their respective migratory game bird flyway councils. Hunting season packages are developed to reflect a species' ability to withstand harvest and yet remain at or above a predetermined population objective. Migratory bird hunting season framework dates are annually promulgated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. States then select their specific hunting seasons from within this federal framework. States may be more restrictive but cannot be more liberal than what is allowed in the federal framework.

Selecting exact hunting season dates for migratory game birds is a balance between scientific and social factors. Generally, season date selections are targeted to occur when the birds are most abundant within a state or zone within a state. In order to select the best dates, empirical data on abundance as well as general observations of migra-

tion chronology are needed. In addition, managers must account for social factors including hunter preferences, traditions and holidays.

In New Jersey, the process of selecting annual migratory bird hunting season dates begins in spring when New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife (Fish and Wildlife) presents recommended dates to our Fish and Game Council (Council). Fish and Wildlife considers traditional patterns of hunter participation and harvest, migration chronology and input received from hunters to arrive at a season selection recommendation. Council considers Fish and Wildlife's recommended season dates as well as input from our constituents before making the final decision for migratory bird season dates. Proposed season dates are released by June.

Atlantic Flyway states have had 60-day duck seasons since 1997. New Jersey has three zones (north, south and coastal) where two season segments are permitted within each zone. Since the 2000–01 season, the Coastal Zone duck season has generally had a seven to 10 day first segment in early November with the second segment opening on Thanksgiving Day and closing in late January, usually four days prior to the end of the federal duck season framework, which is the last Sunday in January.

Several years ago, Fish and Wildlife and the Council received requests from waterfowl hunters to extend the Coastal Zone duck season later into January at the expense of season dates in early November. New Jersey adopted the suggested format during 2004–05 (Table 1). Unfortunately, this season structure resulted in a significant number

of complaints from different hunters who voiced opposition to losing the November days that year. As a result, the following year Fish and Wildlife and our Council reinstated a full week of duck hunting in November in the Coastal Zone. Clearly, not all waterfowl hunters are in agreement as to their preferred season date for the Coastal Zone.

Again in 2010 Fish and Wildlife received comments from sportsmen to extend the Coastal Zone season later into January at the expense of the early November dates. Since there is contention in selecting the Coastal Zone season dates, data was analyzed to compare hunter activity and harvest success between the first season segment in early November with the mid-January portions of the Coastal Zone season to make an informed decision on this issue.

Methods

Hunter harvest and activity data were obtained from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Harvest Information Program (HIP). HIP data are tabulated by five-day periods for each year. To determine the most suitable years for comparison, hunting seasons since 2000–01 were examined as this is when New Jersey began extending the Coastal Zone duck season into late January. Years were chosen where there was minimal overlap in duck season dates in early November between the South Zone and Coastal Zone since comparisons are confounded when seasons are open concurrently in more than one zone. Because of considerable annual variation in harvest and hunter activity data, it is most useful when the mean harvest and mean hunter activity data from multiple years are examined.



Table 1. Duck and brant hunting season selections in New Jersey by zone, 2000-08.

Year	Duck Season Length	Brant Season Length	Ducks SZ Open 1	Ducks SZ Close 1	Ducks SZ Open 2	Ducks SZ Close 2	Ducks CZ Open 1	Ducks CZ Close 1	Ducks CZ Open 2	Ducks CZ Close 2	Brant CZ Open 1	Brant CZ Close 1	Brant CZ Open 2	Brant CZ Close 2
2000	60	50	21-Oct	4-Nov	10-Nov	1-Jan	4-Nov	14-Nov	23-Nov	20-Jan	4-Nov	14-Nov	23-Nov	9-Jan
2001	60	50	20-Oct	1-Dec	14-Dec	9-Jan	3-Nov	13-Nov	22-Nov	19-Jan	3-Nov	13-Nov	22-Nov	8-Jan
2002	60	60	19-Oct	30-Nov	13-Dec	8-Jan	2-Nov	12-Nov	28-Nov	25-Jan	2-Nov	12-Nov	28-Nov	25-Jan
2003	60	60	18-Oct	29-Nov	16-Dec	10-Jan	1-Nov	11-Nov	27-Nov	24-Jan	1-Nov	11-Nov	27-Nov	24-Jan
2004	60	50	16-Oct	27-Nov	14-Dec	8-Jan	11-Nov	13-Nov	25-Nov	29-Jan	11-Nov	13-Nov	25-Nov	18-Jan
2005	60	30	15-Oct	29-Oct	15-Nov	7-Jan	5-Nov	12-Nov	24-Nov	24-Jan	5-Nov	12-Nov	21-Dec	16-Jan
2006	60	30	21-Oct	4-Nov	14-Nov	6-Jan	4-Nov	11-Nov	23-Nov	23-Jan	4-Nov	11-Nov	20-Dec	15-Jan
2007	60	50	20-Oct	3-Nov	13-Nov	5-Jan	3-Nov	10-Nov	22-Nov	22-Jan	3-Nov	10-Nov	22-Nov	10-Jan
2008	60	60	18-Oct	1-Nov	15-Nov	8-Jan	1-Nov	11-Nov	27-Nov	24-Jan	1-Nov	11-Nov	27-Nov	24-Jan

Results

There were five years (2000 and 2005–08) suitable for analysis with minimal overlap of early November season dates between the South and Coastal zones (Table 1, yellow cells). During four of the five years examined (all but 2005), the closing day of the first segment of the South Zone coincided with the opening day of the first segment of the Coastal Zone (Table 1). Although not displayed in Table 1, the North Zone duck season was closed during all periods within the years examined so North Zone dates did not confound this analysis.

The first segment of the Coastal Zone opened Nov. 1–5 in all years examined. Wildlife managers have long recognized that hunting activity and harvest are very high on opening days. As such, when characterizing early November harvest and hunting data for the Coastal Zone it is most reasonable to review data from the Nov. 6–10 period as this period is comprised exclusively of Coastal Zone harvest, dampening the “opening day effect” of the first several days of the Coastal Zone season. Note that the “opening day effect” would still occur with a change in season structure where there are

fewer hunting days in early November; hence, the second five-day hunting period date is utilized.

Data from the periods of Jan. 11–15 and Jan. 16–20 were used in the comparison instead of the very last week in January because in some years the season was not open for the full five days during that last January week plus the harvest data proved to be substantially identical for each of those weeks. (Table 2.)

Therefore, to analyze hunter activity and harvest success in the Coastal Zone, the Nov. 6–10 period is compared with Jan. 11–15 and Jan. 16–20.



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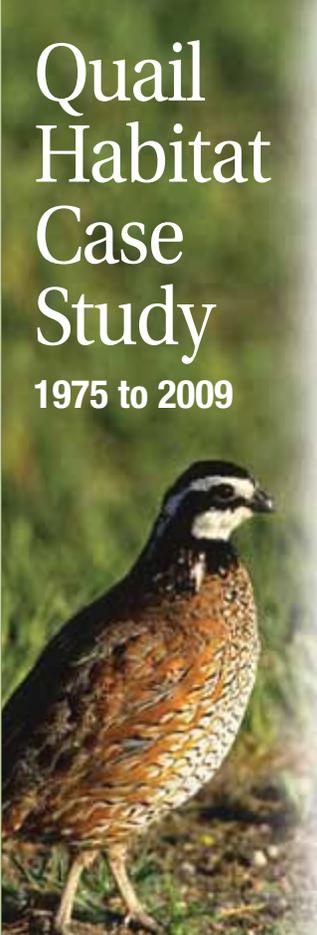
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Table 2. Mean annual harvest and hunter activity data by 5-day period in New Jersey based on HIP data, 2000, 2005-08. (See article for explanation of highlighted data.)

Period	Harvest			Hunter-days		Harvest per hunter-day	
	Total ducks	Black ducks	Brant	Ducks	Brant	Ducks	Brant
Oct. 06-10	1,134	16	0	550	9	2.06	0.00
Oct. 11-15	2,494	193	20	1,712	39	1.46	0.51
Oct. 16-20	3,494	301	8	1,941	38	1.80	0.21
Oct. 21-25	4,625	343	8	2,621	6	1.76	1.33
Oct. 26-31	3,141	308	20	2,141	47	1.47	0.43
Nov. 01-05	3,372	688	700	2,060	395	1.64	1.77
Nov. 06-10	1,435	479	1,221	1,189	464	1.21	2.63
Nov. 11-15	2,023	284	337	1,478	313	1.37	1.08
Nov. 16-20	2,744	469	0	1,741	49	1.58	0.00
Nov. 21-25	6,489	1,153	303	3,353	374	1.94	0.81
Nov. 26-30	3,117	581	155	1,635	161	1.91	0.96
Dec. 01-05	3,491	709	149	1,815	207	1.92	0.72
Dec. 06-10	3,568	780	155	1,670	225	2.14	0.69
Dec. 11-15	3,256	573	166	1,683	199	1.93	0.83
Dec. 16-20	3,719	628	233	2,283	329	1.63	0.71
Dec. 21-25	3,334	641	495	2,549	505	1.31	0.98
Dec. 26-31	4,796	974	1,065	3,775	911	1.27	1.17
Jan. 01-05	3,285	839	569	1,995	409	1.65	1.39
Jan. 06-10	1,510	332	570	1,445	393	1.04	1.45
Jan. 11-15	1,665	237	384	1,087	323	1.53	1.19
Jan. 16-20	1,277	389	153	1,044	178	1.22	0.86
Jan. 21-25	1,195	199	202	668	133	1.79	1.52

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(See yellow cells in Table 2.) In the Coastal Zone, total duck harvest and hunting activity were similar for early November and mid-January while black duck harvest was considerably higher during the November period.

Brant seasons are frequently shorter than duck seasons. When this occurs, brant seasons close earlier in January than duck season (Table 1, blue column). As such, the most reasonable comparisons for brant harvest and hunter activity is between the Nov. 6–10 and Jan. 6–10 hunting periods (blue cells, Table 2) because Coastal Zone brant seasons are usually closed after January 10 (Table 1). Based on the data in Table 2, brant *hunting activity* (blue cells) was only about 15 percent higher in November than January but brant *harvest and hunter success* (measured as harvest/hunter day) in November are about *double* that which occurs in January. In addition, brant harvest and hunter success were higher during Nov. 6–10 than during *any other* five-day period examined in New Jersey.

Conclusion

Unless a particular species is well below population objectives or there are other biological considerations, selection of migratory bird season dates is largely a social decision. In the New Jersey Coastal Zone, contemporary duck harvest and hunting activity is similar when comparing early November to mid-(and presumably late) January. However, brant harvest and hunter success during early November are about double that observed in January. Clearly, brant hunting is popular during November and brant hunters are markedly more successful in early November than they are in January.

Many hunters also contend that brant—which are renowned for their poor table quality—are more palatable early in the fall when they first arrive after migration. One potential solution would be to hold brant seasons during November independent of duck seasons (i.e., the brant season would be open but the duck season closed) but this would complicate regulations. However, hunters have consistently voiced an opinion to hold brant and duck seasons concurrently whenever possible in order to simplify regulations.

Based on the analysis of hunter behavior and success, Fish and Wildlife recommended—and the Council adopted—a “no change” plan for the Coastal Zone season structure for the 2010–11 hunting season. Prior to Council arriving at their proposal, these analyses were shared with sportsmen’s groups statewide through the New Jersey Federation of Sportsmen’s Clubs. This entire process enabled resource managers to make data-informed decisions concerning social issues where two opposing viewpoints were under consideration. Reporting on these analyses keeps hunters informed of the background data and upfront decisions that comprise the migratory bird hunting regulation setting process. 🦆



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Stocking dates are Nov. 21-23, 2011. When available, the stocking schedule and locations will be posted on Fish and Wildlife's Web site and the Trout Stocking Hotline.

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NEW JERSEY HAS more than 750,000 acres of public land available to the deer hunter. This list is arranged by deer management zone for public land open to deer hunting. Generally, only areas with 100 acres or more of upland habitat are listed. State parks and forests that allow hunting may have some sections which are closed to hunting. Some areas allow deer hunting only during certain seasons, require an access fee or have other special regulations. Refer to the *Digest* section *Special Areas Hunting Season Information* page 50 or contact the appropriate authority for details. See page 89 for hunting opportunities on national wildlife refuges in New Jersey.

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
 - **Paulinskil WMA**
 - Walkkill 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
 - Paulinskil 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
- 9 • South Branch WMA
 - Voorhees State Park
- 10 • Black River WMA
 - 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*)
 - Assunpink WMA
 - Monmouth County Park System—Charleston Springs Golf Course, Perrineville Lake Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 15 • 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*)
- 16 • Colliers Mills WMA
 - Monmouth County Park System—Clayton Park, Crosswicks Creek Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 17 • Colliers Mills WMA
 - Manchester WMA
 - Whiting WMA
- 18 • Medford WMA
 - Wharton State Forest
- 19 • Double Trouble State Park
 - Forked River Mountain WMA
 - Greenwood Forest WMA
 - Lebanon State Forest
- 20 • Bass River State Forest
 - Wharton State Forest
 - Bass River State Forest
 - Penn State Forest
 - Stafford Forge WMA
 - Swan Bay WMA
 - Warren Grove Recreation Area
 - Wharton State Forest
- 21 • Cedar Lake WMA
 - Great Egg Harbor River WMA
 - **Penbryn Pond WMA**
 - Wharton State Forest
- 22 • Great Egg Harbor River WMA
 - Hammoncton Creek WMA
 - Makepeace Lake WMA
 - Port Republic WMA
- 23 • Salem River WMA
 - Thundergut Pond WMA
- 24 • Buckshutem WMA
 - Elmer Lake WMA
 - **Parvin State Park**
 - Union Lake WMA
- 25 • Bayside PSE&G Tract (see *Special Areas*)
 - Cohansey WMA
 - Gum Tree Corner WMA
 - Mad Horse Creek WMA
 - Maskells Mill Pond WMA
 - Stowe Creek State Park
- 26 • Bear Swamp Natural Area (closed Jan. 15–Aug. 1)
 - Dix WMA
 - Egg Island WMA
 - Fortescue WMA
 - Nantuxent WMA
 - New Sweden WMA
- 27 • Millville WMA
 - Buckshutem WMA
- 28 • 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*)
- 29 • D.O.D. Ponds
 - Harrisonville Lake WMA
- 30 • No public deer hunting land
- 31 • Fort Dix Military Reservation (see *Special Areas*)
- 32 • Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 33 • No public deer hunting land
- 34 • No public deer hunting land
- 35 • Alexauken Creek WMA
 - Mercer County Parks—Baldpate (Kuser) Mountain
 - Mercer County Parks—Howell Living History Farm
- 36 • Port Republic WMA
 - Millville (Bevan) WMA
 - Menantico Ponds WMA
 - Peaslee WMA
- 37 • Gibson Creek WMA
 - Great Egg Harbor River WMA
 - Tuckahoe WMA
 - Maple Lake WMA
 - Peaslee WMA
- 38 • Peaslee WMA
 - Rancocas State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 39 • No public deer hunting land
- 40 • 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*)
- 41 • 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*)
- 42 • Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station (see *Special Areas*)
- 43 • No public deer hunting land
- 44 • Glassboro WMA
 - Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
 - Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
 - Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge—north of Rt. 72 (see *Special Areas*)
- 45 • Atlantic County Park System (see *Special Areas*)
- 46 • Abbotts Meadow WMA
 - Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (see *Special Areas*)
- 47 • Monmouth Battlefield State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 48 • Winslow WMA
 - **White Oak Branch WMA**
- 49 • Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (see *Special Areas*)
- 50 • High Point State Park (see *Special Areas*)
- 51 • Franklin Parker Preserve (see *Special Areas*)
- 52 • 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:

USGS Topographic Maps

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NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection

Maps and Publications

NJDEP Office of Constituent Services
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State Parks and Forests Maps

Maps and information on lands administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. Please specify park or forest. Free.

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MC 501-04, PO Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420
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Wildlife Management Area Maps

Maps and information on lands administered by NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife Photocopies of individual WMA maps on USGS base available free. Specify which WMA.

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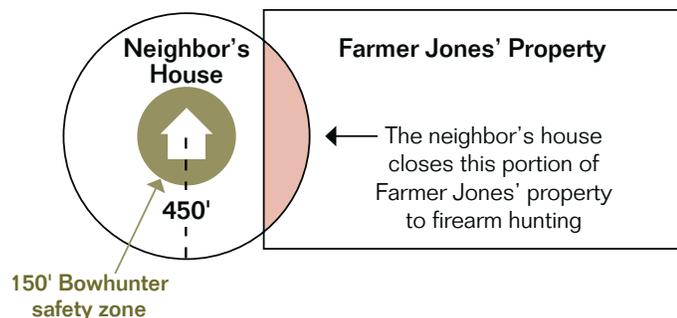
SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

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 26.
- 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.



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 2011–2012 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

241 Pleasant Plains Rd., Basking Ridge, NJ 07920-9615 (973) 425-1222; fws.gov/northeast/greatswamp

- 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 2011 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 Web site, 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 2011.

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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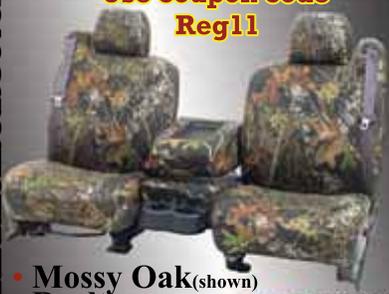
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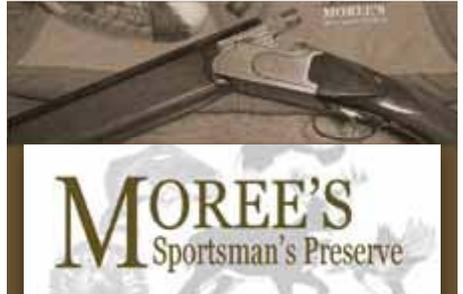
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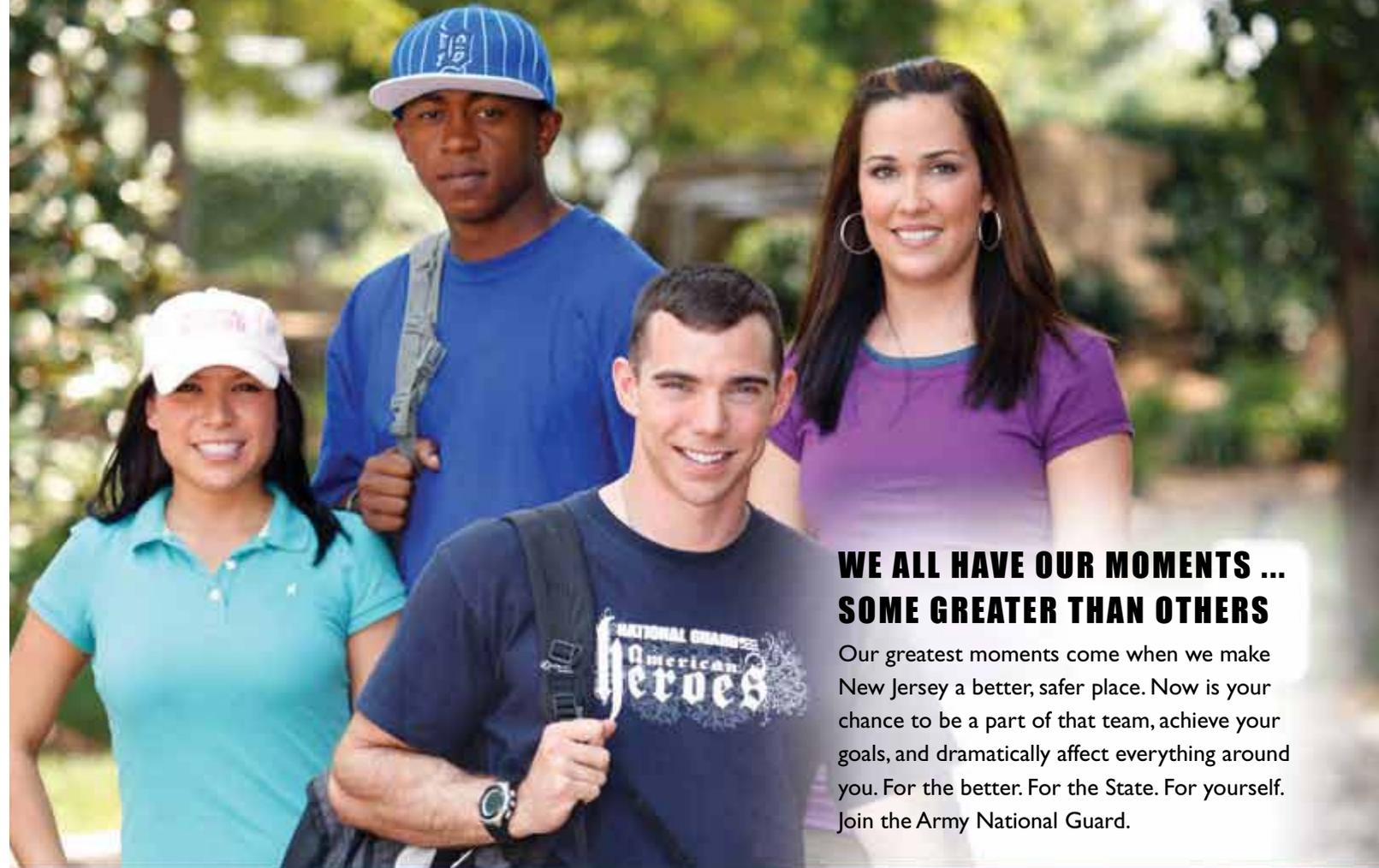
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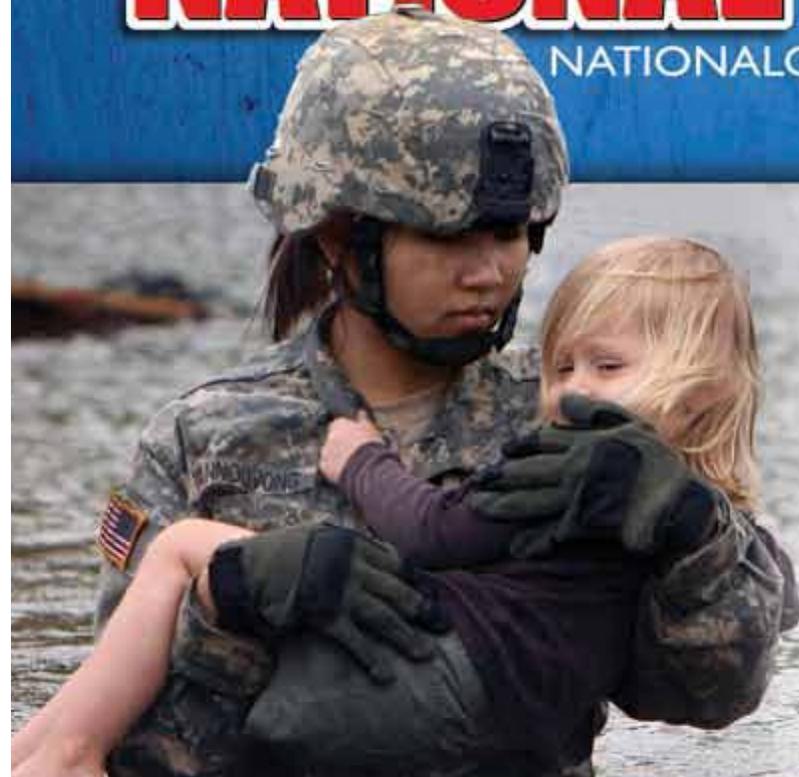


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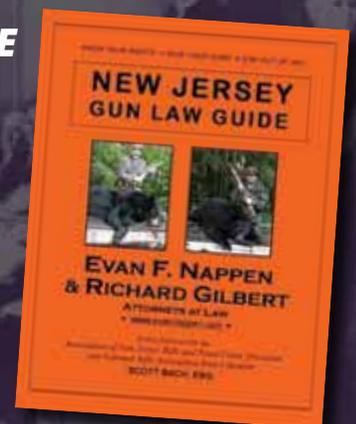
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