

CHAPTER 25

DIVISION OF FISH, GAME AND WILDLIFE RULES

Authority

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Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 25, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife Rules, was filed and became effective prior to September 1, 1969. Subchapter 2, Use of All Land and Water Areas Under the Control of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, was adopted as R.1975 d.292, effective October 1, 1975. See: 7 N.J.R. 411(a), 7 N.J.R. 499(c). Subchapter 12, Surf Clams, was repealed and replaced by R.1990 d.46, effective January 16, 1990. See: 21 N.J.R. 3214(a), 22 N.J.R. 183(a). Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 25 was readopted as R.1991 d.132, effective February 15, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 37(a), 23 N.J.R. 848(b).

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

7:25-1.1 Scope

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

Case Notes

In constitutional challenge by unincorporated organization whose members advocated and practiced a "clothing-optional lifestyle" to local ordinance barring nude sunbathing on township beaches, ordinance held constitutional and generally enforceable in township; ordinance unenforceable on beach located on State-owned lands inside

township boundaries. *Tri-State Metro Naturists v. Lower Twp.*, 219 N.J.Super. 103, 529 A.2d 1047 (Law Div.1987).

7:25-1.2 Construction

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

7:25-1.3 Practice where rules do not govern

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

7:25-1.4 Definitions

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

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

"Code" means the New Jersey Administrative Code.

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

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

"Council" means the Fish and Game Council in the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries.

"Division" means the Division of Fish, Game and Shellfisheries in the Department of Environmental Protection.

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

7:25-1.5 License, permit and stamp fees

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

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| Resident Fishing | \$ 16.50 |
| Jr/Sr Fishing | 7.75 |
| Family Fishing | 27.50 |
| Family Supplement | 2.25 |
| Non-Resident Fishing | 25.25 |
| Non-Resident 7-Day Fishing | 16.50 |
| Resident Trout Stamp | 7.75 |
| Non-Resident Trout Stamp | 15.50 |
| Resident Hunting | 22.00 |
| Jr/Sr Hunting | 10.75 |

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| Juvenile Hunting | 3.00 |
| Non-Resident 2-Day Hunting | 27.50 |
| 1 Day Hunting | 7.75 |
| Resident Bow and Arrow | 26.25 |
| Jr/Sr Bow and Arrow | 12.00 |
| Juvenile Bow and Arrow | 3.00 |
| All Around Sportsman | 60.50 |
| Pheasant/Quail Stamp | 22.00 |
| Woodcock Stamp | 2.75 |
| Rifle Permit | 14.00 |
| Deer Permit | 21.75 |
| Turkey Permit | 16.25 |
| Semi-Wild | 57.00 |
| Commercial Hunt | 222.00 |
| Propagation | 7.50 |
| Fish Preserve | 167.00 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Lease and surveying fees deleted.

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

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

Section 1.5—Fee schedule—deleted.

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

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

7:25-1.6 (Reserved)

7:25-1.7 Penalties

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

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

(c) Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 50:2-5, each licensee, while at all times engaged in operating under his license who fails to have his clamming license in his possession or who fails to exhibit his clamming license for inspection upon proper request, shall be liable to a penalty of \$10.00 for the first offense and \$20.00 for each subsequent offense.

R.1980 d.395, effective September 17, 1980.

See: 12 N.J.R. 456(a), 12 N.J.R. 576(d).

R.1988 d.339, effective July 18, 1988.

See: 19 N.J.R. 2358(a), 20 N.J.R. 1743(b).

This section expired and new rules were adopted.

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

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

Monetary amount of penalty changed in (b). Deleted (d) and (e).

**SUBCHAPTER 2. USE OF ALL LAND AND
WATER AREAS UNDER THE CONTROL OF
THE DIVISION OF FISH, GAME AND
WILDLIFE**

7:25-2.1 Cutting or damaging vegetation

No person or persons shall at any time cut, fell, dig up, pull up, damage, gather, carry away, take, remove or destroy

any tree, shrub, vine or other vegetation or part thereof without written permission or other authorization of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. Nothing in this section shall apply to public utility companies or their agents engaged in the maintenance of existing utility company rights-of-way, provided that prior notice is given to the Division.

3. Clipped flight feathers of wing; or

4. Surgical or other medical procedure mandated in writing by a licensed veterinarian to preserve the life or health of the bird.

(c) Captive-bred birds hatched in New Jersey shall have seamless bands slipped onto one of their legs. A properly-sized seamless band slipped onto the leg of a hatchling shall be of such a size as to later fit a full-grown adult comfortably, but must not be so large that it could have been slipped over the foot of an older or full-grown bird. The Division shall publish and distribute a list of those species of birds exempt from banding requirements because of adverse health effects.

(d) Captive-bred birds hatched outside the State of New Jersey and wild-caught birds (except for zebra finches, society finches, canaries, budgerigars and cockatiels) which remain in New Jersey for more than 48 hours and are not wearing seamless bands shall have butt-end bands placed around one of their legs upon arrival in New Jersey. All aviculturally recognized color mutations of any parrot species will be exempt from banding due to their captive-bred origin.

(e) In lieu of or in addition to banding as set forth in (a) through (d) above, birds may be identified by micro-chips (subcutaneous implants or coded information) obtained solely from manufacturers expressly authorized by the Department.

New Rule, R.1995 d.48, effective January 17, 1995.
See: 26 N.J.R. 1040(a), 27 N.J.R. 329(a).

SUBCHAPTER 5. 1997-98 GAME CODE

Subchapter Historical Note

The Game Code is revised annually to reflect changing conditions in the State's wildlife resource. Previous revisions in the Code were as follows:

R.1971 d.74, effective May 21, 1971.
See: 3 N.J.R. 58(a), 3 N.J.R. 108(a).
R.1972 d.115, effective September 1, 1972.
See: 4 N.J.R. 101(a), 4 N.J.R. 158(a).
R.1972 d.202, effective October 13, 1972.
See: 4 N.J.R. 213(b), 4 N.J.R. 265(a).
R.1972 d.211, effective November 1, 1972.
See: 4 N.J.R. 232(b), 4 N.J.R. 264(a).
R.1973 d.164, effective August 1, 1973.
See: 5 N.J.R. 139(c), 5 N.J.R. 221(b).
R.1973 d.226, effective September 1, 1973.
See: 5 N.J.R. 221(a), 5 N.J.R. 304(b).
R.1973 d.263, effective September 17, 1973.
See: 5 N.J.R. 261(b), 5 N.J.R. 336(b).
R.1973 d.293, effective October 15, 1973.
See: 5 N.J.R. 304(a), 5 N.J.R. 370(a).
R.1974 d.149, effective August 1, 1974.
See: 6 N.J.R. 174(a), 6 N.J.R. 262(c).
R.1974 d.150, effective August 1, 1974.
See: 6 N.J.R. 175(a), 6 N.J.R. 263(a).

R.1975 d.178, effective August 1, 1975.
See: 7 N.J.R. 204(a), 7 N.J.R. 310(c).
R.1975 d.277, effective September 18, 1975.
See: 7 N.J.R. 359(b), 7 N.J.R. 464(a).
R.1975 d.281, effective September 24, 1975.
See: 7 N.J.R. 308(b), 7 N.J.R. 464(b).
R.1975 d.290, effective October 1, 1975.
See: 7 N.J.R. 413(a), 7 N.J.R. 499(a).
R.1976 d.187, effective August 1, 1976.
See: 8 N.J.R. 221(b), 8 N.J.R. 328(a), 8 N.J.R. 460(a).
R.1976 d.307, effective October 1, 1976.
See: 8 N.J.R. 378(b), 8 N.J.R. 509(b).
R.1977 d.85, effective March 15, 1977.
See: 9 N.J.R. 170(a).
R.1977 d.86, effective March 15, 1977.
See: 9 N.J.R. 170(b).
R.1977 d.219, effective August 1, 1977.
See: 9 N.J.R. 213(a), 9 N.J.R. 322(a).
R.1977 d.355, effective October 3, 1977.
See: 9 N.J.R. 360(c), 9 N.J.R. 465(a).
R.1978 d.199, effective August 1, 1978.
See: 10 N.J.R. 186(a), 10 N.J.R. 279(c).
R.1979 d.329, effective August 16, 1979.
See: 11 N.J.R. 324(b), 11 N.J.R. 434(b).
R.1979 d.404, effective October 12, 1979.
See: 11 N.J.R. 433(a), 11 N.J.R. 544(a).
R.1980 d.266, effective August 1, 1980.
See: 12 N.J.R. 259(a), 12 N.J.R. 392(a).
R.1981 d.253, effective July 9, 1981 (operative August 1, 1981).
See: 13 N.J.R. 262(a), 13 N.J.R. 403(c).
R.1982 d.212, effective July 19, 1982 (operative August 1, 1982).
See: 14 N.J.R. 302(b), 14 N.J.R. 755(d).
R.1982 d.351, effective October 18, 1982.
See: 14 N.J.R. 871(a), 14 N.J.R. 1158(a).
R.1983 d.302, effective August 1, 1983.
See: 15 N.J.R. 7118(a), 15 N.J.R. 1247(b).
R.1985 d.419, effective August 19, 1985.
See: 17 N.J.R. 1177(a), 17 N.J.R. 2021(c).
R.1986 d.325, effective August 4, 1986.
See: 18 N.J.R. 1026(b), 18 N.J.R. 1566(a).
R.1987 d.321, effective August 3, 1987.
See: 19 N.J.R. 808(a), 19 N.J.R. 1434(a).
R.1988 d.376, effective August 1, 1988.
See: 20 N.J.R. 1035(b), 20 N.J.R. 1895(a).
R.1989 d.418, effective August 7, 1989.
See: 21 N.J.R. 1289(b), 21 N.J.R. 2356(a).
R.1990 d.404, effective August 6, 1990.
See: 22 N.J.R. 1459(a), 22 N.J.R. 2288(a).
R.1991 d.416, effective August 5, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 1494(a), 23 N.J.R. 2347(a).
R.1992 d.315, effective August 3, 1992.
See: 24 N.J.R. 1847(a), 24 N.J.R. 2715(b).
R.1993 d.390, effective August 2, 1993.
See: 25 N.J.R. 1930(a), 25 N.J.R. 3519(a).
R.1994 d.412, effective August 1, 1994 (operative August 6, 1994).
See: 26 N.J.R. 1913(b), 26 N.J.R. 3193(a).

See section annotations for subsequent revisions.

7:25-5.1 General provisions

(a) Judicial Notice. N.J.S.A. 13:1B-34 provides in pertinent part, "(C)opies of the State Fish and Game Code, and its amendments, duly certified by the Chairman of the council shall be received in evidence in all court or other judicial proceedings in the State."

(b) Time: The hours listed in this Code are EST or EDT at date and are based on Trenton time. A copy of the official time table for Trenton is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. Time tables for Trenton time are also published

in the annual Summary of Game Regulations and Trenton time shall be the Statewide official time.

(c) This Code, when adopted and when effective, shall supersede the provisions of 1996-97 Game Code.

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

1. "Bag limit" means the amount of permitted take per person per season except in a permit season the "bag limit" is the amount of permitted take per permit per season.

2. "Leftover permits" means those permits within the amount presented as the permit quota remaining after closure of the initial permit-granting process.

3. "Permit quota" means the maximum amount of permits allocated for a given locality, season, or species category.

4. "Possession tag" means the tag or metal seal affixed to the animal by Division personnel or designated agent.

5. "Transportation tag" means the tag portion of the hunting license or special permit which is removed and affixed to the animal immediately upon kill or removal from the trap. It is also a tag supplied by the Division with the beaver and otter trapping license.

6. "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" means the paper deer permit and transportation tag issued by mandatory deer check stations after registration of a deer taken on a regular license or special season permit. The "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" will allow the hunter to continue hunting and take one additional deer subject to applicable sections of this Code. The transportation tag portion is completed and affixed to a deer immediately upon killing by the hunter.

7. "New Jersey Bonus Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" means the paper deer permit and transportation tag issued by mandatory deer check stations after registration of an antlerless deer taken pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.25(b)1. The "New Jersey Bonus Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" will allow the hunter to continue hunting and take one additional deer subject to applicable provisions of N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.25(b)1. It is not valid on the day of issuance. The transportation tag portion is completed and affixed to a deer immediately upon killing by the hunter.

8. "Traditional muzzleloader rifle" means a single shot, single barrel, side lock percussion or flintlock firearm with iron or peep sights and a wooden stock. In-line ignition, center hammer and under hammer muzzleloaders are not included in this definition. Scopes, Sabot slugs and jacketed projectiles are prohibited for the purposes of this definition.

9. An "antler point" is defined as 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Case Notes

Shell fisherman did not have right to adjudicatory hearing on proposed coastal development by reason of his occupation. *Spalt v. New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection*, 237 N.J. Super. 206, 567 A.2d 264 (A.D.1989), certification denied 122 N.J. 140, 584 A.2d 213.

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

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

(a) The duration for the male pheasant season is November 8 to December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 through January 3, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(b) The duration for the male pheasant season for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is September 1 to December 6, 1997 and December 15, 1997 through March 31, 1998 except closed on November 7, 1997 and during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(c) The daily bag limit is two male pheasants, except as hereinafter in this section provided.

(d) The duration of the season for pheasants of either sex in the area described as Warren County north of Route 80, Morris County north of Route 80, Ocean County south of Route 70 and the counties of Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Camden, Atlantic and Cape May and the Lakehurst Naval Air Warfare Center and on all wildlife management areas except as noted below, is November 8 to December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 through February 16, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open. The duration of the pheasant season for all wildlife management areas in Cumberland County west of the Cohansey River and all wildlife management areas in Salem County, except Mad Horse is November 8 to December 6, 1997 and December 15, 1997 to January 3, 1998.

(e) The hours for hunting pheasants on November 8, 1997 are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset. All other days on which the hunting for pheasants is legal, the hours are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(f) Hen pheasants: In the areas described as Warren County north of Route 80, Morris County north of Route 80, Ocean County South of Rt. 70, and in the Counties of Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Camden, Atlantic, and Cape May, and the Lakehurst Naval Air Warfare Center and on all State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas, except as noted below, the daily bag limit shall be two pheasants of either sex. Only male pheasants may be taken on wildlife management areas in Cumberland County west of the Cohansey River and on all wildlife management areas in Salem County except Mad Horse. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take female pheasants elsewhere or to have female pheasants in possession afield other than in areas above described.

(g) Nothing contained in this section shall preclude properly licensed and permitted persons between 10 and 15 years of age from hunting pheasants on the Saturday before the opening of the pheasant season on selected wildlife management areas or portions thereof, if such activity is authorized by the Division. Hunting hours, application procedures, permit quotas and the form of the permit shall be determined by the Division.

(h) The season for properly licensed semi-wild preserves is November 8, 1997 to March 15, 1998 inclusive, except that nothing in this subsection shall preclude properly licensed and permitted persons between 10 and 15 years of age inclusive from hunting pheasant on the Saturday before the regular opening of the pheasant season on semi-wild preserves licensed for pheasant. The Director, with approval of the Council, may extend the pheasant season on licensed semi-wild preserves for a period not to exceed 20 days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7:25-5.3 Cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*), black-tailed jack rabbit (*Lepus californicus*), white-tailed jack rabbit (*Lepus townsendii*), European hare (*Lepus europeus*), chukar partridge (*Alectoris graeca*), and quail (*Colinus virginianus*)

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of cottontail rabbit, black-tailed jack rabbit, white-tailed jack rabbit, European hare, chukar partridge and quail is November 8 through December 6, 1997, inclusive, and December 15, 1997 to February 16, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(b) The duration of the season for the hunting of the animals enumerated by (a) above for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is September 1 to December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 through March 31, 1998 except closed on November 7, 1997 and during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(c) The daily bag limit is one jack rabbit or hare, seven quail, three chukar partridge, four cottontail rabbits.

(d) The hunting hours for the animals enumerated in this section are as follows: November 8, 1997, 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset. On all other days for which hunting for these animals is legal, the hours are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(e) The quail and chukar partridge season for properly licensed semi-wild preserves is November 8, 1997 to March 15, 1998 inclusive, except that nothing in this subsection shall preclude properly licensed and permitted persons between 10 and 15 years of age from hunting quail and/or chukar on the Saturday before the regular opening of the quail and chukar season on semi-wild preserves licensed for quail and/or chukar. The Director, with approval of the Council, may extend the quail and chukar partridge season

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of grouse is October 4 through December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 to February 16, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and excluding any extra deer permit season day(s) in December that is declared open.

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

(c) The hunting hours for ruffed grouse are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, with the exception of November 8, 1997 when legal hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended dates of hunting season throughout.

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

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels is October 4 through December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 to February 16, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit season day(s) in December if declared open.

(b) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is September 1 to December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 through March 31, 1998, except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(c) Daily bag limit: five squirrels.

1. No season limit.

(d) Hunting hours for squirrels are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, with the exception of November 8, 1997 when legal hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended dates of hunting season throughout.

7:25-5.6 Black bear (*Ursus americanus*), bobcat (*Felis rufus*)

(a) It shall be illegal to possess, take, kill or attempt to take or kill a black bear, or a bobcat at any time. It shall be illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear.

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

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

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

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

(a) The duration of the 1997 Fall Either-Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Season for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 20 shall be the first Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of December 1997. There shall be no fall turkey hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22 in 1997. The duration of the 1998 Fall Either-Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Season for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 20 shall be the first Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of December 1998. There shall be no fall turkey hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22 in 1998. The duration of the 1998 Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler hunting season includes five separate hunting periods of four, five or ten days each. The hunting periods for all hunting areas shall be:

1. Monday, April 20, 1998–Friday, April 24, 1998
2. Monday, April 27, 1998–Friday, May 1, 1998
3. Monday, May 4, 1998–Friday, May 8, 1998
4. Monday, May 11, 1998–Friday, May 15, 1998; Monday, May 18, 1998–Friday, May 22, 1998
5. Saturday, April 25, 1998; Saturday, May 2, 1998; Saturday, May 9, 1998 and Saturday, May 16, 1998

(d) The duration of the season for pheasants of either sex in the area described as Warren County north of Route 80, Morris County north of Route 80, Ocean County south of Route 70 and the counties of Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Camden, Atlantic and Cape May and the Lakehurst Naval Air Warfare Center and on all wildlife management areas except as noted below, is November 8 to December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 through February 16, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open. The duration of the pheasant season for all wildlife management areas in Cumberland County west of the Cohansey River and all wildlife management areas in Salem County, except Mad Horse is November 8 to December 6, 1997 and December 15, 1997 to January 3, 1998.

(e) The hours for hunting pheasants on November 8, 1997 are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset. All other days on which the hunting for pheasants is legal, the hours are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(f) Hen pheasants: In the areas described as Warren County north of Route 80, Morris County north of Route 80, Ocean County South of Rt. 70, and in the Counties of Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Camden, Atlantic, and Cape May, and the Lakehurst Naval Air Warfare Center and on all State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas, except as noted below, the daily bag limit shall be two pheasants of either sex. Only male pheasants may be taken on wildlife management areas in Cumberland County west of the Cohansey River and on all wildlife management areas in Salem County except Mad Horse. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take female pheasants elsewhere or to have female pheasants in possession afield other than in areas above described.

(g) Nothing contained in this section shall preclude properly licensed and permitted persons between 10 and 15 years of age from hunting pheasants on the Saturday before the opening of the pheasant season on selected wildlife management areas or portions thereof, if such activity is authorized by the Division. Hunting hours, application procedures, permit quotas and the form of the permit shall be determined by the Division.

(h) The season for properly licensed semi-wild preserves is November 8, 1997 to March 15, 1998 inclusive, except that nothing in this subsection shall preclude properly licensed and permitted persons between 10 and 15 years of age inclusive from hunting pheasant on the Saturday before the regular opening of the pheasant season on semi-wild preserves licensed for pheasant. The Director, with approval of the Council, may extend the pheasant season on licensed semi-wild preserves for a period not to exceed 20 days.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

7:25-5.3 Cottontail rabbit (*Sylvilagus floridanus*), black-tailed jack rabbit (*Lepus californicus*), white-tailed jack rabbit (*Lepus townsendii*), European hare (*Lepus europeus*), chukar partridge (*Alectoris graeca*), and quail (*Colinus virginianus*)

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of cottontail rabbit, black-tailed jack rabbit, white-tailed jack rabbit, European hare, chukar partridge and quail is November 8 through December 6, 1997, inclusive, and December 15, 1997 to February 16, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(b) The duration of the season for the hunting of the animals enumerated by (a) above for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is September 1 to December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 through March 31, 1998 except closed on November 7, 1997 and during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(c) The daily bag limit is one jack rabbit or hare, seven quail, three chukar partridge, four cottontail rabbits.

(d) The hunting hours for the animals enumerated in this section are as follows: November 8, 1997, 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset. On all other days for which hunting for these animals is legal, the hours are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(e) The quail and chukar partridge season for properly licensed semi-wild preserves is November 8, 1997 to March 15, 1998 inclusive, except that nothing in this subsection shall preclude properly licensed and permitted persons between 10 and 15 years of age from hunting quail and/or chukar on the Saturday before the regular opening of the quail and chukar season on semi-wild preserves licensed for quail and/or chukar. The Director, with approval of the Council, may extend the quail and chukar partridge season

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of grouse is October 4 through December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 to February 16, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and excluding any extra deer permit season day(s) in December that is declared open.

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

(c) The hunting hours for ruffed grouse are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, with the exception of November 8, 1997 when legal hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended dates of hunting season throughout.

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

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels is October 4 through December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 to February 16, 1998 except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit season day(s) in December if declared open.

(b) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels for properly licensed persons engaged in falconry is September 1 to December 6, 1997 inclusive, and December 15, 1997 through March 31, 1998, except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(c) Daily bag limit: five squirrels.

1. No season limit.

(d) Hunting hours for squirrels are sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, with the exception of November 8, 1997 when legal hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended dates of hunting season throughout.

7:25-5.6 Black bear (*Ursus americanus*), bobcat (*Felis rufus*)

(a) It shall be illegal to possess, take, kill or attempt to take or kill a black bear, or a bobcat at any time. It shall be illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear.

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

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

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

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

(a) The duration of the 1997 Fall Either-Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Season for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 20 shall be the first Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of December 1997. There shall be no fall turkey hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22 in 1997. The duration of the 1998 Fall Either-Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Season for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 20 shall be the first Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of December 1998. There shall be no fall turkey hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 6, 7, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21, and 22 in 1998. The duration of the 1998 Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler hunting season includes five separate hunting periods of four, five or ten days each. The hunting periods for all hunting areas shall be:

1. Monday, April 20, 1998–Friday, April 24, 1998
2. Monday, April 27, 1998–Friday, May 1, 1998
3. Monday, May 4, 1998–Friday, May 8, 1998
4. Monday, May 11, 1998–Friday, May 15, 1998; Monday, May 18, 1998–Friday, May 22, 1998
5. Saturday, April 25, 1998; Saturday, May 2, 1998; Saturday, May 9, 1998 and Saturday, May 16, 1998

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

(c) The hunting hours for wild turkey gobblers in the spring season shall be ½ hour before sunrise to noon daily. Hunting hours for the fall either sex turkey season shall be ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset daily.

(d) Special wild turkey hunting permits are valid only during the hunting period designated and only in the designated turkey hunting area. Permits are not transferable.

(e) Hunting methods shall be restricted to calling or stand-hunting during the spring gobbler season. No person shall stalk or attempt to approach a wild turkey for the purpose of taking or attempting to take the bird. All persons must have a turkey calling device in their possession while turkey hunting. No person shall use an electronic calling device for calling turkeys at any time during the open season. Persons may not drive or chase wild turkeys for the purpose of putting them in range of hunters, except that fall hunters may rush turkeys for the purpose of causing the flock to scatter. No group of hunters larger than five individuals may hunt turkeys at any time. The use of dogs is prohibited in the spring gobbler season. No live decoys may be used. Fluorescent hunters orange is not required on outer clothing for turkey hunting. No shot size larger than No. 4 fine shot or smaller than No. 7½ fine shot may be used for turkey hunting. No shotgun larger than 10 gauge or smaller than 20 gauge may be used for turkey hunting. A person hunting turkeys shall not have in possession or control, a firearm or other weapon within 300 feet of a baited area during the turkey hunting seasons. A baited area is defined as the collection, deposit, concentration or unnatural gathering of feed including, but not limited to, corn, wheat, oats or other substance that may constitute a lure or enticement to turkeys.

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

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

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

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

1. Only holders of valid and current firearm or archery hunting licenses, including juvenile licenses, may apply by detaching from the hunting license the stub marked "Special Turkey", signing as provided on the back, and sending the stub together with an application form which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions. Application forms may be obtained from:

- i. License issuing agents;
- ii. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625;
- iii. Wildlife Management Area Offices; or
- iv. District Law Enforcement Headquarters.

2. Only one application for an initial permit and only one application for a leftover permit may be submitted by any one individual during the prescribed application period. Duplicate applications will cause all applications by an individual to be void.

3. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, address, 1998 firearm or archery hunting license number, turkey hunting areas applied for, hunting periods applied for, and any other information requested. Only those applications will be accepted for participation in random selection which are received in the Trenton office during the period of February 1-22, 1998 inclusive. Applications received after February 22 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permits will be by random drawing.

i. Application for the fall hunting season shall be made in conjunction with the spring season application procedures in a form as prescribed by the Division.

4. Unless otherwise indicated, the permit fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to "Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife," must accompany the completed application form.

5. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by return of permit fees, less an application fee per permit applied for. Any permit obtained by fraud is void.

6. Nothing contained herein shall preclude the Division from issuing unfilled permits on a first come-first served basis to any properly licensed bow and arrow hunter, firearm hunter or qualified farmer after the permit selection process.

(i) Special Farmer Turkey Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. 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 turkey permit for the spring season and the fall season. Under this section a farm is an area of five acres or more and producing a gross income in excess of \$500.00 and is tax assessed as farmland. Special farmer spring turkey permits will be issued only in those Turkey Hunting Areas where a spring gobbler season is prescribed. Special farmer fall turkey permits will be issued only in those Turkey Hunting Areas where a fall turkey season is prescribed.

2. Application forms may be obtained from the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, N.J. 08625, or from Conservation Officers.

3. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, age, address and any other information requested thereon. Properly completed application forms will be accepted in the Trenton office only during the period of February 1-22, 1998. There is no fee required and all qualified applicants will receive a Special Farmer Spring Turkey Permit or Special Farmer Fall Turkey Permit delivered by mail.

4. Only one farmer application may be submitted per individual during the initial application period. Application for a farmer turkey permit shall not preclude a farmer from applying for and the Division's issuing one regular turkey season permit as a holder of a valid hunting license.

(j) Turkey Hunting Permits and Special Farmer Turkey Permits shall be used as follows:

1. The turkey hunting permit is valid only in the turkey hunting area (THA) designated and during the time period designated and is not transferable. The turkey hunting permit hunter is responsible for hunting in the correct THA and time period as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries. The Special Farmer Turkey Permit for the spring season is valid for all five turkey hunting periods and only on the farm designated on the application and is not transferable. The special farmer turkey permit for the fall season is valid only on the farm designated in the application and is not transferable.

2. The turkey hunting permit is not transferable from turkey hunting area to turkey hunting area, or from hunting period to hunting period, from individual to individual or from farm to farm. The permit must be used in the Turkey Hunting Area, in the hunting period, and by the individual to whom it was issued.

(k) Turkey Hunting Area Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The 1998 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

1998 SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

| Turkey Hunting Area Number | Weekly Permit Quota* | Season Total | Portions of Counties Involved |
|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------|---|
| 1 | 150 | 750 | Sussex |
| 2 | 180 | 900 | Sussex, Warren |
| 3 | 80 | 400 | Sussex, Warren |
| 4 | 160 | 800 | Sussex, Warren, Morris |
| 5 | 200 | 1,000 | Sussex |
| 6 | 270 | 1,350 | Sussex, Passaic, Bergen |
| 7 | 270 | 1,350 | Sussex, Morris, Passaic |
| 8 | 200 | 1,000 | Warren, Hunterdon |
| 9 | 150 | 750 | Warren, Hunterdon, Morris |
| 10 | 100 | 500 | Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union |
| 11 | 150 | 750 | Middlesex, Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset |
| 12 | 140 | 700 | Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth |
| 14 | 70 | 350 | Burlington, Ocean, Monmouth |
| 15 | 55 | 275 | Burlington, Camden, Atlantic |
| 16 | 70 | 350 | Burlington, Atlantic, Ocean, Cape May, Cumberland |
| 20 | 220 | 1,100 | Cumberland, Salem |
| 21 | 80 | 400 | Atlantic, Cumberland, Salem |
| 22 | 80 | 400 | Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland |
| Total | 2,625 | 13,125 | |

* Applied to each of the five hunting periods (A, B, C, D, E) in all areas:

- A. Monday, April 20, 1998-Friday, April 24, 1998
B. Monday, April 27, 1998-Friday, May 1, 1998

- C. Monday, May 4, 1998-Friday, May 8, 1998
- D. Monday, May 11, 1998-Friday, May 15, 1998; Monday, May 18, 1998-Friday, May 22, 1998
- E. Saturday, April 25, 1998; Saturday, May 2, 1998; Saturday, May 9, 1998 and Saturday, May 16, 1998

(l) The Fall Turkey Hunting Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

| Turkey Hunting Area Number | Weekly Permit Quota | | Portions of Counties Involved |
|----------------------------|---------------------|-------|---|
| | 1997 | 1998 | |
| 1 | 120 | 120 | Sussex |
| 2 | 140 | 140 | Sussex, Warren |
| 3 | 80 | 80 | Sussex, Warren |
| 4 | 120 | 120 | Sussex, Warren, Morris |
| 5 | 160 | 160 | Sussex |
| 6 | 200 | 0 | Sussex, Passaic, Bergen |
| 7 | 200 | 0 | Sussex, Morris, Passaic |
| 8 | 160 | 160 | Warren, Hunterdon |
| 9 | 105 | 105 | Warren, Hunterdon, Morris |
| 10 | 80 | 80 | Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union |
| 11 | 105 | 105 | Middlesex, Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset |
| 20 | 175 | 175 | Cumberland, Salem |
| Total | 1,645 | 1,245 | |

(m) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, 23:4-2, 23:4-11, 23:4-12 and other applicable statutes.

(n) Turkey Hunting Areas are as follows:

1. Turkey Hunting Area No. 1: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 519 at Branchville; then northwest along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 560; then west along Rt. 560 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Dingman's Ferry; 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 Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to the point of beginning at Branchville. The islands of Namanock, Minisink and Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River are included in the Hunting Area.

2. Turkey Hunting Area No. 2: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 94 and the Blairstown-Millbrook Road at Blairstown; then northwest along the Blairstown-Millbrook Road to Millbrook Village; then northwest along the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road to its intersection with the Flatbrook at Flatbrookville; then south along the west bank of the Flatbrook to its confluence with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the intersection with Rt. 560 at Dingman's Ferry; then east along Rt. 560 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then southeast along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Branchville; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Newton; then southwest along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning at Blairstown.

3. Turkey Hunting Area No. 3: That portion of Warren and Sussex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 80 and 94 at Columbia; then west along Rt. 80 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Delaware Water Gap; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its confluence with the Flatbrook; then north along the east bank of the Flatbrook at its intersection with the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road at Flatbrookville; then southeast along the Millbrook-Flatbrookville Road to Millbrook Village; then south on the Blairstown-Millbrook Road to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Blairstown; then southwest along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning at Columbia. The islands of Tocks and Labar lying in the Delaware River are also included within this Hunting Area.

4. Turkey Hunting Area No. 4: That portion of Sussex, Warren and Morris Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 94 and 206 at Newton; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 183 at Netcong; then southeast along Rt. 183 to its intersection with Rt. 46; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Columbia; then northeast along Rt. 94 to the point of beginning at Newton.

5. Turkey Hunting Area No. 5: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 517 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 its intersection with Rt. 517; then south along Rt. 517 to the point of origin at Andover.

6. Turkey Hunting Area No. 6: That portion of Sussex, Passaic and Bergen Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 23 and Rt. 517 at the Hardystonville; then north along Rt. 517 to the New York State Line; then east along the New York State Line to its intersection with Rt. 202; then south along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 23; then west along Rt. 23 to the point of beginning at Hardystonville.

7. Turkey Hunting Area No. 7: That portion of Sussex, Passaic and Morris Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 23 and Route 517 at Hardystonville; then east along Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 202 at Wayne; then south and west along Rt. 202 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. 183 at Netcong; then east along Rt. 183 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 517; then northeast along Rt. 517 to the point of beginning at Hardystonville.

8. Turkey Hunting Area No. 8: That portion of Hunterdon and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then east along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 31; then south along Rt. 31 to its intersection with Rt. 12 at Flemington; then west along Rt. 12 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Frenchtown; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning at Manunkachunk.

9. Turkey Hunting Area No. 9: That portion of Hunterdon, Warren and Morris Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 31 and 46 at Butzville; then east along Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then east along Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 287; then south along Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 202; then south and west along Rt. 202 to its intersection with Rt. 31 at Flemington; then north along Rt. 31 to the point of beginning at Butzville.

10. Turkey Hunting Area No. 10: That portion of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, and Union Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 80; then east along Route 80 to its intersection with Route 287; then north along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 202; then north and east along Route 202 to the New York State Line; then east along the west shore of the Hudson River to Upper New York Bay; then south along the shore of Upper New York Bay to the Kill Van Kull; then west along the north shore of the Kill Van Kull to Newark Bay; then west across Newark Bay to its confluence with the Arthur Kill; then south along the west shore of the Arthur Kill to its intersection with Route 440; then west along Route 440 to its intersection with Route 287; then north along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

11. Turkey Hunting Area No. 11: That portion of Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex and Somerset Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 12 and the Delaware River at Frenchtown; then east along Route 202 to its intersection with Route 287; then south and east along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 1; then south and west along Route 1 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Trenton; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning. The islands of Skyhawks, Rush, Bull, Treasure and Eagle are included in this area.

12. Turkey Hunting Area No. 12: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 106, then north and east along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 287; then south and east along Routes 287 and 440 to its intersection with the Arthur Kill at Perth Amboy; then south along the west shore of the Arthur Kill to Raritan Bay, then south and east along the shore of Raritan Bay to Sandy Hook; then north along the east shore of Sandy Hook Bay to the tip of Sandy Hook; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Belmar and Route 38; then west along Route 38 to its intersection with Route 195; then west along Route 195 to its intersection with Route 524; then north along Route 524 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

13. Turkey Hunting Area No. 14: That portion of Burlington, Mercer, Monmouth and Ocean Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 1 and the Delaware River; then east along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 206; then south along Route 206 to its intersection with Route 524; then east along Route 524 to its intersection with Route 195; then east along Route 195 to its intersection with Route 38; then east along Route 38 to Belmar and the Atlantic Ocean; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Ship Bottom; then north and west along Route 72 to its intersection with Route 70; then west along Route 70 to its intersection with Route 38 at Cherry Hill; then west along Route 38 to its intersection with Route 30; then west along Route 30 to the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

14. Turkey Hunting Area No. 15: That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 70 and 206 at Red Lion; then south along Route 206 to Hammonton; then south along Route 54 from Hammonton to its intersection with Route 40 at Buena; then west along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 77 at Upper Pittsgrove; then north on Route 77 to its intersection with Route 45 at Mullica Hill; then north along Route 45 to its intersection with Route 322, then west along Route 322 to its intersection with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with Route 30 at Camden; then east along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 38; then east along Route 38 to its intersection with Route 70; then east along Route 70 to the point of beginning.

15. Turkey Hunting Area No. 16: That portion of Burlington and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 206 and 70 at Red Lion; then east along Route 70 to its intersection with Route 72; then southeast along Route 72 to Ship Bottom and the Atlantic Ocean; then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Sea Isle Boulevard (Route 625) in Sea Isle City; then west along Sea Isle Boulevard to its intersection with Route 9; then north along Route 9 to its intersection with Route 50; then north along Route 50 to its intersection with Route 557; then north and west along Route 557 to its intersection with Route 40; then west along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 54; then north along Route 54 to its intersection with Route 206; then north along Route 206 to the point of beginning.

16. Turkey Hunting Area No. 20: That portion of Cumberland and Salem Counties beginning at the intersection of east bank of the Delaware River and Route 322 near Bridgeport; then southeast on Route 322 to its intersection with Route 45 near Mullica Hill; then south on Route 45 to its intersection with Route 77; then south on Route 77 to its intersection with Route 40; then east along Route 40 to its intersection with Route 553; then south along Route 553 to its intersection with Route 49; then west along Route 49 to Bridgeton and its intersection with the Cohansey River; then south along the west bank of the Cohansey River to its confluence with the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the point of beginning.

17. Turkey Hunting Area No. 21: That portion of Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Routes 40 and 553; then east along Route 40 to Lincoln Ave., in Buena Vista; then south along Lincoln Ave. to its intersection with Route 55 in Vineland; then south along Route 55 to its intersection with Route 49; then west along Route 49 to the Maurice River; then south along the west bank of the Maurice River to its confluence with Delaware Bay; then west along the Delaware Bay shore to the Cohansey River; then north along the east bank of the Cohansey River to its intersection with Route 49 at Bridgeton; then east along Route 49 to its intersection with Route 553; then north along Route 553 to the point of beginning.

18. Turkey Hunting Area No. 22: That portion of Atlantic, Cape May and Cumberland Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 55 and Rt. 552 spur; then east along Rt. 552 spur to its intersection with Rt. 552; then east along Rt. 552 to its intersection with Rt. 557; then southeast along Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 50; then southeast along Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Seaville; then south along Rt. 9 to its intersection with Sea Isle Boulevard; then east along Sea Isle Boulevard to the Atlantic Ocean at Sea Isle City; then south along the Atlantic Coast to the Delaware Bay shore then north and west along the shore of Dela-

ware Bay to its intersection with the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Millville; then east along Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 55; then north along Rt. 55 to the point of beginning.

Amended by R.1988 d.530, effective November 7, 1988.

See: 20 N.J.R. 2217(a), 20 N.J.R. 2757(a).

Amended Spring turkey hunting season permit quotas and areas in subsection (k).

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

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

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

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

Administrative correction.

See: 29 N.J.R. 2175(a).

Incorporated former (b) into (a) and recodified former (c) through (o) as (b) through (n).

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

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

Amended dates of hunting season throughout; in (k), amended quotas in permit table; and in (l), added 1998 quotas to permit table.

7:25-5.8 Mink (*Mustela vison*), muskrat (*Ondatra zibethicus*) and nutria (*Myocaster coypus*) trapping only

(a) Mink, muskrat and nutria are to be taken by trapping only.

(b) The duration of the mink, muskrat and nutria trapping season is as follows:

1. Northern Zone: 6:00 A.M. on November 15, 1997 through March 15, 1998, inclusive, except on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas.

2. Southern Zone: 6:00 A.M. on December 1, 1997 through March 15, 1998, inclusive, except on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas.

3. Trapping Zone Boundaries: Trapping zones shall be defined as follows: That section of New Jersey situated North (or South) of a line starting at the intersection of U.S. Route 1 and the Pennsylvania border at Trenton, then Northeast along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 287 in Middlesex County, then east along Route 287 to its intersection with the New York State line at Staten Island.

4. On State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas: 6:00 A.M. on January 1 through March 15, 1998, inclusive.

(c) General provisions: No trap stakes or traps shall be placed or set before the times as indicated in this section.

(d) Authority: N.J.S.A. 23:4-37, 23:3-1, 23:4-1 and other applicable statutes.

(e) See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.12, General trapping rules.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (b)1, 2, and 4, amended dates of trapping season.

7:25-5.9 Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) trapping

(a) Beaver may only be taken by means of a trap approved by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

(b) The duration of the trapping season for beaver shall be January 11 through February 7, 1998, inclusive. If the anticipated harvest of beaver has not been accomplished during this season, up to 14 additional days may be authorized by the Director.

(c) Special Permit: A special permit obtained from the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife shall be required to trap beaver. (If the number of applications received in the Trenton office exceeds the quotas listed, a random drawing will be held to determine permit holders.) Applications shall be received in the Trenton office during the period October 15–November 15, 1997. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and shall provide their 1997 trapping license number. Permits will be allotted on a zone basis as follows: Zone 1–9, Zone 2–7, Zone 3–3, Zone 4–6, Zone 5–3, Zone 6–16, Zone 7–5, Zone 8–2, Zone 9–5, Zone 10–6, Zone 11–4, Zone 12–4, Zone 13–0, Zone 14–0, Zone 15–0, Zone 16–3, Zone 17–5, Zone 18–3, Zone 19–1, Zone 20–1, Zone 26–1, Zone 27–1. Total 85. Successful applicants must trap with a valid, current trapping license.

(d) Special Site Specific Permit: During the initial application period, applicants may also apply for one special site specific beaver permit. The total number of permits available shall not exceed 15. Site specific permits will be issued for specific locations or properties where the Division has determined that beaver damage or nuisance problems exist. A random drawing will be held to determine permit holders; however, applicants unsuccessful in obtaining the special permit as set forth at (c) above will be given first opportunity. Permits will be valid only during the beaver trapping season.

(e) The season limit for beaver trapping is five beaver per special permit and 10 beaver per special site specific permit.

(f) A “beaver transportation tag” provided by the Division shall be affixed to each beaver taken immediately upon removal from trap, and all beaver shall be taken to a designated beaver checking station at the times and dates specified on the beaver permit and, in any case, no later than seven days after the close of the season.

(g) Each beaver trapper shall be restricted to a maximum of five traps. However, holders of both a Special Permit and a Special Site Specific Permit may use five additional traps per Special Site Specific Permit provided they are used only on the property or site specified in the Special Site Specific Permit. Each trap shall be tagged pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.12 with the tag clearly visible above the level of the water or ice. The Division, in its discretion, may designate and suitably post certain beaver colonies and prohibit all trapping within their dams, or within 500 feet thereof, during the beaver trapping season as indicated in this section.

(h) Special Beaver Permit and Special Site Specific Permits are valid only in the zone or site designated and are not transferable from person to person.

(i) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:3-1, 23:4-1, 23:4-37, 23:4-38.1, 23:4-38.2, 23:4-38.3, 23:4-39, 23:4-40, 23:4-41, 23:4-55 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (b), amended dates of trapping season; and in (c), amended dates of trapping season and amended permit zones.

7:25-5.10 River otter (*Lutra canadensis*) trapping

(a) Otter may only be taken under special permit by means of a trap approved by the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife. Steel leghold traps with a jaw spread greater than eight inches are prohibited.

(b) The duration of the trapping season for otter shall be January 11 through February 7, 1998, inclusive. If the anticipated harvest of otter has not been accomplished, up to 14 additional days may be authorized by the Director.

(c) Special Permit: A special permit obtained from the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife shall be required to trap otter. (If the number of applications received in the Trenton office exceeds the quotas listed, a random drawing will be held to determine permit holders.) Beaver permit holders will be given first opportunity for otter permits in their respective zones. Applications shall be received in the Trenton office during the period October 15–November 15, 1997. Only one application per person may be submitted for trapping otter and applicants shall provide their 1997 trapping license number. Permits will be allotted on a zone basis as follows: Zone 1–7, Zone 2–7, Zone 3–2, Zone 4–3, Zone 5–2, Zone 6–9, Zone 7–3, Zone 8–6, Zone 9–3, Zone 10–4, Zone 11–5, Zone 12–2, Zone 13–14, Zone 14–7, Zone 15–12, Zone 16–4, Zone 17–2, Zone 18–5, Zone 19–1, Zone 20–1, Zone 26–1, Zone 27–1, Zone 30–5. Total 106. Successful applicants must trap with a valid, current trapping license.

(d) The season limit for otter trapping is one otter.

(e) The “otter transportation tag” provided by the Division must be affixed to each otter taken immediately upon removal from the trap. All otter pelts and carcasses shall be taken to a beaver-otter check station at dates specified on the otter permit and, in any case, no later than seven days after the close of the season, where a pelt tag will be affixed and the carcass surrendered.

(f) Each otter trapper is restricted to a maximum of three traps and each trap must be tagged pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.12 with the tag clearly visible above the level of the water or ice.

(g) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:3-1, 23:4-1, 23:4-37, 23:4-38.1, 23:4-38.2, 23:4-38.3, 23:4-39, 23:4-40, 23:4-41, and 23:4-55 and other applicable statutes.

(h) Beaver and Otter Zones are described as follows:

1. Zone 1: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New York-New Jersey state line with Rt. 519, then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 23, then south on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Colesville, then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with County Rt. 636 above Branchville, then west on 636 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then south on Rt. 206 to Rt. 521, then southwest on 521 to its intersection with County Rt. 617, then south on Rt. 617 to its intersection with Rt. 624 near Fairview Lake, then northwest on Rt. 624 to its intersection with Rt. 615, and then west on 615 to the Delaware River, then north along the Delaware River to the state line and south along the state line to Rt. 519, the point of beginning.

2. Zone 2: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New York-New Jersey state line with Rt. 519, then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 3, then south on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Colesville, then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with County Rt. 636 above Branchville, then west on County Rt. 636 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then southeast on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 15 at Ross Corner, then south on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Sparta, then north on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23, then east on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 515 at Stockholm, then north on Rt. 515 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Vernon, then north on Rt. 94 to the state line, then west along the state line to its intersection with Rt. 519, the point of beginning.

3. Zone 3: That portion of Sussex, Passaic and Bergen Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the state line and Rt. 94, then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 515 at Vernon, then south on Rt. 515 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Stockholm then east on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 202 near Wayne, then north on Rt. 202 to the state line at Suffern, then west along the state line to its intersection with Rt. 94, the point of beginning.

4. Zone 4: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the inter-

section of Rt. 615 and the Delaware River at Flatbrookville, then east along 615 to its intersection with Rt. 624, then south on Rt. 624 to its intersection with Rt. 617, then north on 617 to its intersection with Rt. 521, then northeast on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Newton, then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 608 at Marksboro, then south on Rt. 608 to its intersection with Rt. 521, then south on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 80 near Hope, then west on Rt. 80 to the Delaware River near Columbia, then north and northeast along the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 615, the point of beginning.

5. Zone 5: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River and Rt. 80 at Columbia, then east on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 521 near Hope, then north on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 608, then northeast on Rt. 608 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Marksboro, then north and east on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Newton, then north on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 15 at Ross Corner, then south on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Sparta, then southwest on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown, then west on Rt. 46 to the Delaware River, then north on the Delaware River to Rt. 80 at Columbia, the point of beginning.

6. Zone 6: That portion of Warren, Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 46 and Rt. 517 in Hackettstown, then north on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Franklin, then south on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 699 (Berkshire Valley Rd.) at Oak Ridge, then south on Rt. 699 to its intersection with Rt. 15, then south on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 80, then west on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 10 near Ledgewood, then east on Rt. 10 to its intersection with Rt. 513, then west on Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Long Valley, then north on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 182, then north on Rt. 182 to its intersection with Rt. 46, then northwest on Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Hackettstown, the point of beginning.

7. Zone 7: That portion of Morris, Passaic and Essex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 699 (Berkshire Valley Rd.) and Rt. 23 at Oak Ridge, then southeast on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 80 near Singac, then west on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 287, then south on Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 10 near Whippany, then west on Rt. 10 to its intersection with Rt. 80 at Ledgewood, then east on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15, then north on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 699 at Mt. Hope, then north on Rt. 699 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Oak Ridge, the point of beginning.

8. Zone 8: That portion of Ocean County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 537 and Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, then south on Rt. 539 to its intersection with Rt. 72 near Howardsville, then east on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532, then east on Rt. 532 to the Atlantic Ocean, then north along the Atlantic Ocean to its intersection with Rt. 528 at Mantoloking, then west along Rt. 528 (527/528) to its intersection with Rt. 195 near Jackson Mills, then west along Rt. 195 to its intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson, then southwest along Rt. 537 to its intersection with Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, the point of beginning.

9. Zone 9: That portion of Ocean and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 537 and Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, then south on Rt. 539 to its intersection with Rt. 72 near Howardsville, then northwest on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532, then west on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 206 near Tabernacle, then north on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 537 at Chambers Corner, then east on Rt. 537 to its intersection with Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, the point of beginning.

10. Zone 10: That portion of Burlington, Camden and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 73 and Rt. 561 near Blue Anchor, then north on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 70 at Marlton, then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 541 at Medford, then southeast on Rt. 541 to its intersection with Rt. 532 at Medford Lakes, then east on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 54, then southwest on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 561 near Hammonton, then northwest on Rt. 561 to its intersection with Rt. 73 near Blue Anchor, the point of beginning.

11. Zone 11: That portion of Ocean, Burlington and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and Rt. 532 at Chatsworth, then east on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 72, then southeast on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532 near Howardsville, then east on Rt. 532 to the Atlantic Ocean, then south along the Atlantic Ocean to the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City, then northwest on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 563 in Egg Harbor, then north on Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 532 at Chatsworth, the point of beginning.

12. Zone 12: That portion of Atlantic, Gloucester and Camden Counties lying in a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 322 and Spur 536 Williamstown, then northeast on Spur 536 to its intersection with Rt. 73 near Tansboro, then south on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 561 at Blue Anchor, then southeast on Rt. 561 to its intersection with Rt. 54 near Hammonton, then southwest on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 557 at Buena, then northwest on Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 322/536 near Williamstown, then east on Rt. 322/536 to its intersection with Spur 536 Williamstown, the point of beginning.

13. Zone 13: That portion of Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 557 and County Rt. 671 at Buena, then southeast on Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 50 near Buck Hill, then south on Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Seaville, and south on Rt. 9 to its intersection with Sea Isle Boulevard (Rt. 625) at Ocean View, then east on Sea Isle Boulevard to the Atlantic Ocean, then south along the Atlantic Ocean, then north along the Delaware Bay to its intersection with East Point Rd. in Heislerville Management Area, then north on East Point Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 616 (Dorchester-Heislerville Rd.), then north on Rt. 616 to its intersection with Rt. 740, then northeast on Rt. 740 to its intersection with Rt. 47, then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Rd.) near Port Elizabeth, then north on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 49 near Cumberland, then west on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 671 (Union Rd.), then north on Rt. 671/71 to its intersection with Rt. 557 near Buena, the point of beginning.

14. Zone 14: That portion of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Delaware Bay and the west bank of the Maurice River, then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to Rt. 631, then north along Rt. 631 to its intersection with Rt. 553, then north along Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 536/322 at Glassboro, then east along Rt. 322/536 to its intersection with Rt. 555 near Williamstown, then south along Rt. 555/557 to its intersection with Rt. 71 (Union Rd.) near Buena, then south on Rt. 71/671 to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Cumberland, then east on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Rd.), then south on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Port Elizabeth, then south on Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 740, then southwest on Rt. 740 to Rt. 616 (Dorchester-Heislerville Rd.), then south on Rt. 616 to East Point Rd. in Heislerville Management Area, then south on East Point Rd. to the Delaware Bay, then west along the Delaware Bay to its intersection with the west bank of the Maurice River, the point of beginning.

15. Zone 15: That portion of Salem and Cumberland Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River at Rt. 25 at Oakwood Beach, then east on Rt. 25 to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem, then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 32, then east on Rt. 32 to its intersection with Rt. 540, then east on Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 553, at Centerton, then south on Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 631 near Port Norris, then south on Rt. 631 to the Delaware Bay, then northwest along the Delaware Bay and Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 25 at Oakwood Beach, the point of beginning.

16. Zone 16: That portion of Burlington and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 206 and Rt. 532 near Tabernacle, then southeast on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 563 at Chatsworth, then south on Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 30 at Egg Harbor, then northwest on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then north on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 532 near Tabernacle, the point of beginning.

17. Zone 17: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 557 and Rt. 54 at Buena, then northeast on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 30 at Hammonton, then southeast along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 50 at Egg Harbor, then southeast along Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 557 near Buck Hill, then northwest on Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 54 at Buena, the point of beginning.

18. Zone 18: That portion of Atlantic and Cape May Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 50 and Rt. 557 near Buck Hill, then northeast along Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 30/563 at Egg Harbor, then southeast on Rt. 30/563 to the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City, then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Sea Isle Boulevard (Rt. 625) in Sea Isle, then west on Sea Isle Boulevard to its intersection with Rt. 9, then north on Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 50 at Seaville, then northwest on Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 557 near Buck Hill, the point of beginning.

19. Zone 19: That portion of Warren, Morris and Hunterdon Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at Route 46 north of Belvidere and continuing east on Route 46 to its intersection with Route 182 at Hackettstown; then south on Route 182 to its intersection with Route 517; then south along Route 517 (517/24) to Schooleys Mountain; then south on Pleasant Grove Road to Pleasant Grove; then southeast on Califon Road to its intersection with Sliker Road; then southeast on Sliker Road to its intersection with East Hill Road; then south on East Hill Road to its intersection with Route 628 at Woodglen; then southwest on Route 628 to its intersection with Route 645 at Glen Gardner; then northwest on Route 645 to its intersection with Route 635 at Hampton; then south on Route 635 (Charlestown Road) to its intersection with Route 78/22; then west on Route 78/22 to its intersection with Route 614 near Perryville; then southwest on Route 614 to its intersection with Route 519 at Spring Mills; then south on Route 519 to the Delaware River at Milford; then along the Delaware River to Route 46 north of Belvidere, the point of beginning.

20. Zone 20: That portion of Morris and Hunterdon Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 517 (517/124) and Pleasant Grove Road at Schooleys Mountain; then south on Pleasant Grove Road to Pleasant Grove; then southeast on Califon Road to its intersection with Sliker Road; then southeast on Sliker Road to its intersection with East Hill Road; then south on East Hill Road to its intersection with Route 628 at Woodglen; then southwest on Route 628 to its intersection with Route 645 at Glen Gardner;

then northwest on Route 645 to its intersection with Route 635 at Hampton; then south on Route 635 (Charlestown Road) to its intersection with Route 78/22; then west on Route 78/22 to its intersection with Route 614 near Perryville; then southwest on Route 614 to its intersection with Route 519 at Spring Mills; then south on Route 519 to the Delaware River at Milford; then south on the Delaware River to the intersection of Route 29 and Route 523 at Stockton; then northeast on Route 523 to its intersection with Route 517 near Oldwick; then north on Route 517 to its intersection with Route 513 (513/24) at Long Valley; then northwest on Route 517 (517/124) to Schooleys Mountain, the point of beginning.

21. Zone 21: That portion of Hunterdon, Somerset and Morris Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 517 and Route 513 at Long Valley; then north and east along Route 513 to its intersection with Route 10; then east along Route 10 to its intersection with Route 287 at Malapardis; then southwest along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 525 (Mt. Airy Road); then south along Route 525 to its intersection with Route 22 near Bound Brook; then west along Route 22 to its intersection with Route 523 at Whitehouse; then north along Route 523 to its intersection with Route 517 near Oldwick; then north along Route 517 to Long Valley, the point of beginning.

22. Zone 22: That portion of Somerset, Union, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Bergen Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the north shore of the Raritan River and the Garden State Parkway; then north on the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Route 440; then west on Route 440 to Route 287; then west on Route 287 to its intersection with Route 22; then east on Route 22 to its intersection with Route 525 (Thompson Avenue) near Bound Brook; then north on Route 525 to its intersection with Route 287; then north on Route 287 to its intersection with Route 80; then east along Route 80 to Exit 53 and its intersection with Route 46; then east on Route 46 to its intersection with Route 3; then southeast on Route 3 to the Hudson River at the Lincoln Tunnel; then south along the New Jersey shore of the Hudson River to the Kill Van Kull; then west along the New Jersey shore of the Kill Van Kull to Newark Bay; then west following the New Jersey boundary along Newark Bay; then south along the Arthur Kill following the New Jersey boundary to Raritan Bay; then west along the north shore of the Raritan River to the point of beginning at the Garden State Parkway.

23. Zone 23: That portion of Bergen, Passaic and Hudson Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 202 and the New York/New Jersey border; then southwest on Route 202 to its intersection with Route 23; then south on Route 23 to its intersection with Route 46 at Route 80 Exit 53; then east on Route 46 to its intersection with Route 3; then southeast on Route 3 to the Hudson River at the Lincoln Tunnel; then north along the Hudson River to the New York/New Jersey border; then northwest along the New York/New Jersey border to Route 202, the point of beginning.

24. Zone 24: That portion of Hunterdon, Mercer and Somerset Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River near the intersection of Route 29 and Route 523 at Stockton; then northeast on Route 523 to its intersection with Route 22; then east on Route 22 to its intersection with Route 206; then south on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 295 near Lawrenceville; then west on Route 295 to Route 95; then west on Route 95 to the Delaware River; then north along the Delaware River to Stockton, the point of beginning.

25. Zone 25: That portion of Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at the confluence of Black Creek at Bordentown; then eastward along Black Creek to the point at which Black Creek intersects Route 130; then northeast on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 1; then northeast on Route 1 to its intersection with Route 287; then west on Route 287 to its intersection with Route 22; then west on Route 22 to its intersection with Route 206; then south on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 295 near Lawrenceville; then west on Route 295 to Route 95; then west on Route 95 to the Delaware River; then south along the Delaware River to Bordentown, the point of beginning.

26. Zone 26: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the north shore of the Raritan River and the Garden State Parkway; then north on the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Route 440; then west on Route 440 to Route 287; then west on Route 287 to its intersection with Route 1; then southwest on Route 1 to its intersection with Route 130; then south on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 33 at Hightstown; then east on Route 33 to its intersection with Route 537; then northeast on Route 537 to its intersection with Route 79 at Freehold; then north on Route 79 to its intersection with Lloyd Road at Morganville; then north on Lloyd Road to Broadway in Keyport; then north on Broadway to the Matawan Creek confluence with the Raritan Bay; then northwest along the New Jersey shoreline to the Raritan River intersection with the Garden State Parkway, the point of beginning.

27. Zone 27: That portion of Monmouth and Ocean Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Atlantic Ocean at Route 528 at Mantoloking; then west on Route 528 (527/528) to its intersection with Route 195 near Jackson Mills; then west on Route 195 to its intersection with Route 537 near Holmeson; then northeast on Route 537 to its intersection with Route 79 at Freehold; then north on Route 79 to its intersection with Lloyd Road at Morganville; then north on Lloyd Road to Broadway in Keyport; then north on Broadway to the Matawan Creek confluence with the Raritan Bay; then southeast along the New Jersey coastline of the Atlantic Ocean at Raritan Bay; then south along the New Jersey coastline of the Atlantic Ocean to Mantoloking, the point of beginning.

28. Zone 28: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at the confluence of Black Creek at Bordentown; then eastward along Black Creek to the point at which Black Creek intersects Route 130; then northeast on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 33 at Hightstown; then east on Route 33 to its intersection with Route 537; then south on Route 537 to its intersection with Route 206 at Chambers Corner; then south on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 530 (Pemberton Road); then northwest on Route 530 to its intersection with Route 541 at Mt. Holly; then north on Route 541 to the Delaware River at Burlington; then north on the Delaware River to Bordentown, the point of beginning.

29. Zone 29: That portion of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at Route 541 in Burlington; then southward following the Delaware River to Route 30 at Camden; then east along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 30; then south along Route 130 to its intersection with Route 76; then south along Route 76 to its intersection with Route 42; then southeast along Route 42 to its intersection with Spur 536 (Williamstown-Mt. Freedom Road) at Williamstown; then northeast along Spur 536 to its intersection with Route 73 near Berlin; then north along Route 73 to its intersection with Route 70 at Marlton; then east on Route 70 to its intersection with Route 541 at Medford; then southeast on Route 541 to its intersection with Route 532 at Medford Lakes; then east on Route 532 to its intersection with Route 206; then north on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 530 (Pemberton Road); then northwest along Route 530 to its intersection with Route 541 at Mt. Holly; then north along Route 541 to the Delaware River at Burlington, the point of beginning.

30. Zone 30: That portion of Camden, Gloucester and Salem Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River and Route 30 at Camden; then east along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 130; then south on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 76; then south on Route 76 to its intersection with Route 42; then southeast on Route 42 to its intersection with Spur 536 near Williamstown; then south on Spur 536 to its intersection with Route 322 (322/536) at Williamstown then west on Route 322/536 to its intersection with Route 553 at Glassboro; then south on Route 553 to its intersection with Route 540 at Centerton; then west on Route 540 to its intersection with Route 32; then west on Route 32 to its intersection with Route 49; then northwest along Route 49 to its intersection with Route 625 at Salem; then west on Route 625 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Oakwood Beach; then northward along the Delaware River to Route 30 at Camden, the point of beginning.

(i) Special otter permits are valid only in the zone designated and are not transferable from person to person.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (b), amended dates of trapping season; in (c), amended dates of trapping season and amended and added permit zones; and added (h)19 through 30.

7:25-5.11 Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*), Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*), striped skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), long-tailed weasel (*Mustela frenata*), short-tailed weasel (*Mustela erminea*), and coyote (*Canis latrans*) trapping only

(a) The trapping of raccoon, red fox, gray fox, Virginia opossum, striped skunk, long-tailed weasel, short-tailed weasel and coyote shall be permitted as fur bearing animals under the authority of a proper and valid trapping license.

(b) The duration of the regular raccoon, red fox, gray fox, Virginia opossum, striped skunk, long-tailed weasel, short-tailed weasel and coyote trapping season is 6:00 A.M. on November 15, 1997 to March 15, 1998 inclusive, except on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas.

(c) The duration for trapping on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas is 6:00 A.M. on January 1, 1998 to March 15, 1998, inclusive.

(d) Special Permits: The Division in its discretion may issue a special permit for trapping of raccoon, fox and opossum.

(e) There shall be no daily nor season bag limit.

(f) Farmers or their agents may trap fox and coyote by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying poultry, crops or property subject to State law and local ordinances.

(g) Any person including a farmer trapping a coyote shall notify one of the regional law enforcement offices within 24 hours.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (b) and (c), amended dates of trapping season.

7:25-5.12 General trapping

(a) All traps set or used in this State must bear a durable and legible tag with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps. The Division may issue a trap identification number to licensed trappers which may be used in lieu of a name and address.

(b) No trap of any kind shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season. It shall be illegal to possess, in the woods or fields of this State any conibear or killer type trap with a jaw spread greater than six inches except under permit for the trapping of beaver or otter.

(c) No person shall set, use or maintain any type of conibear or killer-type trap for the purpose of trapping any muskrat or other furbearing animal in this state unless such trap is completely submerged underwater. This shall not preclude the setting of conibear or killer-type traps in tidal waters of this State for the purpose of taking muskrats, whereby the traps may be exposed above the surface of the water due to the ebb and flow of the tide, and provided that all such traps shall be completely submerged at mean high tide.

(d) No conibear or killer-type traps with a jaw spread larger than six inches shall be used or set in this State except for the trapping of beaver or otter. No conibear or killer-type traps with a jaw spread larger than 10 inches shall be used, set or maintained at any time in this state for the purpose of trapping any animal. Jaw spread shall be measured across the trigger of a set trap to the inner edges of the jaws.

(e) Steel-jaw leghold type trap:

1. Effective October 27, 1985, and thereafter, no person in this State shall:

i. Manufacture, sell, offer for sale, possess, import or transport an animal trap of the steel-jaw leghold type;

ii. Take or attempt to take any animal by means of a trap of the steel-jaw leghold type; or

iii. Use a steel-jaw leghold type trap.

2. The possession of a trap of the steel-jaw leghold type shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of these regulations except under the conditions prescribed by N.J.S.A. 23:4-22.5 which are:

i. The use of steel-jaw leghold traps for the purpose of exhibition by humane or educational institutions or organizations; or

ii. The possession of such traps by a person in the act of turning over the traps to a law enforcement agency.

(f) Body gripping restraining snares shall be subject to the following requirements.

1. No person shall set, use or maintain any type of snare unless they have first satisfactorily completed a division-approved snare training course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof.

2. Except when submerged underwater or when set for mink and muskrat as provided in this subsection, all snares of the body gripping type used in trapping must be constructed of aircraft cable or crucible wire measuring 5/64 to 3/32 inches in diameter and be equipped with a swivel. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares 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.

3. Except when submerged underwater or when set for mink and muskrat as provided in this subsection, no body gripping snare shall be set, used, or maintained with a loop diameter average (arithmetic mean) greater than eight inches. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average (arithmetic mean) diameter of the loop opening from exceeding four inches.

4. Except when set for mink and muskrat as provided in this subsection, no body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained with the distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than 18 inches. No mink or muskrat body gripping snare must be set, used or maintained with a distance between the ground or walking surface to the top of the loop greater than seven inches.

5. Except when submerged underwater or when set for mink and muskrat as provided in this subsection, no body gripping snare shall be set, used or maintained unless it is equipped with a stop six inches from the end to restrict loop closure to no less than six inches in circumference and a stop to restrict the average (arithmetic mean) diameter of the loop opening to no greater than eight inches. Mink and muskrat body gripping snares must be equipped with a stop to prevent the average (arithmetic mean) diameter of the loop opening from exceeding four inches.

(g) 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 or located at a distance of 30 feet or greater from any set snare.

(h) Legally licensed trappers possessing a valid and proper rifle permit may carry and use a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber short rimfire cartridges only, to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrats.

(i) All traps set or in use must be checked, tended and maintained at least once in every 24 hours.

(j) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-13, 23:4-37, 23:4-38.2, 23:4-39 and 23:4-41 et seq. and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1986 d.24, effective February 3, 1986.

See: 17 N.J.R. 2714(b), 18 N.J.R. 354(a).

New (e) added; Old (e)-(i) renumbered (f)-(j).

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

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

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

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

In (h), substituted "Legally" for "Except on Sunday, legally".

7:25-5.13 Migratory birds

(a) Should any open season on migratory game birds including waterfowl, be set by Federal regulation which would include the date of November 8, 1997 the starting time on such date will be 8:00 A.M. to coincide with the opening of the small game season on that date. However, this shall not preclude the hunting of migratory game birds, including waterfowl, on the tidal marshes of the State as regularly prescribed throughout the season by Federal regulations.

(b) Unless otherwise provided hunting methods shall be in accordance with the code of Federal hunting regulations described in the current regulatory announcement, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

(c) A person shall not take, attempt to take, hunt for or have in possession, any migratory game birds including waterfowl, except at the time and in the manner prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for the 1997-98 hunting season. The species of migratory game birds, including waterfowl, that may be taken or possessed and unless otherwise provided the daily bag limits shall be the same as those prescribed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the 1997-98 hunting season. Effective September 1, 1998, anyone engaged in hunting migratory birds including waterfowl, woodcock, mourning doves, rails and gallinules shall comply with the rules of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program as specified in 50 C.F.R. 20.20 Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program; Final Rule, incorporated herein by reference, wherein licensed hunters are required to supply their names, addresses, and migratory bird harvest information to the hunting license authority of the state in which they hunt. Hunters are required to have evidence of participation in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program on their person while hunting migratory game birds. Evidence of participation shall include a code number the hunter shall enter on his or her valid hunting license. The code number shall be obtained via a telephone interview utilizing a toll free number provided by the Division.

(d) Herring Island: There shall be no open season for hunting any game birds or animals, including migratory waterfowl, in the following designated area of Barnegat Bay including all of Herring Island in the Township of Brick and that portion of Barnegat Bay lying between the northern and southern tips of Herring Island easterly to the adjacent shoreline of the Borough of Mantaloking in the County of Ocean.

(e) Shark River: There shall be no open season for hunting any game birds or animals, including migratory waterfowl, on the Shark River in Monmouth County, or the shores thereof.

(f) State laws and regulations can be more stringent but not more lenient than the time and manner prescribed by the Code of Federal Regulations (Title 50).

(g) A special New Jersey woodcock stamp is required to hunt woodcock.

(h) Hunting hours for waterfowl shall be those hours that are prescribed by the Department of Interior, United States Fish and Wildlife Service for the 1997-98 hunting season.

(i) A special canvasback permit shall be required to hunt canvasback ducks, and a special swan permit shall be required to hunt swans, if the appropriate prescribed special season is established by Federal regulations. If a special season for canvasback ducks is established by Federal regulations, the special canvasback hunting area shall be that portion of the State south of Routes 287 and 440 (Perth Amboy), east of the Garden State Parkway and north of Route 36 (Long Branch) and that portion of the State south of Route 88 (Bay Head), east of the Garden State Parkway and north of Route 72 (Ship Bottom). If a special season for swan is established by Federal regulations, the special swan hunting area shall be the counties of Burlington, Cumberland and Salem. A special September Canada goose hunting season permit shall be required to hunt Canada geese, if the appropriate prescribed special season is established by Federal regulations. The Special September Canada Goose hunting area shall be that portion of the State designated by Federal regulations. A special late season Canada goose hunting season permit shall be required to hunt Canada geese if the appropriate prescribed special season is established by Federal regulations. The special late season Canada goose hunting areas shall be that portion of the State established by Federal regulations.

(j) Federal and State waterfowl stamps are required for hunting ducks and geese for everyone 16 years of age or over. Regular State valid hunting license is also required to hunt ducks and geese.

(k) Waterfowl hunting on Delaware River is governed by State boundaries and restricted to respective State seasons.

(l) The prohibition against shooting waterfowl or placing a boat or other structure at a greater distance than 100 feet from shore shall not apply in all the waters of the State and Atlantic Ocean.

(m) A person shall not take or attempt to take migratory game birds:

1. With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells at one time or that may be fired more than three times without reloading;

2. With a trap, net, snare, crossbow, rifle, pistol, shotgun larger than 10 gauge, fish hook, poison, drug or explosive;

3. From a sinkbox (a low floating device affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water);

4. From any motorboat or sailboat unless the motor has been shut off and/or the sail furled and the boat has stopped. However, crippled birds may be shot from craft under power in the sea duck area;

5. From a car or other motor-driven conveyance, or any aircraft;

6. Using live birds as decoys, or by the use or aid of livestock as a blind or means of concealment;

7. Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls (except crows);

8. By driving or chasing birds with any motorized conveyance or any sailboat to put them in range of hunters;

9. By the aid of baiting (placing feed seeds such as corn, wheat, salt, or other feed to constitute a lure or enticement) in or over any baited area, with or without knowledge that the area is baited. The prohibition contained in this paragraph does not apply to crows (*Corvus* spp.). A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the removal of the bait;

10. Without making reasonable effort to retrieve dead or crippled birds and including them in the daily limit, crippled birds must be immediately killed;

11. Before 8:00 A.M. on November 8, 1997. However this shall not preclude the hunting of migratory game birds on tidal waters or tidal marshes of the State.

12. In or on the shores of Shark River;

13. In that portion of the Manasquan River from the ocean inlet upstream to Route 70 bridge;

14. Except at the time and manner prescribed by the State or Federal regulation, or by the 1997-98 Game Code.

15. With shotgun shells loaded with pellets larger than No. 4 fine shot except those persons engaged in hunting

waterfowl may use nothing larger than T (.200 inch) steel shot and nothing larger than T (.200 inch) fine shot for other forms of non-toxic shot authorized by Federal regulations;

16. And possess more than one daily bag while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting, camping, home, etc.;

17. And leave them at any place or in the custody of another person unless the birds are tagged by the hunter with the following information:

- i. The hunter's signature and address.
- ii. The total number and species of birds involved.
- iii. The date such birds were killed.

18. And ship them unless the package is marked on the outside with:

- i. The name and address of person sending the birds.
- ii. The name and address of the person to whom the birds are being sent.
- iii. The number of each species contained in the package.

19. And completely field dress them and transport them from the field. The head or one fully feathered wing must remain attached to all such birds while being transported from the field to one's home or to a commercial preservation facility.

(n) Seasons and bag limits are as follows:

1. Mourning dove (*Zenaidura macroura*) are protected. There will be no open season on these birds 1997-98.

2. Rail and gallinule season and bag limits are as follows:

i. The duration of the season for hunting clapper rail (*Rallus longirostris*), Virginia rail (*Rallus limicola*), sora rail (*Porzana carolina*) and common gallinule or moorhen (*Gallinula chloropus*) is September 1 through November 8, 1997 inclusive.

ii. Bag limits: Clapper rail, common gallinule: 10 daily, 20 in possession of each species. Virginia rail, sora rail, 25 daily or in possession singly or in aggregate.

(o) Woodcock zones and hunting hours are as follows:

1. North Zone: That portion of the State situated north of Route 70 from Point Pleasant west to Camden.

2. South Zone: That portion of the State situated south of Route 70 from Point Pleasant west to Camden.

3. Hunting hours for Woodcock are sunrise to sunset except on November 8, when the hunting hours are 8:00 A.M. to sunset.

(p) The special sea duck hunting area for New Jersey is defined as any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and, in addition, any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least one mile of open water from any shore, island, or emergent vegetation.

(q) The special scaup hunting area for New Jersey is defined as the Delaware Bay, Delaware River and tidal waters east of the Garden State Parkway (tributaries of the Delaware Bay, Delaware River, or the non-tidal section of the Delaware River above Trenton Falls are not included).

(r) Parker Creek and Oceanport Creek: There shall be no open firearm season for hunting any game bird or mammal including waterfowl on Parker Creek and Oceanport Creek, Monmouth County, or the shores thereof, southwest or upstream of the Conrail R.R. bridge.

(s) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, 23:4-11, 23:4-12, 23:4-15, 23:4-18, 23:4-19, 23:4-24.2, 23:4-24.3, 23:4-27, 23:4-30 and 23:4-3, 50 C.F.R. Parts 10.1 and 20.1 et seq. and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1992 d.423, effective October 19, 1992.

See: 24 N.J.R. 2773, 24 N.J.R. 3725(a).

New (r) added; existing (r) recodified to (s).

Administrative correction to N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.13(c).

See: 25 N.J.R. 2001(c).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended dates of trapping season throughout; and in (c), added provision relating to migratory bird hunters effective September 1, 1998.

7:25-5.14 Special regulation limiting use of shotguns and shotgun shells containing lead pellets

(a) No person shall have in possession or use in hunting waterfowl and coot or any snipe, rail or gallinules after the regular season for hunting waterfowl commences any shotgun shell containing lead shot or lead pellets or have in possession or use any shotgun containing lead shot in New Jersey, including all territorial waters.

1. Only shotgun shells containing steel pellets not larger than T (.200 inch) or bismuth pellets or other non-toxic shot not larger than T (.200 inch) and only shotguns containing steel pellets or other non-toxic shot authorized by Federal regulations shall be used for hunting waterfowl.

(b) A person found in possession of any of the following items at (b)1 to 3 below, while hunting for, pursuing, taking, or attempting to take waterfowl, coot or any snipe, rail or gallinule after the regular waterfowl season commences is in violation of this section. Each violation shall constitute an additional, separate and distinct offense subjecting the person to a penalty of \$20.00 for each offense.

1. Each shotgun shell containing lead shot or pellets;
2. Each shotgun loaded with lead shot or pellets; or
3. Any lead shot or any pellets or each cartridge or each charge containing lead shot or pellets.

(c) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 13:1B-30 and N.J.S.A. 23:4-12, et seq.

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

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

7:25-5.15 Crow (*Corvus* spp.)

(a) Duration for the season for hunting the crow shall be Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from August 4, 1997 through March 14, 1998 inclusive, except closed during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open.

(b) There is no daily bag limit. There is no season limit.

(c) The hours for hunting crows shall be sunrise to ½ hour after sunset, except on November 8, 1997 when the hours are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset.

(d) Hunting methods shall be in accordance with Federal regulations as adopted by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (a) and (c), amended dates of hunting season.

7:25-5.16 General falconry rules

(a) The following rules govern the taking, possession, training, transfer, marking and housing facilities of raptors, the classification of permittees and the use of raptors for falconry, to take, kill, or pursue wild birds or wild animals.

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

i. Falconry: The sport of hunting with trained raptors—including the training of raptors. The use of raptors to hunt, take, kill, pursue to attempt to take wild game animals.

ii. Raptors: Live birds of the family Accipitrididae, other than the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) or of the family Falconidae or the great horned owl (*Bubo virginianus*) of the family Strigidae.

iii. Take: To trap or capture, or attempt to trap or capture, a raptor for the purpose of falconry.

iv. Facilities: Equipment and shelters necessary to protect, house and train raptors.

v. Nestlings or eyasses: Young raptors not yet capable of flight.

vi. Passage birds: Raptors in their first year of life.

vii. Permit Year: All permits expire on June 30 of the third calendar year after issue.

viii. Transfer: To convey, carry, remove or send from one person, place, or position to another.

ix. Sponsor: A holder of a general or master falconry permit who has accepted the responsibility for the conduct and training of an apprentice falconer.

x. Endangered, threatened: Includes all raptors appearing on a U.S. Department of Interior or N.J. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife list of endangered, threatened or rare species.

xi. Captive bred: Raptors hatched and raised in captivity by breeders with necessary Federal permits.

xii. Hacking-back: Return of a captive raptor to the wild through the gradual process, eliminating any dependency on man.

xiii. Imping: The replacement of broken or damaged wing or tail feathers by affixing previously molted feathers to the damaged feather.

2. Classes of permits are as follows:

i. Apprentice: Permittee shall be at least 14 years of age.

(1) A sponsor who is holder of a general or master falconry permit is required for all permittees in the apprentice class. Apprentice permittee must notify the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife in writing 10 days after his sponsorship has been withdrawn for any reason.

(2) Permittee shall not possess more than one raptor and may not obtain more than one raptor for replacement during any 12-month period.

(3) Permittee shall possess only an American kestrel (*Falco sparverius*) or a red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*).

ii. General: Permittee shall be at least 18 years of age.

(1) Permittee shall have been licensed at least two years as an apprentice falconer and have had a raptor in possession for at least 12 months. Permittee shall have had two seasons of active field flying experience with a raptor. Sponsor for apprentice must certify in

writing that the apprentice is now qualified to become a general falconer.

(2) Permittee may not have more than two raptors in possession and may not take more than two raptors for replacement birds during any one permit year.

(3) Permittee may not take, transport or possess any golden eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) or any species listed as endangered or threatened by the U.S. Department of the Interior or the N.J. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife provided, however, that captive bred Cooper's hawks (*Accipiter cooperi*), or one legally acquired from the wild from states outside New Jersey where it is not classified as endangered or threatened, may be possessed. Notwithstanding the above, passage or captive bred red-shouldered hawks (*Buteo lineatus*) or goshawks (*Accipiter gentilis*) may be possessed. Eyass birds or nestlings of threatened or endangered raptors may not be taken.

(4) Permittee who refused sponsorships of any apprentice applicant for any reason shall report his reasons for his refusal to the N.J. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife in writing within 10 days upon written request of the Division.

iii. Master: Permittee shall have at least five years of falconry experience in the practice of falconry at the general class. A raptor shall have been in possession for no less than 36 months during this time.

(1) Permittee may not possess more than three raptors, and may not take more than two raptors for replacements during any permit year.

(2) A permittee may not take, transport or possess any species listed as endangered on a U.S. Department of Interior or N.J. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife list, provided, however, that captive bred birds, when legally acquired and possessed in compliance with Federal authorization may be used. Captive bred Cooper's hawks or Cooper's hawks legally acquired from the wild from outside New Jersey where it is not classified as endangered or threatened may be possessed. Notwithstanding the above, passage or captive bred red-shouldered hawks or goshawks may also be possessed. Eyass birds or nestlings of threatened or endangered species may not be taken.

(3) Permittee may not take, transport or possess any golden eagle for falconry purposes unless authorized in writing by both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the N.J. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

(4) A permittee may not take, transport or possess as part of his three bird limitation, more than one raptor listed as threatened on U.S. Dept. of the Interior or N.J. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife list and then only in compliance with all Federal requirements and written permission of the N.J. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

(5) Permittee who refuses sponsorship of an applicant for any reason shall report his reasons for this refusal to the Division in writing within 10 days upon written request of the Division.

(6) A Federal permit is required for master falconers engaged in raptor propagation, sale, purchase or barter.

3. The examination and assignment of class of falconry permit holders are as follows:

i. After the adoption of these rules, all persons desiring a falconry permit will be required to answer correctly at least 80 per cent of the questions on a supervised examination. All falconry examinations will be provided or approved by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

ii. All applicants will be given examinations once a year. The examinations may relate to basic biology, care and handling of raptors, literature regulations and other appropriate subject matter.

iii. During the first six-month period following the adoption of these regulations any individual who, after passing the required examination and complying with all facility requirements, feels he or she should be placed in the "General" or "Master" class shall advise the Division of this fact in writing. Such individuals will then be interviewed by a recognized authority on the sport of falconry to be designated by the Division. This authority shall advise the Division in writing (with a copy to the individual requesting such interview) of which class he feels the individual should be placed. The Division, after consideration of the recommendation of the authority, may place the individual in a higher class to provide Apprentice class falconers with the necessary sponsors.

4. Facilities and equipment: Falconry equipment shall be inspected and certified by a representative of the Division as meeting the following standards:

i. Facilities: The primary consideration for raptor housing facilities whether indoors (mews) or outdoors (weathering area) is protection from the environment, predators or undue disturbance. The applicant shall have the following facilities:

(1) Indoor facilities (mews) shall be large enough to allow easy access for caring for the raptors housed in the facility. If more than one raptor is to be kept in the mews, the raptors shall be separated by partitions and the area for each bird shall be large enough to allow the bird to fully extend its wings. There shall be at least one window, protected on the inside by vertical bars, spaced narrower than the width of the bird's body, and a secure door that can be easily closed. The floor of the mews shall permit easy cleaning and shall be well drained. Adequate perches shall be provided.

(2) Outdoor facilities (weathering area) shall be fenced and covered with netting or wire, or roofed to protect the birds from disturbance and attack by predators. The enclosed area shall be large enough to insure the birds cannot strike the fence when flying from the perch. Protection from excessive sun, wind and inclement weather shall be provided for each bird. Adequate perches shall be provided.

ii. Equipment: The following items shall be in the possession of the applicant before he can obtain a permit or license:

(1) Jesses—At least one pair of Aylmeri jesses or similar type constructed of pliable, high-quality leather or suitable synthetic material to be used when any raptor is flown free. This flying jess should have no slits, only one hole no longer than 0.1 inch in diameter. Traditional one piece jesses may be used on raptors when not being flown.

v. Another person may care for the raptors of a permittee if written authorization, showing period covered, from the permittee accompanies the raptors when transferred, provided that if the period of care will exceed 30 days, written permission shall be obtained from the Division.

vi. Feathers that are molted or feathers from birds held in captivity that die, may be retained by the permittee for imping purposes only. Carcasses of birds which die in captivity must be turned over to the Division for disposal.

vii. A sponsor may have more than three apprentices at any one time.

viii. A person who possesses a lawfully acquired raptor acquired before the enactment of these regulations and who fails to meet the permit requirements shall be allowed to retain the raptors provided facility requirements at (a)4 above are met and a permit is obtained pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-4. All such birds shall be identified with markers supplied by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and cannot be replaced if death loss, release, or escape occurs. These raptors may not be used for falconry.

ix. A person who lawfully possesses raptors before the enactment of these regulations, in excess of the number allowed under his class permit, shall be allowed to retain the extra raptors provided facility requirements are met and the birds are included on the falconry permit. All such birds shall be identified with markers supplied by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and no replacement can occur, nor may an additional raptor be obtained, until the number in possession is at least one less than the total number authorized by the class of permit held by the permittee.

x. Species of raptors not native to the state of New Jersey or otherwise covered by the regulations shall be allowed for the purpose of falconry provided they are legally acquired and are in compliance with all applicable Federal and State regulations. A falconer may not possess more than six species of raptors not native to the North American Continent during any one year.

xi. The possession of firearms while engaged in falconry is illegal.

10. Reporting shall be as follows:

i. Whenever a raptor is acquired, transferred, released or lost, due to escape or death, a copy of Federal Form 3-186A must be submitted to the division within 10 days of the transaction or occurrence.

ii. A report is also required upon termination of the permit for any reason.

iii. This report must be an accurate account of all activities carried on under authority of the permit.

11. Penal Provisions: It shall be unlawful to hunt for, take, possess, transfer any raptor, or practice falconry contrary to the rules and regulations adopted by the Division or to make a false statement on any required report or document. Any person who violates any provision of N.J.S.A. 23:1-1 et seq., N.J.A.C. 7:25-6, or this chapter, is subject to the revocation of any permits issued pursuant to this section and any other penalties prescribed by law.

12. Authority: N.J.S.A. 23:4-12, 23:2A-1 et seq. and other applicable statutes.

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

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

7:25-5.17 Raccoon (*Procyon lotor* and Virginia opossum (*Didelphis virginiana*) hunting

(a) The duration for the season of hunting raccoons and Virginia opossum is one hour after sunset on October 1, 1997 to one hour before sunrise on March 1, 1998. The hours for hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

(b) There shall be no daily bag limit. There shall be no season limit.

(c) A person shall not hunt for raccoon or opossum with dogs and firearms or weapons of any kind during the six day firearm deer season and the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and including any extra permit deer season day(s) in December.

(d) A person shall not train a raccoon or opossum dog other than during the period of September 1 to October 1, 1997 and from March 1 to May 1, 1998. The training hours are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

(e) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, 23:4-2, 23:4-12 and 23:4-25 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (a) and (d), amended dates of hunting season.

7:25-5.18 Woodchuck (*Marmota monax*) hunting

(a) Duration for the hunting of woodchucks with a rifle including a muzzleloading rifle in this State is March 7 through September 25, 1998. Licensed hunters may also take woodchuck with shotgun or long bow and arrow or by means of falconry during the regular woodchuck rifle season

and during the upland game season established in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.3.

(b) The hours for the hunting of woodchuck shall be sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

(c) No person shall hunt a woodchuck with a rifle without a proper and valid rifle permit issued by the division.

(d) There shall be no rifle hunting for woodchuck on the State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas.

(e) There shall be no bag limit.

(f) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, 23:4-13 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (a), amended dates of hunting season.

7:25-5.19 Red fox (*Vulpes vulpes*), gray fox (*Urocyon cinereoargenteus*) and coyote (*Canis latrans*) hunting

(a) The duration of the red fox and gray fox hunting season is as follows:

1. Bow and Arrow Only—October 4 through November 7, 1997.

2. Firearm or Bow and Arrow—November 8, 1997 through February 16, 1998 except closed during the six day firearm deer season and the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in those management zones on the prescribed dates that the season is open and also excluding any extra permit deer season day(s) in December if declared open.

(b) The use of dogs shall not be allowed for fox hunting during the Statewide fall bow and arrow season. There shall be no fox hunting during the six-day firearm deer season, or the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in zones where the season is open, except that a person hunting deer during these deer seasons may kill fox if the fox is encountered before said person has taken the daily bag limit of deer. However, after a person has taken a daily bag limit of deer he or she must cease all hunting immediately.

(c) The hours for hunting fox are 8:00 A.M. to ½ hour after sunset on November 8, 1997 and on other days from sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(d) There is no bag limit for fox.

(e) The duration of the eastern coyote hunting season is January 31 through February 16, 1998 and it is open State-wide.

(f) The hours for the hunting of coyote are one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset.

(g) The daily bag limit for coyote hunting is two.

(h) Coyote hunting methods shall be restricted to calling and stand hunting. No person shall stalk or attempt to approach a coyote for the purpose of taking or attempting to take the animal. A coyote calling device must be in possession while coyote hunting. The use of dogs, lights or bait is prohibited. Fluorescent hunters orange is not required on outer clothing for coyote hunting.

(i) Coyotes may be hunted with bow and arrow, shotgun and single barrel muzzleloader rifles. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds. All other bows must have a minimum draw pull weight of 35 pounds. Shotguns shall be no smaller than 12 gauge. No shot size larger than No. 2 fine shot or smaller than No. 4 fine shot shall be used for coyote hunting with shotgun. Muzzleloader rifles shall be no less than .44 caliber. Smoothbore muzzleloaders shall be single barreled.

(j) A coyote season hunting permit shall be required. Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. A three-inch by five-inch index card containing the applicant's name, mailing address, date of birth and evening phone number must be submitted to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400, between October 14 and November 14, 1997. Applicants shall write coyote hunting season at the bottom of the card. In addition, nothing in this subsection shall preclude the Division from taking application for and providing issuance of coyote hunting permits at subsequent times, upon prior notice of the dates and procedures thereof by the Division. Such notification shall be announced by press and/or radio.

(k) Any coyote killed by a coyote permit holder shall be reported to a Division regional law enforcement office within 48 hours. Callers shall identify themselves by name and phone number.

(l) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-42 and 23:4-58.1 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended dates of hunting season throughout; and in (j)1, added last two sentences, relating to issuance of permits at subsequent times.

7:25-5.20 Dogs

(a) A person shall not exercise or train dogs on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas May 1 to August 31, inclusive, except on portions or various wildlife management areas designated as dog training areas, and there shall be no exercising or training of dogs on any Wildlife Management Area on November 7, 1997.

(b) This section shall not preclude a properly licensed field trial association from conducting a field trial or from handling and working dogs during the period of time covered by the field trial license on the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area, only.

(c) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-25 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended dates when dogs may not be exercised.

7:25-5.21 Squirrel (*Sciurus spp.*), raccoon (*Procyon lotor*), opossum (*Didelphis virginianus*), skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*), weasel (*Mustela spp.*) and woodchuck (*Marmota monax*) and coyote (*Canis latrans*) damage

(a) Property owners and occupants of dwellings suffering damage from squirrel, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, and woodchuck, or their agents designated in writing, may control these animals by lawful procedures at any time subject to State law and local ordinances.

(b) Farmers or their agents may control coyotes by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock, crops or poultry, subject to State law and local ordinances and must notify one of the Regional Law Enforcement Offices within 24 hours.

(c) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1 and 23:4-9 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

7:25-5.22 Wild animals; possession, killing

(a) No person shall have in possession, kill, attempt to take, hunt for, pursue, shoot, shoot at, trap, or attempt to trap any wild mammal or wild birds unless an open season

for the taking of such birds or mammals has been declared by the New Jersey Fish and Game Laws or Code and then only during the respective open seasons fixed by the New Jersey Fish and Game Laws or Code, except as provided in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.15(a), (b) and (c).

(b) This section shall not apply to the taking of English sparrows, European starlings, or blackbirds that are doing damage to crops or property; nor shall it apply to the taking of household pests such as Norway rats and house mice.

1. Under Federal regulations, a person may kill yellow-headed, red-winged, bicolored red-winged, tricolored red-winged, and Brewer's blackbirds, cow-birds, all grackles, common crows and magpies when found committing or about to commit serious depredations upon any ornamental or shade tree, agricultural crops, livestock, or wildlife, or when concentrated in such numbers and manner as to constitute a health hazard or other nuisance. None of the birds killed, nor their plumage, shall be sold or offered for sale, but may be possessed, transported, and otherwise disposed of or utilized.

(c) Persons holding valid permits issued by the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife for the possession or taking of any specific bird or mammal shall not be in violation of this section.

(d) The fact that a bird or mammal is not native to this State shall not constitute a defense to the possession, taking or attempting to take any wild bird or mammal in violation of this section.

(e) No person shall have in possession a deer, bear or turkey that he himself or she herself 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 or turkey.

1. Those in the business of processing deer, bear or turkey, that is, butchers, taxidermists, et al., shall keep a ledger of all their customers. Each customer's name, current address, day and evening telephone number, and hunting license number shall be included in the ledger. This ledger shall be made available for inspection upon request made during the hours of 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., by any law enforcement officer or employee of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

2. The possession seal which is issued at a deer and turkey check station shall always stay with the carcass, and with the meat after processing. If the deer or turkey is to be mounted by a taxidermist, the antlers, or in the case of an antlerless deer or turkey, those parts of the animal being mounted, shall be labeled with the possession seal number and the name and address of the owner.

(f) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 13:1B-30, 23:4-43, 23:4-47, 23:4-50 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

Inserted new (e); recodified former (e) as (f); and in (f), inserted additional N.J.S.A. references.

7:25-5.23 Firearms and missiles, etc.

(a) Except when legally engaged in deer hunting during the prescribed firearm deer seasons no person shall have in his or her possession in the woods, fields, marshlands or on the water any shell or cartridge with missiles of any kind larger than No. 4 fine shot. This shall not apply to persons properly licensed and permitted for hunting coyote who are required to use No. 2 fine shot or No. 4 fine shot while hunting coyote during the prescribed season. This shall not preclude a properly licensed person from hunting woodchuck with a rifle during the woodchuck season. For hunting woodchuck, center-fire rifles of .25 caliber or smaller or rim-fire rifles may be used. Center-fire rifles larger than .25 caliber may also be used provided the bullets used do not exceed 100 grains in weight. All center-fire rifle ammunition used in hunting woodchucks must be hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets. All rim-fire rifle ammunition used in hunting woodchuck must be hollow point or soft point type. Also excepted is the use of a muzzleloading rifle, .36 caliber or smaller, loaded with a single projectile during the prescribed portion of the squirrel season in designated areas. Waterfowl hunters may possess and use shotgun shells loaded with T (.200 inch) steel fine shot or smaller or other non-toxic shot authorized by Federal regulations no larger than T (.200 inch) shot and properly licensed persons hunting for raccoon or opossum with hounds or engaged in trapping for furbearing animals may possess and use a .22 caliber rifle and raccoon, or opossum or legally trapped furbearing animals other than muskrat.

(b) All persons in possession of a rifle while hunting or trapping must have in addition to their proper license, a valid and proper rifle permit.

(c) No person shall use in hunting fowl or animals of any kind, any shotgun capable of holding more than three shells at one time or that may be fired more than three times without reloading. No person shall use in hunting or trapping of any kind, a rifle loaded with more than three cartridges. No person shall have in his or her possession while deer hunting on Monmouth Battlefield State Park any shell or cartridge with missiles of any kind other than shotgun slugs or No. 4 or No. 000 buckshot.

(d) It shall be legal to use a .22 caliber rifle and .22 caliber short cartridge only for hunting raccoon and opossum with hounds and for killing legally trapped animals other than muskrats on State wildlife management areas.

(e) Within the areas described as 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-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; persons holding a valid and proper rifle permit in addition to their current firearm hunting license may hunt for squirrels between October 4–November 7, 1997 and January 19–February 16, 1998 using a .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloading rifle loaded with a single projectile.

(f) Except as specifically provided below for waterfowl hunters, semi-wild and commercial preserves, muzzleloader deer hunters and trappers, during the six-day firearm and December portion of the permit shotgun season, it shall be illegal to use any firearm of any kind other than a shotgun. Nothing herein contained shall prohibit the use of a shotgun not smaller than 20 gauge nor larger than 10 gauge with a rifled bore for deer hunting only. Persons hunting deer shall use a shotgun not smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge with the lead, lead alloy or copper slug only or a shotgun not smaller than 20 gauge nor larger than 10 gauge with the buckshot shell. It shall be illegal to have in possession while deer hunting any firearm missile except the 20, 16, 12 or 10 gauge lead, lead alloy or copper slug or the 12, 10, 16 or 20 gauge buckshot shell. Shotgun shells containing a single spherical projectile may not be possessed or used in deer hunting. (This does not preclude a person legally engaged in hunting on semi-wild or commercial preserves for the species under license or a person legally engaged in hunting woodcock from being possessed solely of shotgun(s) and nothing larger than No. 4 fine shot, nor a person engaged in hunting waterfowl only from being possessed solely of shotgun and nothing larger than T (.200 inch) steel shot or other bismuth non-toxic shot authorized by Federal regulations during the shotgun deer seasons). A legally licensed trapper possessing a valid rifle permit may possess and use a .22 rifle and short rimfire cartridge only while tending his or her trap line.

1. Persons who are properly licensed may hunt for deer with a muzzleloader rifle during the 1997 six-day firearm deer season and the permit muzzleloader rifle deer season.

2. Muzzleloader rifles used for hunting deer are restricted to single-shot single barreled weapons with flintlock or percussion actions, shall not be less than .44 caliber and shall fire a single missile or projectile. Except as provided in (p) below, only open iron sights and peep sights shall be attached or affixed to the muzzleloader rifle while engaged in hunting for deer or squirrel. Only one muzzleloader rifle may be possessed while hunting. Double barrel and other types of muzzleloader rifles capable of firing more than one shot without reloading or holding more than one charge are prohibited. Persons who are properly licensed may hunt for deer with a single-shot, single barreled, flintlock or percussion action, smoothbore muzzleloader during the permit muzzleloader rifle season. Single shot, smoothbore muzzleloaders used during the permit muzzleloader season shall fire a single missile or projectile and shall not be smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge. Double barrel and other types of smoothbore muzzleloaders capable of firing more than one shot without reloading or holding more than one charge are prohibited during the permit muzzleloader season. Persons who are properly licensed may hunt deer with single or double barrel, smoothbore muzzleloader during the six day firearm and permit shotgun deer seasons. Smoothbore muzzleloaders used for deer hunt-

ing during the six day firearm and permit shotgun deer seasons shall not be smaller than 20 gauge or larger than 10 gauge, and shall fire a single missile or projectile, or buckshot no smaller than No. 4 (.24 inch) or larger than 000 (.36 inch). Except as provided in (p) below, no telescopic sights shall be attached or affixed to the smoothbore muzzleloader while engaged in hunting for deer or squirrel. Only one muzzleloader rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader may be possessed while deer hunting.

3. Properly licensed persons 14 years of age and older engaged in hunting with a muzzleloader rifle must have in possession a proper and valid rifle permit. Properly licensed persons 14 years of age or older, hunting during the muzzleloader rifle permit deer season with a smoothbore muzzleloader must also have in possession a proper and valid rifle permit. Rifle permits for 14 to 17-year olds will be valid for muzzleloader deer hunting, muzzleloader squirrel hunting and woodchuck hunting.

4. 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 a nonmetallic material is placed over the frizzen.

5. Whenever a firearm is in a motor vehicle, in addition to the requirements found in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.23(f)4 (unloaded), it shall be enclosed in a securely fastened case.

(g) No person shall hunt, hunt for, or attempt to capture, kill, take, injure or destroy game birds or animals except at the time and in the manner provided by N.J.S.A. Title 23 and the valid State Game Code.

(h) The prohibition against shooting waterfowl or placing a boat or other structure at a greater distance than one hundred feet from shore shall not apply in all areas, and in the Atlantic Ocean. (Sinkbox prohibited by U.S. regulations).

(i) Wild waterfowl, migratory game birds, rabbits, hares, jack rabbits, squirrels, grouse, chukar partridge, pheasants, and quail shall not be hunted for or taken on Sunday. However, pheasants, quail and chukar partridge may be hunted for or taken on Sunday on semi-wild and commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking thereof.

(j) Except for conservation officers and their deputies, no person shall carry or possess a bow and arrow, firearm of any kind or any instrument capable of firing or throwing a projectile of any type within the limits of a state game refuge unless authorized by the Division.

(k) Deer shall not be hunted for or taken on Sunday except on wholly enclosed preserves that are properly licensed for the propagation thereof.

(l) No person shall, for the purpose of hunting for, pursuing, taking or killing, or attempting to hunt, pursue, take or kill any bird or animal, have in an automobile or vehicle of any kind, any firearm loaded with missiles of any kind, under a penalty of not less than \$20.00 nor more than \$50.00.

(m) The Division may issue special permits without fee, to shoot or hunt from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road, to licensed hunters who, after investigations, are found to be paraplegics. Permittees are subject to all applicable New Jersey Fish and Game laws and regulations.

(n) No person shall have both a firearm and a bow and arrow in his possession or under his control in the woods or fields or on the water while hunting any wild bird or mammal. This does not preclude a person from carrying both a firearm and bow and arrow in a motor vehicle. This does not apply to duly constituted law enforcement officers.

(o) No person shall hunt with the aid of a deer decoy, except during the fall bow, special permit bow and winter bow seasons. Any person while carrying or moving deer decoys in the woods and fields for the purpose of hunting shall wear a cap of fluorescent hunters orange or some other garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material which shall be visible from all sides. No person shall hunt for deer with the aid of an electronic calling device, or any device which projects a beam of light upon the target.

(p) The Division may issue a Special Muzzleloader Rifle Scope permit to certain visually handicapped individuals which would allow these individuals as specified below in this subsection to hunt with a muzzleloader rifle during the prescribed seasons. Special Muzzleloader Rifle Scope Permit applications will require certification by a Doctor of Ophthalmology or Optometry, licensed to practice in New Jersey and be subject to Division review and ratification. For the purposes of this permit, a visually handicapped individual is defined as one who is incapable of achieving proper sight alignment/sight picture using a muzzleloader rifle equipped with open sights or peep sights due to a

permanent vision disability which cannot be adequately addressed through the use of corrective lenses. The rifle scopes permitted under a Special Muzzleloader Rifle Scope Permit shall be non-magnifying or fixed power of not more than 1.5x.

(q) Physically challenged persons whose need for alternative methods of taking game animals cannot be addressed by the provisions of (m) and (p) above and N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.24(e) may apply to the Director of the Division of Fish, Game, and Wildlife for further exemption from the existing regulations concerning methods of take, including alternative equipment. Applicants must demonstrate in writing the nature of the disability and the need for an exemption and must provide supportive medical documentation from a physician licensed to practice medicine in New Jersey. The Director or his or her representative(s) will review each request and schedule personal interviews to verify the circumstances and determine the specific requirements of each applicant, and assess the ability of each applicant to safely and effectively use alternative equipment or methods. Additional medical information and/or evaluation may be required. Each permit shall designate the specific alternative methods of take including equipment permitted for each individual determined to be qualified. Applications will be accepted during the period January 1 through August 31 of each year. Within 60 calendar days from the issuance of denial by the Division, the applicant may appeal to the Fish and Game Council. Any further right of appeal shall be determined and handled in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq., and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Rules, N.J.A.C. 1:1. Such disputes will be referred to the Office of Administrative Law for hearing.

(r) No person shall carry or possess a shotgun and any shotgun slug in the woods and fields or on the water while hunting unless he or she has in possession a shotgun which has adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed. No person shall use any shotgun containing shotgun slugs for the purpose of hunting unless it has adjustable open iron or peep sights or a scope affixed.

(s) Persons required by law to wear corrective lenses to operate a motor vehicle shall wear corrective lenses when hunting with a bow or a firearm of any kind.

(t) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to prevent the Director of the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife from authorizing personnel or agents of the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife from possessing, carrying or using hand held pistol-like devices which launch pyrotechnic missiles for the sole purpose of frightening, hazing or aversive conditioning of nuisance wildlife; or from possessing, carrying or using animal immobilization rifles, pistols or similar devices for the sole purpose of chemically immobilizing wild or non-domestic animals or from possessing, carrying or using rifles or shotguns, upon completion of an approved training course, in order to dispatch sick, injured, or dangerous animals or for non-lethal use for the purpose of frightening, hazing or aversive conditioning of nuisance or depredating wildlife. All such duly authorized personnel of the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife except Conservation Officers shall possess a firearms purchaser card, a valid New Jersey hunting license and a rifle permit issued by the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

(u) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to prevent duly authorized personnel or agents of the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife from the possession and use of any other Division approved device or equipment for the capture, marking or killing of wildlife for scientific, enforcement or public safety purposes. This section applies to all non-domestic animals whether native or exotic, irrespective to season status, or other restrictions in any statute or rule.

(v) Nothing in this subchapter shall be construed to prevent duly authorized personnel or agents of the New Jersey Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife from possessing, carrying or using any device which projects, releases or emits any substance specified as being non-injurious to black bears or other animals by the State Director of Animal Health and which produces temporary physical discomfort through being vaporized or otherwise dispensed in the air for the purpose of repelling animal attacks or for the aversive conditioning of nuisance wildlife.

(w) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 13:1B-30, 23:3-1, 23:4-1, 23:4-12, 23:4-13, 23:4-16, 23:4-18, 23:4-19, 23:4-24.1, 23:4-29, 23:4-42, 23:4-44 and 23:8-10 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (e) and (f)1, amended dates of hunting season; inserted (t) through (v); and recodified former (t) as (w); and in (w), amended N.J.S.A. references.

7:25-5.24 Bow and arrow, general provisions

(a) A bow means longbow, recurved bow or compound bow that is hand held and hand drawn and that has no mechanical devices built into or attached to, that will enable the archer to lock the bow at full or partial draw. Except as provided in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.24(e) all draw locking and draw

holding devices are prohibited and all crossbows or variations thereof are prohibited. Hand-held releasing devices are permitted.

(b) No person shall use a bow and arrow for deer hunting, during the six-day firearm, permit muzzleloader or permit shotgun seasons. Nothing in this section shall preclude a properly licensed person from hunting with a bow and arrow when other seasons run concurrent and in the same deer management zones as the six-day firearm, permit muzzleloader or permit shotgun seasons or on any additional days if declared open. Bow and arrow hunting is not permitted between $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset and $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before sunrise during other seasons except during the coyote calling season when hunting hours are one hour before sunrise and one hour after sunset. Deer shall not be hunted for or taken on Sunday except on wholly enclosed preserves that are properly licensed for the propagation thereof.

(c) During the seasons for taking deer, coyote, woodchuck or turkey with bow and arrow (as listed elsewhere in this subchapter), all arrows used for taking deer, coyote, woodchuck or turkey must be fitted with an edged head of the following specifications:

1. Minimum width shall be $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.
2. Minimum length—None.
3. Cutting edges shall be of well-sharpened metal only.
4. Arrows fitted with heads other than specified for deer may be carried in the woods and fields during the Upland Game Season or other seasons which overlap with the Bow and Arrow Deer Season, in addition to arrows specified for deer. It is unlawful to hunt with any device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
5. All bows, except compounds, must have a minimum draw pull weight of 35 pounds at the archers' draw length. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds.

(d) No person shall hunt deer with the aid of a deer decoy except during the fall bow, winter bow and special bow seasons. No person shall hunt for deer with an electronic calling device, or any other device which projects a beam of light upon the target.

(e) The Division may issue a Special Bow Use Permit to certain physically handicapped individuals which would allow these individuals as specified below in this subsection to hunt with a longbow, recurved bow or compound bow that has been modified such that it has a mechanical device built into or attached to, that will enable the archer to draw and lock the bow at full or partial draw. Crossbows are prohibited. Special Bow Use Permit applications will require certification by a physician licensed to practice medicine in the State of New Jersey and be subject to Division's review and ratification. For the purposes of this permit, a handicapped individual is defined as one who is incapable of using a bow due to a permanent disability resulting from the loss of, or loss of use of, one or both arms as a result of birth defect, injury or disease.

(f) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, 23:4-12, 23:4-16, 23:4-43, 23:4-44, 23:4-45 and other applicable statutes.

Correction: Deleted subsection (d) and renumbered old (e)-(g) as (d)-(f).

See: 20 N.J.R. 2936(a).

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

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

7:25-5.25 White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) fall bow season (either sex)

(a) Duration of the fall bow season is from October 4–October 31, 1997 in Zones 1–12, 14–35, 37, 39–41, 43–48, 50–55, 63, 65 and 66; and September 13–October 31, 1997 in Zones 13, 36, 42 and 49. Deer Management Zones 38, 56–62, 64 and 67 are not open for this season. Deer of either sex and any age may be taken by bow and arrow exclusively from October 4–October 31, 1997, inclusive; except in Zone 4 from October 4–October 31, 1997 only deer with antlers at least three inches long may be taken and in Zones 13, 36, 42 and 49 from September 13–October 3, 1997 an antlerless deer must be taken first before harvesting an antlered deer. Legal hunting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(b) Bag Limit: Two deer of either sex, except as noted in (a) above and (b)1 below. Only one deer may be taken in a given day. Deer shall be tagged immediately with completely filled in “transportation tag” and shall be transported to a deer checking station before 8:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed. Except as noted in (b)1 below, upon completion of registration of first deer, one valid and proper “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag” (supplemental tag) will be issued which will allow this person to continue hunting and take one additional deer of either sex during the current fall bow deer season. The supplemental tag shall not be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply.

1. In deer management zones 2, 5–17, 19, 22, 25, 27–29, 33, 35, 36, 39–42, 46–51, 54, 63 and 66, known as “multiple bonus tag zones” for the purposes of this section, properly licensed hunters that harvest antlerless deer first and subsequently, may obtain one additional multiple bonus tag per day and harvest an additional antlerless deer per day in the multiple bonus tag zones exclusively, until the fall bow season concludes, they harvest an antlered deer, or they decline the multiple bonus tag. Hunters that harvest an antlered deer on the multiple bonus tag and hunters that decline the multiple bonus tag will be issued a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag, valid in any deer management

zone, provided the season remains open. A multiple bonus tag may be used to take a deer of either sex and any age, subject to the above provisions and is only valid in the multiple bonus tag zones listed above. Only one deer may be taken per day during the season. All tagging and registration requirements apply. No multiple bonus tags are available in the following deer management zones: 1, 3, 4, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 30–32, 34, 37, 38, 43–45, 52, 53, 55–62, 64, 65 and 67.

2. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to the deer check station by closing time must be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Said deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal “possession tag”. If the season has concluded, said deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal possession tag.

(c) This season shall be open only to holders of a valid and current bow and arrow hunting license which contains an attached fall bow and arrow deer “transportation tag” or a proper and valid supplemental tag or a proper and valid bonus tag. If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, additional days of bow and arrow deer hunting may be authorized by the Director. Such authorization and dates thereof shall be announced by press and radio. Handicapped individuals hunting with a modified bow must have a valid Special Bow Use Permit on their person while hunting in addition to a valid Bow and Arrow Hunting License.

(d) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-42, 23:4-43, 23:4-45, 23:4-47 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

In (a), inserted first two sentence and amended dates of hunting seasons; and in (b)1, deleted provision relating to single bonus tag zones and amended zones in which multiple tags allowed.

7:25-5.26 White-tailed deer winter bow season (either-sex)

(a) Deer of either sex and any age may be taken by bow and arrow exclusively from January 1– 31, 1998 inclusive. Legal hunting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

(b) **Bag Limit:** Two deer of either-sex. Only one deer may be taken in a given day. Deer shall be tagged immediately with the "transportation tag" appropriate for the season, completely filled in, and shall be transported to a checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed. Upon completion of the registration of the first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" (supplemental tag) will be issued which will allow that person to continue hunting and take one additional deer of either sex during the current winter bow, deer season. The supplemental tag shall not be valid in the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to a check station by closing time shall be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Said deer shall be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag." If the season has concluded, said deer shall be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag."

(c) This season will be open only to holders of a valid and current bow and arrow hunting license which contains an attached winter bow season "transportation tag" or a proper and valid supplemental tag. If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, additional days of special winter bow and arrow deer hunting may be authorized by the Director. Such authorization and dates thereof shall be announced by press and radio. Handicapped individuals hunting with a modified bow must have a valid Special Bow Use Permit on their person while hunting in addition to a valid Bow and Arrow Hunting License.

(d) **Authority:** The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-45, 23:4-42, 23:4-43, 23:4-47 and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).
Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).
See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).
Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).
See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).
In (a), amended dates of hunting season; and in (b) and (c), substituted "supplemental" for "second".

7:25-5.27 White-tailed deer six-day firearm season

(a) **Duration** for this season will be December 8-13, 1997 inclusive with shotgun or muzzleloader rifle, exclusively.

(b) **Bag Limit:** Two deer, with antler at least three inches, long; except in those zones designated as "hunters choice" indicated in (d) below, where the bag limit is two deer of either sex and (b)1 below. Only one deer may be

taken in a given day per person on a regular firearm hunting license. Deer shall be tagged immediately with the "transportation tag" appropriate for the season, completely filled in and shall be transported to a checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed. Upon completion of the registration of the first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" will be issued which will allow that person to continue hunting and take one additional deer with antler at least three inches long or one additional deer of either sex in the "hunters choice" zones, exclusively, during the current, six-day firearm season. The supplemental tag shall not be valid on the day of issuance except as noted in (b)1 and 2 below and all registration requirements apply. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to a check station by closing time shall be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. This deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag." If the season has concluded, this deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag."

1. Hunters that take an antlerless deer on their first tag in the designated hunter's choice deer management zones listed in (d) will be eligible for a bonus deer tag. The bonus tags shall be valid on the date of issuance and will be good for one deer of either sex and any age in Zones 13 and 36 or one antlered deer in other zones open for the six-day firearm season. The New Jersey bonus deer tag will be issued in addition to the New Jersey supplemental deer tag at designated check stations located in or within 15 miles of the hunter's choice zones.

2. New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tags will be valid on the day of issuance in the following Zones, exclusively: 16-35, 37, 39, 42-49, 51-53, 55, 61-63 and 65.

(c) This season shall be open only to holders of a valid and current firearm hunting license which contains an attached six-day firearm season transportation tag or a proper and valid supplemental tag or a proper and valid bonus tag. If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, additional days of deer hunting may be authorized by the Director, with the approval of the Council. Such authorization and dates thereof shall be announced by press and radio.

(d) **Hunter's Choice zones** include: Deer management Zones 13 and 36, as described in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.29(p).

(e) **Hunting Hours:** December 8-13, 1997, inclusive, 7:00 A.M. E.S.T. to 5:00 P.M. E.S.T. with shotgun or muzzleloader rifle.

(f) No person shall take, attempt to take, hunt or attempt to hunt, kill or attempt to kill, shoot at or attempt to shoot at, in any one day or in any one year more than the number of deer permitted by this Code.

(g) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-42, 23:4-43, 23:4-45, 23:4-47, 23:4-48 and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In (a) and (e), amended dates of hunting season; and in (c), substituted "supplemental" for "second".

7:25-5.28 White-tailed deer muzzleloader rifle permit season (either sex)

(a) The Director with the approval of the Council may authorize the issuance of permits for the taking of deer with a muzzleloader rifle or smoothbore muzzleloader loaded with a single projectile anywhere within this State or at any State or Federal installation.

(b) If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, additional days of muzzleloader rifle permit deer hunting may be authorized by the Director. Such authorization and the date thereof shall be announced by press and radio.

(c) Bag Limit: Two deer of either sex and any age per permit, except as noted in (c)1 below and one deer of either sex and any age during the second season segment. Only one deer may be taken in a given day per permit. Deer shall be tagged immediately with the muzzleloader rifle permit season permit, transportation tag, completely filled in, and shall be transported to a checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed. Upon completion of the registration of the first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" (supplemental tag) will be issued which will allow the person to continue hunting and take one additional deer of either sex during the current muzzleloader rifle permit season. The supplemental tag shall not be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to a check station by closing time shall be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Said deer shall be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag." If the season has concluded, said deer shall be taken to a regular deer checking station, on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag." It is unlawful to attempt to take or continue to hunt for more than the number of deer permitted.

1. In all zones open for the early season segment on December 1 and 2, 1997 as listed in (d)1 and 2 below, only one deer taken per permit during December 1 and 2 may be antlered (defined as having at least one antler at least three inches in length. This shall not preclude a properly licensed hunter from taking one antlerless deer per permit and per day on these dates, or from taking the regular bag limit of two deer of either sex and any age per permit in the remainder of the regular season as noted in (d) below. The bag limit in Zone 66 will be four deer of either sex and any age. The bag limit in Zone 67 will be two deer of either sex and any age; however, if a properly licensed hunter takes an antlerless deer first, a bonus tag will be issued which will be valid for the taking of one additional deer of either sex from Zone 67, exclusively.

(d) Duration of the muzzleloader rifle permit season is: as set forth in (d)1 through 10 below. There is no season in the following Zones: 38, 40, 56, 59, 60, 62, and 64. Legal hunting hours shall be sunrise to $\frac{1}{2}$ hours after sunset E.S.T.

1. December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 1997 and January 1, 2 and 3, 1998 in Zones 1-3, 5-20, 22-36, 41, 42, 44-51, 55, 57, 58, 61, 63 and 65.

2. December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 26, 1997 in Zone 4.

3. December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27, 1997 in Zones 21 and 43.

4. November 8, 10-15, 1997; December 15-20, 22-24, 26, 29-31, 1997 and January 1-3, 1998 (second segment) in Zones 37 and 52.

5. December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-31, 1997 and January 1-3, 1998 in Zone 39.

6. November 29-December 6 and December 15-31, 1997 and January 1-3, 1998 in Zone 53.

7. December 1, 2, 15-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29-31, 1997 and January 1-3, 1998 in Zone 54.

8. November 29 and December 1-6, 1997 in Zone 66.

9. November 10-13, 17-20 and 24-26, 1997 in Zone 67.

10. At other items as determined by the Director.

(e) Permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season are valid only in the designated deer management zones or other designated areas and are not transferrable.

(f) Method: The taking of two deer of either sex and any age except as noted in (c)1 above or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts is authorized to holders of valid permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season in designated deer management zones. Only one deer may be taken in a given day per permit. The taking of two deer of either sex and any age or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts is authorized to holders of valid farmer permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season only on the farm occupied and designated on the permit application. Only one deer may be taken in a given day per permit.

1. Permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses and qualified farmers. Only one application per regular firearm license holder may be submitted, whether for muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit seasons, during the initial application period. During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a left-over shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing. Duplicate or multiple applications will cause all applications to be void. All persons, while their hunting licenses are void under the authority of law or as imposed by a court are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring a muzzleloader deer permit. For special management zones where the agency administering the affected land requires that hunters attend mandatory hunter orientation as a condition of access, failure to attend the designated session shall result in invalidation of the muzzleloader season permit for the zone.

2. On the last three days of the season, November 24, 25 and 26, 1997, in Zone 67 only, properly licensed muzzleloader hunters are limited to using traditional muzzleloaders as defined in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.1(d)8.

(g) Permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season consist of back display which includes a "deer transportation tag" or proper and valid supplemental tag. The back display portion of the permit will be conspicuously displayed on the outer clothing in addition to the valid firearm license. The "deer transportation tag" portion of the permit must be completely filled out, and affixed to the deer immediately upon killing. This completely filled in "deer transportation tag" allows legal transportation of the deer of either sex to an authorized checking station only. Personnel at the checking station will issue a "possession tag". Any permit holder killing a deer must transport the deer to an authorized checking station by 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed to secure the legal "possession tag". The possession of a deer of either sex after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed without a legal "possession tag" shall be deemed illegal possession. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to the check station by closing time must be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Said deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag". If the season has concluded said deer must be taken to a regular deer check station on the following weekday to receive a legal possession tag.

(h) Muzzleloader Rifle Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Only holders of valid and current firearm hunting licenses may apply by detaching from their hunting license the stub marked Special Deer Season for the current year signing as provided on the back, and sending the stub,

together with the permit fee and an application form which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions. Application forms may be obtained from:

- i. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400 Trenton, New Jersey 08625.
- ii. License issuing agents.
- iii. Conservation Officers.
- iv. Other Division officers.
- v. Other Division field offices.

2. No juvenile license holders are eligible.

3. Only one application whether for muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit season, accompanied by the hunting license stub, may be submitted by any regular firearm license holder during the initial permit application period. During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a left-over shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing. Applications for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void.

4. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, address, current firearm license number, deer management zone applied for, and any other information requested. Only those applications will be accepted for participation in random selection which are received in the Trenton office during the period of August 15-September 10, inclusive. Applications postmarked after the September 10 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permittees will be made by random selection.

5. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by return of permit fees, less application fee per permit applied for. Any permit obtained by fraud shall be void.

6. Successful applicants will receive their permits by mail. Unless otherwise indicated the permit fee in the form of a check or money order, made payable to "Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife," must accompany the completed application form.

7. Nothing contained herein shall preclude the Division from issuing unfilled permits on a first come-first served basis to any properly licensed hunter or qualified farmer after the permit selection process.

(i) Farmer Muzzleloader Rifle Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or the immediate members of his family 14 years of age or older who also reside thereon, may apply on forms provided for a farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permit. Under this subsection a farm is an area of five acres or more and producing a gross income in excess

of \$500.00 and is tax assessed as farmland. Farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permits will be issued only in those deer management zones where a muzzleloader rifle permit season is prescribed.

2. Application forms may be obtained from the County Agricultural Agent, the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, N.J. 08625, conservation officers, or other Division offices.

3. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, age, size of farm, address, and any other information requested thereon. Properly completed application forms will be accepted in the Trenton office during the period of August 1 to 15. There is no fee required, and all qualified applicants will receive a farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permit, delivered by mail.

4. Qualified farmers may apply for one shotgun permit season permit in any management zone in addition to one muzzleloader rifle permit season permit in any management zone where a muzzleloader rifle permit season is prescribed. Qualified farmers may also apply for either the muzzleloader rifle permit season permit or shotgun permit season permit as a regular firearm hunting license applicant. Application for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void.

5. Nothing contained herein shall preclude the Division from issuing unfilled or unclaimed permits on a first come-first served basis to any qualified farmer or properly licensed hunter after the permit selection process.

(j) Muzzleloader Rifle Season Permits and Farmer Muzzleloader Rifle Season Permits shall be used as follows:

1. The muzzleloader rifle permit season permit is valid only in the deer management zone (DMZ) designated and is not transferrable. The farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permit is valid only on the farm occupied and designated in the application and is not transferrable. The DMZ quota and DMZ map follow. The permit hunter is responsible for hunting in the correct DMZ or farm as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

2. Neither the muzzleloader rifle permit season permit nor the farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permit is transferrable from deer management zone to deer management zone, from farm to farm, or from individual to individual. The permit must be used on the farm, in the management zone, and by the individual to whom it was issued.

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The 1997 Muzzleloader Rifle Deer Season Permit Quotas (either sex) are as follows:

1997-98 MUZZLELOADER RIFLE PERMIT SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

| Deer Mgmt Zone No. | Season Dates Code | Anticipated Deer Harvest 1997-98 | Permit Quota 1997-98 | Portions of Counties Involved |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 | 1 | 199 | 600 | Sussex |
| 2 | 1 | 377 | 1,150 | Sussex |
| 3 | 1 | 218 | 890 | Sussex, Passaic, Bergen |
| 4 | 2 | 306 | 840 | Sussex, Warren |
| 5 | 1 | 779 | 2,250 | Sussex, Warren |
| 6 | 1 | 256 | 960 | Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren |
| 7 | 1 | 360 | 1,125 | Warren, Hunterdon |
| 8 | 1 | 602 | 2,000 | Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset |
| 9 | 1 | 123 | 365 | Morris, Somerset |
| 10 | 1 | 436 | 1,200 | Warren, Hunterdon |
| 11 | 1 | 206 | 610 | Hunterdon |
| 12 | 1 | 400 | 1,250 | Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset |
| 13 | 1 | 68 | 270 | Morris, Somerset |
| 14 | 1 | 229 | 725 | Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington |
| 15 | 1 | 180 | 555 | Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex |
| 16 | 1 | 176 | 745 | Ocean, Monmouth |
| 17 | 1 | 161 | 415 | Ocean, Monmouth |
| 18 | 1 | 116 | 400 | Ocean |
| 19 | 1 | 150 | 480 | Camden, Burlington |
| 20 | 1 | 211 | 585 | Burlington |
| 21 | 3 | 160 | 675 | Burlington, Ocean |
| 22 | 1 | 60 | 250 | Burlington, Ocean |
| 23 | 1 | 304 | 945 | Burlington, Camden, Atlantic |
| 24 | 1 | 224 | 605 | Burlington, Ocean |
| 25 | 1 | 200 | 675 | Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem |
| 26 | 1 | 273 | 730 | Atlantic |
| 27 | 1 | 222 | 720 | Salem, Cumberland |
| 28 | 1 | 198 | 605 | Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester |
| 29 | 1 | 217 | 650 | Salem, Cumberland |
| 30 | 1 | 92 | 195 | Cumberland |
| 31 | 1 | 61 | 140 | Cumberland |
| 32 | 1 | 17 | 35 | Cumberland |
| 33 | 1 | 59 | 115 | Atlantic |

| Deer Mgmt Zone No. | Season Dates Code | Anticipated Deer Harvest 1997-98 | Permit Quota 1997-98 | Portions of Counties Involved |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 34 | 1 | 307 | 790 | Cape May, Cumberland |
| 35 | 1 | 250 | 875 | Gloucester, Salem |
| 36 | 1 | 11 | 70 | Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic |
| 37 | 4 | 146 | 310 | Burlington (Fort Dix Military Reservation) |
| 38 | | 0 | 0 | Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 39 | 5 | 15 | 35 | Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station) |
| 40 | | 0 | 0 | Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station—Waterfront) |
| 41 | 1 | 113 | 375 | Mercer, Hunterdon |
| 42 | 1 | 27 | 65 | Atlantic |
| 43 | 3 | 62 | 260 | Cumberland |
| 44 | 1 | 36 | 70 | Cumberland |
| 45 | 1 | 120 | 370 | Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May |
| 46 | 1 | 129 | 355 | Atlantic |
| 47 | 1 | 65 | 200 | Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester |
| 48 | 1 | 101 | 320 | Burlington |
| 49 | 1 | 17 | 50 | Burlington, Camden, Gloucester |
| 50 | 1 | 61 | 300 | Middlesex, Monmouth |
| 51 | 1 | 74 | 275 | Monmouth, Ocean |
| 52 | 4 | 72 | 137 | Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation) |
| 53 | 6 | 29 | 38 | Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station) |
| 54 | 7 | 4 | 17 | Morris (Picatinny Arsenal—ARRAD Com) |
| 55 | 1 | 36 | 95 | Gloucester |
| 56 | | 0 | 0 | Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 57 | 1 | 17 | 40 | Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 58 | 1 | 9 | 50 | Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 59 | | 0 | 0 | Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 60 | | 0 | 0 | Hunterdon (Round Valley Recreation Area) |
| 61 | 1 | 13 | 30 | Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System) |
| 62 | | 0 | 0 | Monmouth (Fort Monmouth) |
| 63 | 1 | 66 | 220 | Salem |
| 64 | | 0 | 0 | Monmouth (Monmouth Battleground State Park) |
| 65 | 1 | 73 | 215 | Gloucester |
| 66 | 8 | 4 | 10 | Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center) |
| 67 | 9 | 139 | 333 | Sussex (High Point State Park) |
| TOTAL | | 9,636 | 29,660 | |

(l) The Season Dates Code referred to in the table in (k) above is as follows:

1. Indicates the season dates will be December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 1997 and January 1, 2 and 3, 1998.
2. Indicates the season dates will be December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 26, 1997.
3. Indicates the season dates will be December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26 and 27, 1997.
4. Indicates the season dates will be November 8, 10-15, 1997; December 15-24, 26, 29-31, 1997 and January 1-3, 1998.
5. Indicates the season dates will be December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20-27, 29-31, 1997 and January 1-3, 1998.
6. Indicates the season dates will be November 29-December 6 and December 15-20, 22-24, 26, 27, 29-31, 1997 and January 1-3, 1998.
7. Indicates the season dates will be December 1, 2, 15-24, 26-31, 1997 and January 1-3, 1998.
8. Indicates the season dates will be November 29 and December 1-6, 1997.

9. Indicates the season dates will be November 10-13, 17-20 and 24-26, 1997.

(m) Permit quotas in zones 37, 39, 52-54, 57, 58, 61, 62, 66 and 67 are contingent upon approval by appropriate land management agencies for those zones.

(n) Muzzleloader rifle permit season permits not applied for by September 10 will be reallocated to shotgun and bow permit season applicants.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).
 Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).
 See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).
 Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).
 See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).
 In (c), substituted "supplemental" for "second"; amended dates of permit season throughout (d); inserted (d)8 and 9; recodified former (d)8 as (d)10; in (f)1, substituted "law or as imposed by a court" for "N.J.S.A. 23:3-22," and added provision relating to special management zones; added (f)2; in (k), amended year for permit quotas and amended season dates, anticipated harvest, and quotas in permit table and added Sussex to table; amended dates of season dates throughout (l); added (l)8 and 9; and in (m), added zone 67.

7:25-5.29 White-tailed deer shotgun permit season (either sex)

(a) The Director with the approval of the Council may authorize the issuance of shotgun permit season permits for the taking of deer anywhere within the State or at any State or Federal installation.

(b) If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, one additional day of shotgun permit deer hunting may be authorized by the Director. Such authorization and date thereof shall be announced by press and radio.

(c) The season bag limit per permit shall be one deer of either sex and any age with a shotgun permit season permit in Zones 1, 4, 18, 21, 23, 37, 43, 45, 52, 53, 55 and 65; two deer of either sex and any age in Zones 2, 3, 20, 26, 30, 31, 34, 44, 46, 54 and 64; three deer of either-sex and any age in Zones 6, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 27, 28, 29, 33, 48, 60 and 61; four deer of either sex and any age in Zones 11, 25, 35, 47, 59, 63 and 66; five deer of either sex and any age in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 36, 41, 42, 49, 50 and 51, except only antlerless deer may be taken in Zones 13 and 36 during the November 24, 25 and 26, 1997 portion of the season; six deer of either sex and any age in Zones 57 and 58; eight deer of either sex and any age in Zones 38 and 39; and 10 deer of either sex and any age in Zone 56. Only one deer may be taken in a give day per permit except in Zones 13, 36, 38, 39, 56, 59, 64 and 66 where the limit is two deer in a given day per permit until the season bag limit is reached.

(d) Duration of the permit shotgun deer season is as set forth in (d)1 through 18 below. There is no season in the following Zones: 24, 32, 40, 62 and 67. Legal hunting hours shall be from sunrise to ½ hour after sunset E.S.T. on the following dates:

1. December 17, 1997, in Zones 1, 4, 18, 21, 23, 43, 45, 55 and 65.
2. December 17, 18 and 19, 1997 in Zones: 2, 3, 20, 26, 30, 31, 34, 44, 46 and 60.
3. December 17, 18 and 19, 1997, and January 10-31, 1998 in Zones: 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 14, 41, 42, 49, 50 and 51.
4. December 17, 18 and 19, 1997 and January 16, 17, 23 and 24, 1998 in Zones: 6, 15, 16, 17, 19, 22, 27, 28, 29, 33, 48 and 61.
5. December 17, 18 and 19, 1997 and January 10-24, 1998 in Zones: 11, 25, 35, 47 and 63.
6. November 24, 25 and 26 and December 17, 18 and 19, 1997, and January 10-31, 1998 in Zones 13 and 36.
7. December 27, 1997 in Zones 37 and 52.
8. December 2-5, 1997 in Zone 38.
9. December 20 and 27, 1997, and January 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1998 in Zone 39.

10. January 17, 1998 in Zone 53.
11. December 20, 1997, and January 17, 1998 in Zone 54.
12. December 15-19, 1997 in Zone 56.
13. December 8-10 and 17-19, 1997 in Zones 57 and 58.
14. December 8-10, 1997 (first segment); December 18-20, 1997 (second segment); January 15-17, 1998 (third segment); and, January 22-24, 1998 (fourth segment) in Zone 59.
15. January 14, 1998 (first segment); January 16, 1998 (second segment); January 21, 1998 (third segment); and January 23, 1998 (fourth segment) in Zone 64.
16. November 29-December 6, 1997, December 20, 1997 and January 10, 1998 in Zone 66.
17. At other times as determined by the Director.
18. The permit shotgun season for persons possessing farmer shotgun permit season permits includes the six-day firearm season in addition to the day or days the season is open for applicable zones by qualified farmers on the farm occupied and designated in the application. All other regulations applicable to the zone and farmer shotgun permits shall apply.

(e) Shotgun permit season permits are valid only in the designated deer management zones or other designated areas and are not transferrable.

(f) Method: The taking of deer of either sex and any age with a shotgun under a shotgun permit season permit or a farmer shotgun permit season permit is permitted in designated deer management zones by holders of a shotgun permit season permit and, on their own property, by holders of a farmer shotgun permit season permit.

1. Shotgun permits for shotgun permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses and qualified farmers. Only one application, whether for shotgun or muzzleloader permit season, accompanied by the hunting license stub, may be submitted by regular firearm license holders for the initial permit drawing. During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a leftover shotgun or muzzleloader permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing. Applications for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void. All persons, while their hunting licenses are void under the authority of law or as imposed by a court are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring, a shotgun deer permit. For special management zones where the agency administering the affected lands requires that hunters attend mandatory hunter orientation as a condition of access, failure to attend the designated session shall result in invalidation of the shotgun season permit for the zone.

(g) Permits for shotgun permit season consist of back display which includes a "deer transportation tag" or proper and valid supplemental tag. The back display portion of the permit will be conspicuously displayed on the outer clothing in addition to the valid firearm license in the case of a shotgun permit season permit, and without the license in the case of the farmer shotgun permit season permit. The "deer transportation tag" portion of the permit must be completely filled out, and affixed to the deer immediately upon killing. This completely filled in "deer transportation tag" allows legal transportation of the deer of either sex to an authorized checking station only. Personnel at the checking station will issue a "possession tag." Any permit holder killing a deer of either sex during this season must transport this deer to an authorized checking station by 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on date killed to secure the legal "possession tag." The possession of a deer of either sex after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal "possession tag" shall be deemed illegal possession. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to the check station by closing time must be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Said deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag." If the season has been concluded said deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag." For deer management zones where the shotgun permit season is more than one day and the bag limit is two deer, a second valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" will be issued upon registration of the first deer. This permit will allow this person to continue hunting and take one additional legal deer during the shotgun permit season, provided the season is open the following day(s) or on any additional days that shotgun permit season hunting is authorized. For deer management zones where the shotgun permit season is three days or more and the bag limit is three deer or more, additional "New Jersey Permit and Transportation Tags" will be issued upon registration of the second, third or applicable deer until the bag limit is reached. This permit will allow this hunter to continue hunting and take one additional legal deer during the shotgun permit season, provided the season is open or on any additional days that shotgun permit season hunting is authorized. Permittees will be able to continue hunting on the following designated season dates after registration of deer and issuance of appropriate tags. For deer management Zones 13, 36, 38, 56, 59, 64 and 66 where two deer may be taken per permit per day, until the season bag limit is reached an additional valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" will be issued to the permittee, directly from the Division.

(h) Shotgun Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Only holders of valid and current firearm hunting licenses including juvenile firearm license holders may

apply by detaching from their hunting license the stub marked Special Deer Season for the current year, signing as provided on the back, and sending the stub, together with the permit applied for and an application form properly completed in accordance with instructions. Application forms may be obtained from:

- i. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.
- ii. License issuing agents.
- iii. Conservation Officers.
- iv. Other division offices.

2. Permits for shotgun permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses. Only one application, whether for shotgun or muzzleloader permit season, accompanied by the hunting license stub, may be submitted by any one individual during the initial application period and only one application, whether for a leftover shotgun or leftover muzzleloader permit, may be submitted by any one individual during the initial application period. Applications for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications to be void.

3. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, address, current firearm hunting license number, deer management zone applied for, and any other information requested. Only those applications will be accepted for participation in random selection which are received in the Trenton office during the period of August 15—September 10. Applications postmarked after September 10 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permittees will be made by random selection.

4. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified by return of permit fees less the application fee per permit applied for. Any permit obtained by fraud is void.

5. Successful applicants will receive their permits by mail. Unless otherwise indicated, the permit fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to "The Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife" shall accompany the completed application form.

6. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the Division from issuing unfilled and unclaimed permits on a first come-first served basis to any properly licensed hunter after the permit selection process.

(i) Farmer Shotgun Permit Season Permits shall be applied or as follows:

1. Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or the immediate members of his family 10 years of age or older who also reside thereon, may apply on forms provided for a farmer shotgun permit season permit. Under this section, a farm is an area of five acres or more and producing a gross income in excess of \$500.00 and is tax assessed as farmland. The Farmer Shotgun Permit Season Permit will be issued in all deer management zones.

2. Applications forms may be obtained from the County Agricultural Agent, the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, N.J. 08625, or the conservation officers.

3. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, age, size of farm, address, and any other information requested thereon. Properly completed application forms will be accepted in the Trenton office during the period of August 1 to 15. There is no fee required, and all qualified applicants will receive a farmer shotgun permit season permit, delivered by mail.

4. Qualified farmers may apply for one shotgun permit season permit in any management zone in addition to one muzzleloader rifle permit season permit in any management zone where a muzzleloader rifle permit season is prescribed. Qualified farmers may also apply for either the permit shotgun or permit muzzleloader season permit as a regular firearm hunting license applicant. Application for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void.

5. In deer management zones where no regular permit shotgun season has been authorized, the season for qualified and permitted farmers will be the Wednesday follow-

ing the six-day firearm season and as provided for in (d)18 above, and the bag limit will be one deer of either sex and any age per permit.

(j) Shotgun and Farmer Shotgun Permit Season Permits shall be used as follows:

1. The shotgun permit season permit is valid only in the deer management zone (DMZ) designated and is not transferable. The farmer shotgun permit season permit is valid only on the farm occupied and designated in the application and is not transferable. The DMZ quota and DMZ map follow. The shotgun permit season permit hunter is responsible for hunting in the correct DMZ or farm as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

2. Neither the shotgun permit season permit nor the farmer shotgun permit season permit is transferable from deer management zone to deer management zone, or from farm to farm, or from individual to individual. The permit must be used on the farm, in the deer management zone, and by the individual to whom it was issued.

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The 1997 Shotgun Permit Season Permit Quotas (Either Sex) are as follows:

1997-98 SHOTGUN PERMIT SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS (EITHER SEX)

| Deer Mgmt. Zone No. | Season Dates Code | Anticipated Deer Harvest | | Permit Quota 1997-98 | Portions of Counties Involved |
|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------|---|-------------------------------|
| | | 1997-98 | 1997-98 | | |
| 1 | 1 | 84 | 475 | Sussex | |
| 2 | 2 | 397 | 1,306 | Sussex | |
| 3 | 2 | 100 | 457 | Sussex, Passaic, Bergen | |
| 4 | 1 | 88 | 636 | Sussex, Warren | |
| 5 | 3 | 3,268 | 4,239 | Sussex, Warren | |
| 6 | 4 | 450 | 1,481 | Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren | |
| 7 | 3 | 1,370 | 1,882 | Warren, Hunterdon | |
| 8 | 3 | 3,042 | 3,900 | Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset | |
| 9 | 3 | 577 | 838 | Morris, Somerset | |
| 10 | 3 | 1,769 | 2,119 | Warren, Hunterdon | |
| 11 | 5 | 712 | 1,205 | Hunterdon | |
| 12 | 3 | 2,168 | 2,536 | Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset | |
| 13 | 6 | 522 | 800 | Morris, Somerset | |
| 14 | 3 | 1,284 | 1,551 | Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington | |
| 15 | 4 | 427 | 1,039 | Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex | |
| 16 | 4 | 247 | 641 | Ocean, Monmouth | |
| 17 | 4 | 481 | 822 | Ocean, Monmouth | |
| 18 | 1 | 16 | 119 | Ocean | |
| 19 | 4 | 370 | 847 | Camden, Burlington | |
| 20 | 2 | 92 | 368 | Burlington | |
| 21 | 1 | 7 | 121 | Burlington, Ocean | |
| 22 | 4 | 178 | 472 | Burlington, Ocean | |
| 23 | 1 | 13 | 176 | Burlington, Camden, Atlantic | |
| 24 | | 0 | 0 | Burlington, Ocean | |
| 25 | 5 | 634 | 1,208 | Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem | |
| 26 | 2 | 170 | 588 | Atlantic | |
| 27 | 4 | 365 | 967 | Salem, Cumberland | |
| 28 | 4 | 281 | 712 | Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester | |
| 29 | 4 | 445 | 1,008 | Salem, Cumberland | |
| 30 | 2 | 42 | 108 | Cumberland | |
| 31 | 2 | 10 | 70 | Cumberland | |
| 32 | | 0 | 0 | Cumberland | |
| 33 | 4 | 35 | 99 | Atlantic | |
| 34 | 2 | 127 | 513 | Cape May, Cumberland | |

| Deer Mgmt. Zone No. | Season Dates Code | Anticipated Deer | | Permit Quota 1997-98 | Portions of Counties Involved |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | | Harvest 1997-98 | 1997-98 | | |
| 35 | 5 | 783 | 1,408 | Gloucester, Salem | |
| 36 | 6 | 133 | 177 | Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic | |
| 37 | 7 | 5 | 47 | Burlington (Fort Dix Military Reservation) | |
| 38 | 8 | 173 | 500 | Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge) | |
| 39 | 9 | 237 | 100 | Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station) | |
| 40 | | 0 | 0 | Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station—Waterfront) | |
| 41 | 3 | 551 | 664 | Mercer, Hunterdon | |
| 42 | 3 | 141 | 180 | Atlantic | |
| 43 | 1 | 13 | 58 | Cumberland | |
| 44 | 2 | 18 | 47 | Cumberland | |
| 45 | 1 | 7 | 76 | Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May | |
| 46 | 2 | 54 | 207 | Atlantic | |
| 47 | 5 | 183 | 360 | Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester | |
| 48 | 4 | 275 | 680 | Burlington | |
| 49 | 3 | 109 | 98 | Burlington, Camden, Gloucester | |
| 50 | 3 | 569 | 778 | Middlesex, Monmouth | |
| 51 | 3 | 525 | 647 | Monmouth, Ocean | |
| 52 | 7 | 13 | 31 | Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation) | |
| 53 | 10 | 6 | 33 | Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station) | |
| 54 | 11 | 32 | 34 | Morris (Picatinny Arsenal—ARRAD Com) | |
| 55 | 1 | 4 | 24 | Gloucester | |
| 56 | 12 | 9 | 20 | Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) | |
| 57 | 13 | 12 | 40 | Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) | |
| 58 | 13 | 12 | 50 | Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) | |
| 59 | 14 | 63 | 100 | Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge) | |
| 60 | 2 | 44 | 120 | Hunterdon (Round Valley Recreation Area) | |
| 61 | 4 | 24 | 85 | Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System) | |
| 62 | | 0 | 0 | Monmouth (Fort Monmouth) | |
| 63 | 5 | 224 | 370 | Salem | |
| 64 | 15 | 74 | 200 | Monmouth (Monmouth Battleground State Park) | |
| 65 | 1 | 4 | 29 | Gloucester | |
| 66 | 16 | 77 | 95 | Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center) | |
| 67 | | 0 | 0 | Sussex (High Point State Park) | |
| TOTAL | | 24,145 | 40,561 | | |

(l) Shotgun permit season permits not applied for by September 10, 1997 may be reallocated to muzzleloader rifle, permit season applicants.

(m) The Season Dates Code referred in the table in (k) above is as follows:

1. Indicates a one day shotgun permit season—December 17, 1997.
2. Indicates a three-day shotgun permit season—December 17, 18 and 19, 1997.
3. Indicates a 22-day shotgun permit season December 17, 18 and 19, 1997; and January 10-31, 1998.
4. Indicates a seven-day shotgun permit season December 17, 18 and 19, 1997; and January 16, 17, 23 and 24, 1998.
5. Indicates a 16-day shotgun permit season December 17, 18 and 19, 1997; and January 10-24, 1998.
6. Indicates a 25-day shotgun permit season November 24, 25 and 26, 1997; December 17, 18 and 19, 1997; and January 10-31, 1998.
7. Indicates a one-day shotgun permit season December 27, 1997.
8. Indicates a four-day shotgun permit season December 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1997.

9. Indicates a six-day shotgun permit season December 20 and 27, 1997; and, January 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1998.

10. Indicates a one-day shotgun permit season January 17, 1998.

11. Indicates a two-day shotgun permit season—December 20, 1997 and January 17, 1998.

12. Indicates a five-day shotgun permit season—December 15-19, 1997.

13. Indicates a six-day shotgun permit season—December 8, 9, 10, 17, 18 and 19, 1997.

14. Indicates four, three-day shotgun permit season segments—December 8-10, 1997 (first segment); December 18-20, 1997 (second segment); January 15-17, 1998 (third segment); and January 22-24, 1998 (fourth segment).

15. Indicates four, one-day shotgun permit season segments—January 14, 1998 (first segment); January 16, 1998 (second segment); January 21, 1998 (third segment); and January 23, 1998 (fourth segment).

16. Indicates two permit shotgun season segments—November 29-December 6, 1997 (first segment); and, December 20, 1997 and January 10, 1998 (second segment).

(n) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:3-56.2, 23:4-42, 23:4-43, 23:4-47, 23:4-48 and all other applicable statutes.

(o) Permit quotas for Zones 37, 38, 39, 40, 52-54, 56-62, 64, 66 and 67 are contingent upon approval by appropriate land management agencies for those zones.

(p) Deer Management zones are located as follows:

1. Zone No. 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 New York 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. 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.

2. Zone No. 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.

3. Zone No. 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. 23; 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.

4. Zone No. 4: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Road) and New Mashipacong Road; then running south along Rt. 521 to the intersection with Rt. 206 in Montague; then south on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 645 (Layton-Hainesville Road); then south on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rt. 646 in Hainesville (Jagger Road); then west on Rt. 646 (Jagger Road) to the intersection with Ridge Road; then south on Ridge Road to the intersection with Rt. 560 (Dingman's Bridge Road); then southeast along Rt. 560 to the intersection with Rt. 206; then south on Rt. 206 to the intersection with the base of the Kittatinny Ridge at Culvers Inlet; then southwest along the east base of the Kittatinny Ridge to the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Road; 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 Road), the point of beginning. Namonock, Minisink, Depew, Tocks, Poxono and Labar Islands in the Delaware River are included in this zone.

5. Zone No. 5: That portion of Warren and Sussex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the base of the Kittatinny Ridge and Rt. 206 at Culvers Inlet; 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 Manuakachunk; 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 Road; then northeast along the base of the Kittatinny Ridge to its intersection with Rt. 206, the point of beginning.

6. Zone No. 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. 80; then west along Rt. 80 to the point of beginning at Allamuchy. Picatinny Arsenal (Zone 54) is excluded from Zone 6.

7. Zone No. 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 Manuakachunk; 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.

8. Zone No. 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.

9. Zone No. 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.

10. Zone No. 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.

11. Zone No. 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.

12. Zone No. 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 (Zone 60) is excluded from Zone 12.

13. Zone No. 13: That portion of Morris, Somerset and Union Counties lying within a continuous line begin-

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

14. Zone No. 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 Rt. 287; then south on Rt. 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 along Rt. 545 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Bordentown; then northwest along the east bank of the Delaware 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.

15. Zone No. 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 Rt. 195; then east on Rt. 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.

16. Zone No. 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 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.

17. Zone No. 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 Road (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Road: Rt. 640); then southeast along Hawkin Road (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Road: Rt. 640; to the intersection with Colliers Mills Road; then west along Colliers Mills Road 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 with Interstate 195 the point of beginning.

18. Zone No. 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 Road; then east along Colliers Mills Road to the intersection with Hawkin Road (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Road: Rt. 640); then northwest along Hawkin Road (Prosperstown-Colliers Mills Road: 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.

19. Zone No. 19: That portion of Burlington and Camden Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and Rt. 206 near Birmingham; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt.

532, Chatsworth Road; then east along Rt. 532 to its intersection with Buttersworth Bogs Road; then south and west along Buttersworth Bogs Road to its intersection with Bozartown Road; then southwest along Bozartown Road to its intersection with Dingtletown Road; then southwest along Dingtletown Road which becomes Forked Neck Road and curves to the west; then west along Forked Neck Road to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Road; then northwest along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Willow Grove Road; then southwest on Willow Grove Road to its intersection with Atsion Road; then northwest on Atsion Road to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Road; 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; then east along Rt. 38 to its intersection with Rt. 530; then east along Rt. 530 to its intersection with Rt. 206 near Birmingham, the point of beginning.

20. Zone No. 20: That portion of Burlington and Ocean Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 206 and 530; then east along Rt. 530 along the Pemberton by-pass to its intersection with the border of Fort Dix Military Reservation; then continuing east, north and east along the Fort Dix Military Reservation boundary to its intersection with Rt. 70; then southwest along Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 72; then southeast along Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532; then west along Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 530, the point of beginning.

21. Zone No. 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 at South Toms River; then south along the Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 72; then northwest along Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 70; then northeast along 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 at South Toms River, the point of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone 52) is excluded from Zone 21.

22. Zone No. 22: That portion of Ocean and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Garden State Parkway and Rt. 37 near Toms River; then south along the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Stage Road; then west along Stage Road to its intersection with Leektown Road; then west along Leektown Road (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. 37 in Seaside Heights Boro; then west along Rt. 37 to its intersection with the Garden State Parkway near Toms River, the point of beginning. The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 58) is excluded from Zone 22.

23. Zone No. 23: That portion of Burlington, Atlantic and Camden Counties lying with a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and the Atlantic-Burlington County line near Green Bank; then north and west along the Atlantic-Burlington County line to its intersection with Rt. 542 at Pleasant Mills; then west along Rt. 542 to its intersection with Nescochague Creek; then northwest along Nescochague Creek to Great Swamp Branch; then westward along Great Swamp Branch to its intersection with Rt. 206 (just south of the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Road); then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Albertson Brook (about four miles north of Hammonton); then westward along Albertson Brook until it becomes Blue Anchor Brook; then westward along Blue Anchor Brook to its intersection with Rt. 30, near Cedar Ave., south of Ancora; then northwest along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 73; then north on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 534, Jackson Road; then east along Rt. 534 to its intersection with Atsion Road; then southeast on Atsion Road to its intersection with Willow Grove Road; then northeast on Willow Grove Road to its intersection with Rt. 541, Stokes Road; then southeast along Rt. 541 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then north along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Forked Neck Road; then east along Forked Neck Road which becomes Dingtletown Road, curving to the northeast; then northeast along Dingtletown Road to its intersection with Bozartown Road; then northeast along Bozartown Road to its intersection with Buttersworth Bogs Road; then east and north along Buttersworth Bogs Road to its intersection with Rt. 532, Chatsworth Road; then east along Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 563 at Chatsworth; then south along Rt. 563 to the Atlantic-Burlington County line, the point of beginning near Green Bank.

24. Zone No. 24: That portion of Burlington and Ocean Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and Rt. 532 at Chatsworth; then east along Rt. 532 to its intersection with 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 Road; then west along Stage Road to its intersection with Leektown Road; then west along Leektown Road (which turns into Rt. 563) 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 Atlantic-Burlington County line to its intersection with Rt. 563 near Green Bank; then north along Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 532 at Chatsworth, the point of beginning.

25. Zone No. 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 Road); then southeast on Rt. 610 to its intersection with Rt. 655 (Fries Mills Road); 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 Road 635 (Hurville-Grenloch Road); then eastward on County Road 635 to its intersection with County Road 705 (County House Road); then southeast along Rt. 705 to its intersection with County Road 688 (Turnerville-Hickstown Road); then eastward along County Road 688 to its intersection with County Road 689 (Berlin-Crosskeys Road); then northeast along County Road 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 Blue Anchor Brook, just past Cedar Avenue, south of Ancora; then eastward along Blue Anchor Brook until it becomes Albertson Brook at Fleming Pike; then eastward along Albertson Brook to its intersection with Rt. 206 (about four miles north of Hammonton); then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Great Swamp Branch (just pass the intersection of Rt. 206 and Middle Road); then eastward along Great 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 Rt. 559 (Weymouth Road); then southward on Rt. 559 to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then west along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Eighth Street; then south along Eighth Street 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.

26. Zone No. 26: That portion of Atlantic and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at

the intersection of Rts. 40 and 54 near Buena; then southeast on Rt. 40 (40-322) to its intersection with Rt. 575; then northeast on Rt. 575 to its intersection with Moss Mill Road (Alt. Rt. 561); then east on Alt. Rt. 561 to its intersection with Oyster Creek; then east along the south bank of Oyster Creek to Great Bay; then north along the west shore of Great Bay to its intersection with the Mullica River and the Atlantic-Burlington County line; then northwest along the Atlantic-Burlington County line to its intersection with Rt. 542 at Pleasant Mills; then west on Rt. 542 to its intersection with Nescochaque Creek at Pleasant Mills; then south along the west bank of Nescochaque Creek to Nescochaque Lake; then southwest along the western bank of Nescochaque 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 Rt. 559 (Weymouth Rd.); then south on Rt. 559 to its intersection with the Atlantic City Expressway; then northwest along the Atlantic City Expressway to its intersection with Eighth Street; then southwest along Eighth Street to its intersection with Rt. 322 (Black Horse Pike); then northwest along Rt. 30 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) and the Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 57) are excluded from Zone 26.

27. Zone No. 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 Road) 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.

28. Zone No. 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 Road) 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.

29. Zone No. 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.

30. Zone No. 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 Cumberland County Rt. 32 at Port Norris; then north on Cumberland County Rt. 32 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then northwest on Rt. 553 to Fairton, the point of beginning.

31. Zone No. 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 Road (County Road 670); then northwest on Buckshutem Road to its intersection with Cedarville Road (County Road 610); then southwest on Cedarville Road to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Road (County Road 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Road to its intersection with Rt. 553; then northwest along Rt. 553 to the Cohansey River at Fairton; then north on the east bank of the Cohansey River to Bridgeton, the point of beginning.

32. Zone No. 32: That portion of Cumberland County lying within the continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 49 and the Maurice River at Millville; then south along the east bank of the Maurice River to its intersection with Manumaskin Creek; then east along the north bank of Manumaskin Creek to its intersection with Rt. 47 in Port Elizabeth; then south on Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 548; then east on Rt. 548 to its intersection with Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Road (County Road 646); then north on Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Road to its intersection with Rt. 49; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Union Road (County Rt. 671); then north on Union Road to its intersection with Rt. 552; then southwest on Rt. 552 (and Rt. 552 spur) to Millville, Rt. 49 and the Maurice River, the point of beginning.

33. Zone No. 33: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rts. 40 and the Great Egg Harbor River at Mays Landing; then south along the east bank of the Great Egg Harbor River to Rt. 651 (Jeffers Landing Road); then northeast along Rt. 651 to its intersection with Rt. 559 (Mays Landing-Somers Point Road); then north along Rt. 559 to its intersection with Schoolhouse Road; then north on Schoolhouse Road to its intersection with Rt. 575 (English Creek Avenue); then northeast along Rt. 575 to its intersection with Rt. 40; then west on Rt. 40 to its intersection with the Great Egg Harbor River at Mays Landing, the point of beginning. The Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) is excluded from Zone 33.

34. Zone No. 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 the River; then eastward along 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 southeast 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.

35. Zone No. 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 Road); 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 Road) 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.

36. Zone No. 36: Hunter's Choice Area: 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. 23 near Wayne; then south on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 80; then southwest 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 New York 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.

37. Zone No. 37: That portion of Fort Dix Military Reservation, U.S. Department of the Army, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington County.

38. Zone No. 38: That portion of Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

39. Zone No. 39: That portion of Naval Weapons Station Earle, U.S. Department of the Navy designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

40. Zone No. 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.

41. Zone No. 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 then 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 of beginning at Ringoes.

42. Zone No. 42: That portion of Atlantic County lying with a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Moss Mill Road (Alt. Rt. 561) and Rt. 575 in Galloway Township; then southwest along Rt. 575 to its intersection with Rt. 40; then southeast along Rt. 40 to its intersection with Rt. 575 (English Creek Avenue); then south along Rt. 575 to its intersection with Schoolhouse Road; then southeast along Schoolhouse Road to its intersection with Rt. 559 (Mays Landing-Somers Point Road); then continuing southeast along Rt. 559 to its intersection with Rt. 651 (Jeffers Landing Road); then south along Rt. 651 to its intersection with the Great Egg Harbor River and the Egg Harbor Township line; then south along the Egg Harbor Township line 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 Oyster Creek; then west along the south bank of Oyster Creek to Oyster Creek Road (Alt. Rt. 561); then west along Alt. Rt. 561 to its intersection with Rt. 575 in Galloway Township, the point of begin-

ning. The Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge (Zones 56 and 57), the Atlantic County Park System (Zone 61) and the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center (Zone 66) are excluded from Zone 42.

43. Zone No. 43: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Buckshutem Road (County Road 670) and Cedarville Road (County Road 610); then southwest on Cedarville Road to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Road (County Road 629); then southwest on Newport Centre Grove Road 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 Road (County Road 676) at Mauricetown Station; then east on Haleyville Road 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 Road; then northwest on Buckshutem Road to its intersection with Cedarville Road, the point of beginning.

44. Zone No. 44: That portion of Cumberland County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Haleyville-Mauricetown Road (County Road 676) and the Maurice Road at Mauricetown; then west on Haleyville-Mauricetown Road to its intersection with the Central Railroad of New Jersey (C.R.R.N.J.) at Mauricetown Station; then west on the C.R.R.N.J. line to its intersection with Newport Centre Grove Road (County Road 29); and southwest on Newport Centre Grove Road to its intersection with Rt. 553; then south and east on Rt. 553 to Hands Landing Road in Port Norris; then south to the west bank of the Maurice River at Shell Pile; then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to Haleyville-Mauricetown Road at Mauricetown, the point of beginning.

45. Zone No. 45: That portion of Cumberland, Atlantic and Cape May Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Union Road (County Rt. 671) and Rt. 552; then east on 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 Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Road (County Rt. 646) at Port Elizabeth; then north on Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Road to its intersection with Rt. 49; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Union Road; then north on Union Road to Rt. 552, the point of beginning.

46. Zone No. 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 Atlantic-Cape May County line to Great Egg Harbor Bay and the Egg Harbor Township line; then northwest along the Egg Harbor Township Line to its intersection with Rt. 40 at Mays Landing; then west on Rt. 40 to its intersection with Estell Avenue; then south on Estell Avenue 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.

47. Zone No. 47: That portion of Gloucester, Atlantic and Cumberland 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 Avenue; then south on Estell Avenue 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.

48. Zone No. 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 Road 670; then east on County Road 670 to its intersection with Rt. 545 at Wrightstown; then northwest on Rt. 545 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.

49. Zone No. 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 Road 689 (Cross Keys Road) at Berlin; then southwest along County Road 689 to its intersection with County Road 688 (Turnersville-Hickstown Road); then west along County Road 688 to its intersection with County Road 705; then northwest along County Road 705 (County House Road) to its intersection with County Road 635 (Grenlode-Hurville Road); then southwest on County Road 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.

50. Zone No. 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 Earle Naval Weapons Depot; then north and east along the fenced boundary of the Earle Depot to the intersection of County Route 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 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), Naval Weapons Station, Earle (Zones 39 and 40), and Fort Monmouth (Zone 62), are excluded from this zone.

51. Zone No. 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. 37 near Toms River; then east along Rt. 37 to the Atlantic Ocean; 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 route 38 (Wayside Road) 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.

52. Zone No. 52: That portion of Fort Dix Military Reservation, U.S. Department of the Army, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Ocean County.

53. Zone No. 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.

54. Zone No. 54: That portion of U.S. Army Armament Research and Development Command (ARRAD-COM), U.S. Department of the Army, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Morris County.

55. Zone No. 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 Road); then south on Rt. 655 to its intersection with Rt. 610 (Academy Avenue); 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.

56. Zone No. 56: That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located south of Stoney Hill Road, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

57. Zone No. 57: That portion of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of Stoney Hill Road and south of the Mullica River, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

58. Zone No. 58: 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, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean Counties.

59. Zone 59: That portion of Supauna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Salem County.

60. Zone No. 60: That portion of Round Valley Recreation Area, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Hunterdon County.

61. Zone No. 61: Those portions of the Atlantic County Park System, County of Atlantic, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

62. Zone No. 62: That portion of Fort Monmouth, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

63. Zone No. 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 intersection 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 through Killcohook National Wildlife Refuge 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. The Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 59) is excluded from Zone 63.

64. Zone No. 64: That portion of Monmouth Battlefield State Park, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Monmouth County.

65. Zone No. 65: That portion of Camden and Gloucester Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 322 and County Road Rt. 659 (Malaga-New Brooklyn Road) in Monroe Township, Gloucester County; then northeast along Rt. 659 to its intersection with County Road Rt. 536 at New Brooklyn; then northward along Rt. 536 to its intersection with County Road Rt. 720 (Brooklyn-Blue Anchor Road); 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 Road; then southwest along Piney Hollow Road to its intersection with Rt. 322; then west along Rt. 322 to its intersection with County Road Rt. 659, the point of beginning.

66. Zone No. 66: Those portions of the Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center designated as open for hunting, lying within Atlantic County.

67. Zone No. 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.

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

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

In (c), amended zones and dates of season; in (d), inserted internal cite and provision banning season in zones 24, 40, 62, and 67, and amended dates of season throughout; in (f)1, substituted "law or as imposed by a court" for "N.J.S.A. 23:3-22," and added provision relating to special management zones; in (g), amended zones, inserted "until the season bag limit is reached", and inserted "Supplemental Deer" preceding "Permit and Transportation Tag"; in (k), amended year for permit quotas and amended season dates, anticipated harvest, and quotas in permit table and added Sussex to table; in (l), amended year referenced; in (m), amended dates of season dates throughout; in (o), added zone 67; and in (p), amended zones 1, 22, 23, 24, 26, 42, 46, 47, 66, and added zone 67.

7:25-5.30 White-tailed deer bow permit season (either sex)

(a) The Director with the approval of the Council may authorize the issuance of bow permit season permits for the taking of deer anywhere within this State or at any State or Federal installation.

(b) If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, one additional day of bow permit deer hunting may be authorized by the Director. Such authorization and date thereof shall be announced by press and radio.

(c) Bag Limit: Two deer of either-sex and any age per permit except as indicated in (c)1 below. Only one deer may be taken in a given day per permit. Deer shall be tagged immediately with the bow and arrow permit "transportation tag," completely filled in, and shall be transported to a checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed. Upon completion of the registration of the first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag" will be issued which will allow the person to continue hunting and take one additional deer of either sex during bow permit season, provided the season is open on the following day. The supplemental tag shall not be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply.

1. In deer management zones 2, 5-17, 19, 22, 25, 27-29, 33, 35, 36, 39-42, 46-51, 54, 59, 61, 63 and 66, known as "multiple bonus tag zones" for the purpose of this section, properly licensed hunters that harvest antlerless deer first, subsequently may obtain one additional multiple bonus tag per day and harvest an additional antlerless deer per day in the multiple bonus tag zones exclusively until: the permit bow season concludes, they harvest an antlered deer or they decline the multiple bonus tag. Hunters that harvest an antlered deer on the multiple bonus tag and hunters that decline the multiple bonus tag shall be issued a New Jersey Supplemental Deer Permit and Transportation Tag, valid in any deer management zone open for the permit bow season, provided the season remains open. A multiple bonus tag may be used to take a deer of either sex and any age, subject to the above provisions and is only valid in the multiple bonus tag zones listed above. Only one deer may be taken per day during the season. All tagging and registration requirements apply. No multiple bonus tags are available in the following deer management zones: 1, 3, 4, 18, 20, 21, 23, 24, 26, 30-32, 34, 37, 38, 43-45, 52, 53, 55-58, 60, 62, 64, 65 and 67.

(d) Duration of the bow permit season is as set forth in (d)1 through 3 below. There is no season in the following Zones: 24, 38, 56, 60, 62, 64 and 67 or any time as determined by the Director. Legal hunting hours shall be ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

1. November 1-29, 1997 in Zones 1-12, 14-23, 25-35, 37, 41, 43-48, 50-53, 55, 57-59, 61, 63 and 65.
2. November 1-December 31, 1997 in Zones 13, 36, 39, 40, 42, 49 and 54.
3. November 1-28 and December 8-31, 1997 in Zone 66.

(e) Bow permit season permits are valid only in the designated deer management zones or other designated areas and are not transferable.

(f) Method: The taking of two deer of either sex and any age except as noted in (c)1 above or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts with a bow under a bow permit season permit or a farmer bow permit season permit, is permitted in designated deer management zones by holders of a bow permit season permit and on the farm occupied and designated in the application by holders of a farmer bow permit season permit. Only one deer may be taken in a given day per permit.

1. Bow permit season permits will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current bow licenses and qualified farmers.

2. For special deer management zones where the agency administering the affected lands requires hunters to attend a mandatory orientation session as a condition of access, failure to attend the designated session shall result in invalidation of the special bow season permit for the zone.

(g) Permits consist of back display which includes a deer transportation tag or proper and valid "supplemental tag" or a proper and valid bonus tag. The back display portion of the permit will be conspicuously displayed on the outer clothing in addition to the valid bow license, and without the license in the case of the farmer bow and arrow permit season permit. The "Deer Transportation Tag" portion of the permit must be completely filled out and affixed to the deer immediately upon killing. This completely filled in deer transportation tag allows legal transportation of the deer of either sex to an authorized checking station only. Personnel at the checking station will issue a "possession tag." Any permit holder killing a deer of either sex during this season must transport this deer to an authorized checking station by 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on date killed to secure the legal "possession tag." The possession of a deer of either sex after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on date killed without a legal "possession tag" shall be deemed illegal possession. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to the check station by closing time must be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish, Game and

Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Such deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag." If the season has been concluded such deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag."

(h) Bow Permit Season Permits shall be applied as follows:

1. Only holders of valid bow and arrow licenses including juvenile bow license holders may apply by detaching from their bow hunting license the stub marked Special Deer Season for the current year license, signing as provided on the back, and sending the stub together with the permit fee and an application form which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions. Application forms may be obtained from:

- i. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625;
- ii. License Issuing Agents; and
- iii. Conservation Officers.
- iv. Division Field Offices.

2. Application for a bow permit season permit shall not preclude an individual from applying for either the muzzleloader rifle or shotgun season permits.

3. Only one application may be submitted per regular bow license holder during the initial application period and only one application for a left-over permit may be submitted by any one individual during the initial application period. Application for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void. All persons, while their hunting licenses are void under the authority of law or as imposed by a court, are prohibited from making application for or otherwise procuring a bow deer permit.

4. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, address, current bow and arrow hunting license number, deer management zone applied for, and any other information requested. Only those applications will be accepted for participation in random selection which are received in the Trenton office during the period of August 15-September 10. Applications postmarked after September 10 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permittees will be made by random selection.

5. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified only by return of permit fees, less the application fee. Any permit obtained by fraud is void.

6. Unless otherwise indicated, the permit fee in the form of a check or money order made payable to "Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife" must accompany the completed application form.

7. Successful applicants will receive their permit by mail.

8. Nothing herein contained shall preclude the Division from issuing unfilled or unclaimed permits on a first-come, first-served basis to any properly licensed hunter or qualified farmer after the permit selection process.

(i) Farmer Bow Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Only the owner or lessee of a farm, who resides thereon, or the immediate members of his family 10 years of age or older who also reside thereon, may apply on forms provided for a farmer bow permit season permit. Under this section a farm is an area of five acres or more and producing a gross income in excess of \$500.00 and is tax assessed as farmland. Farmer bow permit season permits will be issued only in those deer management zones where a bow permit season is prescribed.

2. Application forms may be obtained from:

- i. County Agricultural Agent;
- ii. Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625; and
- iii. Conservation Officers.
- iv. Division field offices.

3. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, age, size of farm, address, and any other information requested thereon. Properly completed application forms will be accepted in the Trenton office during the period of August 1 to 15. There is no fee required, and all qualified applications will receive a farmer permit bow season permit, delivered by mail.

4. Only one farmer application may be submitted per individual. Application for a farmer bow permit season permit shall not preclude an individual from applying for either the farmer muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit seasons permits, or from applying for one regular bow permit season permit as a bow hunting license applicant. Application for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by the individual to be void.

(j) Bow and Farmer Bow Permit Season Permits shall be used as follows:

1. The bow permit season permit is valid only in the deer management zone (DMZ) designated and is not transferable. The farmer bow permit season permit is valid only on the farm occupied and designated in the application and is not transferable. The DMZ quota follows below at (k). The DMZ map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law. The bow and arrow permit season permit hunter is responsible for hunting in the correct DMZ or farm as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

2. Neither the bow permit season permit nor the farmer bow permit season permit is transferable from DMZ to DMZ, or from farm to farm, or from individual to individual. The permit must be used on the farm, in the DMZ, and by the individual to whom it was issued.

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The 1997 Bow Permit Season Quotas (Either Sex) are as follows:

1997-98 BOW PERMIT SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS (EITHER SEX)

| Deer Mgmt. Zone No. | Season Dates Code | Anticipated Deer Harvest 1997-98 | Permit Quota 1997-98 | Portions of Counties Involved |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 1 | 1 | 75 | 458 | Sussex |
| 2 | 1 | 307 | 1,290 | Sussex |
| 3 | 1 | 98 | 850 | Sussex, Passaic, Bergen |
| 4 | 1 | 216 | 835 | Sussex, Warren |
| 5 | 1 | 535 | 2,300 | Sussex, Warren |
| 6 | 1 | 156 | 920 | Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren |
| 7 | 1 | 347 | 1,350 | Warren, Hunterdon |
| 8 | 1 | 586 | 2,300 | Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset |
| 9 | 1 | 169 | 600 | Morris, Somerset |
| 10 | 1 | 373 | 1,350 | Warren, Hunterdon |
| 11 | 1 | 258 | 915 | Hunterdon |
| 12 | 1 | 403 | 1,700 | Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset |
| 13 | 2 | 198 | 720 | Morris, Somerset |
| 14 | 1 | 253 | 1,050 | Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington |
| 15 | 1 | 148 | 800 | Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex |
| 16 | 1 | 150 | 810 | Ocean, Monmouth |
| 17 | 1 | 106 | 425 | Ocean, Monmouth |
| 18 | 1 | 88 | 405 | Ocean |
| 19 | 1 | 153 | 550 | Camden, Burlington |
| 20 | 1 | 109 | 570 | Burlington |
| 21 | 1 | 64 | 575 | Burlington, Ocean |
| 22 | 1 | 70 | 375 | Burlington, Ocean |
| 23 | 1 | 153 | 805 | Burlington, Camden, Atlantic |
| 24 | | 0 | 0 | Burlington, Ocean |
| 25 | 1 | 163 | 600 | Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem |
| 26 | 1 | 178 | 625 | Atlantic |

| Deer Mgmt. Zone No. | Season Dates Code | Anticipated Deer Harvest 1997-98 | Permit Quota 1997-98 | Portions of Counties Involved |
|---------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| 27 | 1 | 180 | 700 | Salem, Cumberland |
| 28 | 1 | 154 | 590 | Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester |
| 29 | 1 | 137 | 600 | Salem, Cumberland |
| 30 | 1 | 30 | 160 | Cumberland |
| 31 | 1 | 40 | 125 | Cumberland |
| 32 | 1 | 9 | 30 | Cumberland |
| 33 | 1 | 38 | 100 | Atlantic |
| 34 | 1 | 172 | 660 | Cape May, Cumberland |
| 35 | 1 | 241 | 1,025 | Gloucester, Salem |
| 36 | 2 | 28 | 155 | Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic |
| 37 | 1 | 7 | 90 | Burlington (Fort Dix Military Reservation) |
| 38 | | 0 | 0 | Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 39 | 2 | 31 | 55 | Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station) |
| 40 | 2 | 23 | 45 | Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station—Waterfront) |
| 41 | 1 | 89 | 350 | Mercer, Hunterdon |
| 42 | 2 | 25 | 90 | Atlantic |
| 43 | 1 | 56 | 165 | Cumberland |
| 44 | 1 | 25 | 65 | Cumberland |
| 45 | 1 | 50 | 225 | Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May |
| 46 | 1 | 77 | 250 | Atlantic |
| 47 | 1 | 49 | 180 | Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester |
| 48 | 1 | 83 | 420 | Burlington |
| 49 | 2 | 16 | 70 | Burlington, Camden, Gloucester |
| 50 | 1 | 99 | 600 | Middlesex, Monmouth |
| 51 | 1 | 72 | 500 | Monmouth, Ocean |
| 52 | 1 | 3 | 45 | Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation) |
| 53 | 1 | 9 | 40 | Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station) |
| 54 | 2 | 17 | 33 | Morris (Picatinny Arsenal—ARRAD Com) |
| 55 | 1 | 13 | 80 | Gloucester |
| 56 | | 0 | 0 | Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 57 | 1 | 10 | 40 | Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 58 | 1 | 6 | 50 | Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 59 | 1 | 18 | 35 | Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge) |
| 60 | | 0 | 0 | Hunterdon (Round Valley Recreation Area) |
| 61 | 1 | 6 | 30 | Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System) |
| 62 | | 0 | 0 | Monmouth (Fort Monmouth) |
| 63 | 1 | 52 | 250 | Salem |
| 64 | | 0 | 0 | Monmouth (Monmouth Battleground State Park) |
| 65 | 1 | 27 | 220 | Gloucester |
| 66 | 3 | 5 | 45 | Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center) |
| 67 | | 0 | 0 | Sussex (High Point State Park) |
| TOTAL | | 7,253 | 31,296 | |

(l) The Season Dates Code referred to the table in (k) above as follows:

1. Indicates the season dates will be November 1-29, 1997.
2. Indicates the season dates will be November 1-December 31, 1997.
3. Indicates the season dates will be November 1-28 and December 7-31, 1997.

(m) Permit quotas for zones 37, 39, 40, 52-54, 57, 58, 59, 61 and 66 are contingent upon approval by the appropriate land management agencies for these zones.

(n) Bow and arrow permit season permits not applied for by September 10 may be reallocated to muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit season permit applications.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.
 See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).
 Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).

See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).
 Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).

See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).
 Rewrote (c); subdivided (d) and amended zones and dates of season; in (f), inserted reference to (c)1 and special hunts and added one deer per day provision; added (f)2; in (g), inserted "or a proper and valid bonus tag"; in (h)3, substituted "law or as imposed by a court" for "N.J.S.A. 23:3-22; in (k), amended year for permit quotas and amended season dates, anticipated harvest, and quotas in permit table and added Sussex to table; in (l), amended dates of season dates through-out; and in (m), added zone 57.

7:25-5.31 White-tailed deer permit shotgun season permit (either sex), Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge (Zone 38)

(a) This section applies only to the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. (Zone 38).

(b) Nothing in this section shall affect the validity or operation of any other section of this Code.

(c) Duration of the Great Swamp Permit Shotgun Season permit shall be from sunrise to ½ hour after sunset on the

following dates: December 2, 3, 4 and 5, 1997 or as may otherwise be designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during the season, one or more of the following days of shotgun permit deer hunting may be authorized by the Director: January 13, 14, 15 and 16, 1998. Such authorization and date thereof would be announced by press and radio.

(d) Bag Limit: eight deer of either sex and any age, may be taken with a Great Swamp Permit Season Permit. Two deer may be taken in a given day.

(e) Great Swamp permit shotgun season permits are valid only in designated portions of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and are not transferable.

(f) Method: The taking of eight deer of either sex and any age with a Great Swamp (Zone 38) permit shotgun season permit will be permitted in designated areas of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge. Total of 500 Great Swamp shotgun permit season permits will be issued. Daily hunter quotas, hunt procedures and hunting methods in this area shall be provided by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

(g) Procedures for applying for a Great Swamp permit shotgun season permit will be the same as outlined for the permit shotgun season permit. (see N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.25(h)). Applicants for the Great Swamp Permit Shotgun Season Permit must indicate Zone 38 on the application in the space reserved for deer Management zone number.

(h) All hunters shall comply with the instructions of State conservation officers, State deputy conservation officers, other Division personnel and instructions of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel.

(i) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:10-5, 25:4-42, 23:4-43, 23:4-47, 23:4-48, 13:1B-30 et seq. and other applicable statutes.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amended dates of season and specified additional days which may be authorized by the Director.

7:25-5.32 Special Wildlife Management Permits

(a) Special permits, known as special wildlife management permits, may be issued by the Director, in his discretion. Such special wildlife management permits shall be valid for the times, conditions and areas or installations indicated thereon and need not conform to the provisions applicable to general permits.

(b) In granting this special wildlife management permit the Director shall consider any data available to him including but not limited to damage being done to crops or property, the biological condition of the animal or any other special management problem.

1. Issuance of additional permit shotgun and muzzle-loader season deer permits for specific farms within over-subscribed deer management zones shall be based on the following criteria:

i. The farm must include an area of 10 acres or more, produce a gross income in excess of \$500.00, be assessed as farm land and have a documented history of deer damage;

ii. The zone in which the farm is located must be oversubscribed in the initial permit drawing(s);

iii. The permit shall only be valid for the specific farm applied for and shall not be transferable; and

iv. Permits will be issued on the basis of not more than one permit per 10 acres.

(c) Subject to the requirements of this subsection, the Director may, in his or her discretion and on behalf of the Division, issue Special Deer Management Permits. Special Deer Management Permits may be issued to administer alternative deer control methods.

1. Prior to the issuance of such Special Deer Management Permits, a written Memorandum of Understanding shall be entered into for the lands of concern by a local cooperator, the Division and the Council. All Special Deer Management Permits issued for this purpose shall comply with all applicable regulations and all conditions and restrictions outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding.

2. As used in this section, except as otherwise noted:

“Alternative Deer Control Methods” means those techniques other than traditional and controlled hunting employed to reduce deer populations, which techniques may include, but not be limited to, shooting by agents, capture and euthanize, capture and remove.

“Biological Carrying Capacity” means the maximum number of deer that a given land area can support in good health over an extended period of time.

“Controlled Hunting” means the pursuit of deer during a modified season which is usually more restrictive than traditional hunting in terms of hunter density, methods of take, size of huntable area, etc. than deer hunting elsewhere in New Jersey as approved by the Council.

“Cooperator” means the local authority(ies), including municipal or county governing bodies or a combination thereof cooperating in the administration of a community based deer management plan.

“Coordinator” means the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife employee designated by the Director as the official representative with the local authority(ies) to develop, adopt and monitor the administration of the Memorandum of Understanding.

“Council” means the Fish and Game Council which is an 11-member body which has legislative authority to determine seasons, bag limits, and manners and means of take for game species, and establishes policy regarding these matters.

“Cultural Carrying Capacity” means the number of deer that can co-exist compatibly with the local human population in a given land area.

“Deer” means white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*).

“Director” means the Director of the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

“Division” means the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

“Huntable” means those sites on which, due to their size, location and available habitat, traditional or controlled deer hunting seasons can be conducted.

“Memorandum of Understanding” or “MOU” means the written cooperative deer management agreement approved by the local authority(ies) which may be a municipal or county governing body, the Council and the Division to employ alternative deer control methods.

“Traditional Hunting” means the pursuit of deer by licensed hunters during annual prescribed open seasons as approved by the Council and provided by the game code (firearm and bow) without additional restrictions.

3. Issuance of Special Deer Management Permits allowing for the use of both traditional hunting and alternative deer population control techniques shall be based on all applicable regulations and the criteria as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding.

i. All requests shall be made in writing to the Director and no Special Deer Management Permits may be issued, except as set forth herein.

ii. Following inspection and verification of the need for deer control by the Division, management options shall be reviewed with the Cooperator and a MOU may be entered into and signed by the Council, the Division and the Cooperator.

iii. Among other preconditions to the issuance of Special Deer Management Permits, the MOU shall, at a minimum, require that the Cooperator implement the following measures: discouragement of deer feeding, support of traditional and controlled hunting where they can be conducted, reasonable efforts, to utilize

deer killed by non-traditional means, and a plan by the Cooperator to use its best efforts to ensure donation of venison to the needy.

iv. The MOU may authorize such non-traditional control options as shooting by agents of the Cooperator, live capture and euthanize and live capture and remove to a deer farm or facility.

v. All costs associated with the application of alternative deer control options, including, but not limited to, those associated with the processing of venison, shall be borne by the Cooperator.

vi. The Division may issue Special Deer Management Permits for the experimental use of fertility control methodologies, including immunocontraception. Approval for such efforts shall be restricted to bona fide researchers, following review and approval of a study plan by the Division and the Department of Animal Science, Cook College-Rutgers University. Any experimental use of fertility control chemicals and vaccines on free-ranging deer populations shall be restricted to those substances/locations which have been granted an Investigational Exemption for a New Animal Drug (INAD) by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

vii. Failure to comply with any of the provisions or requirements as contained in the Special Deer Management Permit and the MOU may be cause for revocation of the permit or denial of subsequent permits.

(d) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 13:1B-27 et seq., 13:1B-30, 23:4-1 et seq., 23:4-42, 23:4-43, 23:4-44, 23:4-45, 23:4-47, 23:4-52, 23:4-63.3 and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).

7:25-5.33 Pheasants and quail stamp designated areas

(a) Designated wildlife management areas where the special “pheasant and quail” stamp is required.

1. No person shall at any time hunt for, pursue, kill, take or attempt to take with a firearm or bow and arrow, or have in possession any pheasant or quail in the following designated wildlife management areas unless such person has first procured and has in possession a valid special “pheasant and quail” stamp.

2. Designated wildlife management areas:

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| Assunpink | Bevan-Cedarville (Millville) |
| Berkshire Valley | Nantuxent |
| Black River | Peaslee |
| Clinton | Pt. Republic |
| Colliers Mills | Stafford Forge |
| Dix | MacNamara |
| Flatbrook-Roy | (Tuckahoe-Corbin City) |
| Glassboro | Walpack |
| Greenwood (including | Winslow |

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Pasadena-Howardsville) | Whittingham |
| Heislerville | Pequest |
| Mad Horse | Fort Dix |
| Manahawkin | Manasquan River |
| Medford | |
| Delaware River Gap National Recreation Area. | |

3. Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:3-61.1, 23:3-61.2, 23:3-61.3, 23:3-61.4, and other applicable statutes.

7:25-5.34 Controlled hunting—hunting restrictions on wildlife management areas

(a) No wildlife management areas have been selected for limited hunter density for the 1997-98 season. However, hunting with firearms shall be prohibited on November 7, 1997 on those wildlife management areas designated as pheasant and quail stamp areas in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.33.

(b) Authority: 13:1B-30, 23:4-1, 23:4-12, 23:7-9 and other applicable statutes.

Amended by R.1995 d.427, effective August 7, 1995.
See: 27 N.J.R. 1897(a), 27 N.J.R. 2889(a).
Amended by R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).
See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).
Amended by R.1997 d.327, effective August 4, 1997 (operative August 9, 1997).
See: 29 N.J.R. 2213(a), 29 N.J.R. 3462(a).
Amended dates referenced.

7:25-5.35 Special wildlife salvage permit

(a) Special permits known as scientific salvage permits may be issued by the Director for the salvage and possession of accidentally killed or naturally dead wildlife other than migratory birds and nongame birds and endangered wildlife species that are named on the State of New Jersey and the federal lists of each endangered species.

(b) The special permits may be issued to properly accredited persons associated with educational or scientific institutions for strictly educational or scientific purposes only.

(c) The scientific salvage permit issuance fee shall be \$7.00 to defray expenses attending granting the permit and the permit shall be valid for one year only, from the date of its issuance and shall not be transferrable.

(d) Upon proof that a holder of the special salvage permit has killed, injured, destroyed or attempted to kill, injure or destroy with any weapon, trap, snare or other device of any kind any wild animal, except as provided by N.J.S.A. Title 23 or the proper Game Code, or has in possession any species of wildlife other than those named in this permit or other wildlife possession permit, the special permit shall become void and the permit holder shall be subject to the penalties provided by law.

(e) Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1B-30, 23:4-50, 23:4-1, 23:4-12, 23:2A-1 et seq., and other applicable statutes.

7:25-5.36 White-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) special biological permit

(a) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Code, Division personnel may issue a second permit to a hunter who presents a lawfully taken deer found unfit for human consumption.

(b) Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1B-29 et seq. and N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.26.

7:25-5.37 Special permit to inhibit wildlife reproduction

(a) No person shall administer or otherwise employ the use of contraceptive chemicals, vaccines or related materials to any species of free ranging wildlife without first procuring a permit from the Division. No person shall employ any physical alteration or device that would alter the reproductive potential of any free ranging wildlife species without first procuring a permit from the Division. The possession of such unauthorized materials or devices in the field shall be considered the attempt to take wildlife contrary to the provisions of this code. Prior to submission of the application, applicants must first obtain any necessary Federal permits. Each permit applicant must provide a written proposal describing the contraception application protocol, the credentials of the person(s) who will administer the contraceptive procedure, the purpose or intent of the procedure and an assessment of environmental impacts. The Division in cooperation with the Department of Animal Science, Cook College-Rutgers University and other scientists who may be selected by the Division will review each application and determine whether or not a permit is granted based on the overall justification and need for conducting such procedures, the qualifications of the person(s) administering the procedure and the anticipated environmental impacts affecting both wildlife and humans.

(b) The authority for the adoption of the foregoing subsection is found in N.J.S.A. 13:1B-30, 23:4-1, 23:4-11, 23:4-42, 23:4-48, 23:4-60.3 and other applicable statutes.

New Rule, R.1996 d.404, effective August 19, 1996 (operative August 24, 1996).
See: 28 N.J.R. 2434(b), 28 N.J.R. 3934(a).
Former N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.37, "Fish and Game Law Enforcement Region Headquarters", recodified to 7:25-5.38.

7:25-5.38 Fish and Game Law Enforcement Region Headquarters

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