

(e) The hours for hunting pheasants on November 9, 1996 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 area 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, the daily bag limit shall be two pheasants of either sex. 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 9, 1996 to March 15, 1997 inclusive. 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).

**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 9 through December 7, 1996, inclusive, and December 16, 1996 to February 17, 1997 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 7,

1996 inclusive, and December 16, 1996 through March 31, 1997 except closed on November 8, 1996 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 9, 1996, 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 9, 1996 to March 15, 1997 inclusive. 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).

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

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of grouse is October 5 through December 7, 1996 inclusive, and December 16, 1996 to February 17, 1997 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 9, 1996 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).

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

(a) The duration of the season for the hunting of squirrels is October 5 through December 7, 1996 inclusive, and December 16, 1996 to February 17, 1997 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 7, 1996 inclusive, and December 16, 1996 through March 31, 1997, 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 9, 1996 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).

**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 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 beginning in 1997. There shall be no fall turkey hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 22.

(b) The duration of the Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler hunting season includes five separate hunting periods of four, five or 10 days each. The hunting periods for all hunting areas shall be:

1. Monday, April 21, 1997-Friday, April 25, 1997
2. Monday, April 28, 1997-Friday, May 2, 1997
3. Monday, May 5, 1997-Friday, May 9, 1997
4. Monday, May 12, 1997-Friday, May 16, 1997; Monday, May 19, 1997-Friday, May 23, 1997
5. Saturday, April 26, 1997; Saturday, May 3, 1997; Saturday, May 10, 1997 and Saturday, May 17, 1997

(c) 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.

(d) 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.

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

(g) 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 N.J.S.A. 23:3-22, are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring a turkey hunting permit.

(h) 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.

(i) 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, CN 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.

od. Duplicate applications will cause all applications by an individual to be void.

3. The application form shall be filled in to include: Name, address, 1997 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, 1997, 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.

(j) 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, CN 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, 1997. 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.

(k) 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.

(l) Turkey Hunting Area Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The 1997 Spring Turkey Hunting Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

#### 1997 SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

Turkey Hunting Area Number	Weekly Permit Quota*	Season Total	Portions of Counties Involved
1	120	600	Sussex
2	140	700	Sussex, Warren
3	80	400	Sussex, Warren
4	120	600	Sussex, Warren, Morris
5	160	800	Sussex
6	200	1,000	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen
7	200	1,000	Sussex, Morris, Passaic
8	160	800	Warren, Hunterdon
9	105	525	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris
10	80	400	Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union
11	105	525	Middlesex, Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
12	90	450	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	175	875	Cumberland, Salem
21	50	250	Atlantic, Cumberland, Salem
22	30	150	Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland
Total	2,010	10,050	

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

- A. Monday, April 21, 1997-Friday, April 25, 1997
- B. Monday, April 28, 1997-Friday, May 2, 1997
- C. Monday, May 5, 1997-Friday, May 9, 1997
- D. Monday, May 12, 1997-Friday, May 16, 1997  
Monday, May 19, 1997-Friday, May 23, 1997
- E. Saturday, April 26, 1997; Saturday, May 3, 1997; Saturday, May 10, 1997 and Saturday, May 17, 1997

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

(n) 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.

(o) 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 north-east 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 Delaware 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).

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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).

#### **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, 1996 through March 15, 1997, inclusive, except on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas.

2. Southern Zone: 6:00 A.M. on December 1, 1996 through March 15, 1997, 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, 1997, 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).

#### **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 12 through February 8, 1997, 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, 1996. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and shall provide their 1996 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 5-4, Zone 6-18, Zone 7-4, Zone 8-2, Zone 9-4, Zone 10-6, Zone 11-4, Zone 12-4, Zone 13-1, Zone 14-1, Zone 15-0, Zone 16-4, Zone 17-5, Zone 18-3. 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).

#### 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 12 through February 8, 1997, 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, 1996. Only one application per person may be submitted for trapping otter and applicants shall provide their 1996 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. Total 97. 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.