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**Facing Wildlife-Human
Conflicts in
New Jersey**



Director's Message
By Bob McDowell

As sportsmen and women living in New Jersey, you are keenly aware of both our expanding human population and our increasing wildlife populations. New Jersey is attractive to humans and wildlife for some of the same reasons: the state's location and geography gives us a temperate climate and a diversity of lands like mountains, beaches and forested plains providing a wide range of habitats. Yet, despite our dense human population, wildlife also thrives here. The combination of New Jersey's tremendous environmental variety, moderate climate and man's manipulation of the land creates one of the most diverse and productive habitats anywhere in the country.

Unfortunately, the simultaneous increase of both man and beast has placed numerous species on a collision course with the people of New Jersey. For some wildlife populations, those impacts are facing us now. Burgeoning populations of deer, geese and black bear have created an unprecedented series of wildlife management challenges. However, the cooperation of the sporting public is evident once

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Mission

To protect and manage the state's fish and wildlife to maximize their long-term biological, recreational and economic values for all New Jerseyans.

Goals

1. To maintain New Jersey's rich variety of fish and wildlife species at stable, healthy levels and to protect and enhance the many habitats on which they depend.
2. To educate New Jerseyans on the values and needs of our fish and wildlife and to foster a positive human/wildlife co-existence.
3. To maximize the recreational and commercial use of New Jersey's fish and wildlife for both present and future generations.

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License Information 2000-2001 License Fees

Firearm Licenses

Resident Firearm Hunting	\$ 27.50
Senior Resident Firearm Hunting (65 yrs & older)	15.50
Non-Resident Firearm Hunting	135.50
Non-Resident Two-Day Small Game Firearm Hunting	36.50
Special One-Day Hunting (On Commercial Preserves Only)	12.50

Bow and Arrow Licenses

Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	31.50
Senior Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting (65 yrs & older)	16.50
Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	135.50

Trapping Licenses

Resident Trapping	32.50
Non-Resident Trapping	200.50

Permits

Permit Bow Season Deer Permit	28.00
Permit Shotgun Season Deer Permit	28.00
Permit Muzzleloader Season Deer Permit	28.00
Turkey Season Permit	21.00
Rifle Permit (2-year Permit)	17.00

Stamps

Pheasant & Quail Stamp	40.00
Resident Waterfowl Stamp	5.00
Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp	10.00

Miscellaneous Licenses

All-Around Sportsman (Includes Resident Firearm Hunting, Bow & Arrow Hunting & Fishing Licenses)	72.25
Duplicate License	2.00

NOTE: License fees are subject to change.

See page 6 for youth license information

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again: with your support, we are successfully balancing many of these management situations while developing sound wildlife management strategies when new challenges emerge.

I would like to personally express my thanks to all of you for helping us to face the management of our increasing deer population by embracing the antlerless deer harvest objectives. Thanks to your cooperation, the antlerless harvest exceeded 70% of the total 1999-00 harvest of 75,000 deer. With your continued support of new antlerless harvest objectives, New Jersey can lower both agricultural and residential deer damage concerns in areas that remain open to sport hunting.

Another challenge facing the Division is the management of our state's growing black bear population. Division staff has devoted considerable effort to educating the public on reducing bear-human conflicts. Our bear response team captures and conditions bears which have caused problems, discouraging their return. Yet during the last three years when our efforts were most intense, bear damage complaints escalated by more than 368%. Although education and aversive conditioning are valuable tools for addressing many bear problems, it is clear that New Jersey's bear population has grown too large to coexist peacefully with humans.

The bear hunting season adopted this year by the Fish and Game Council will slow the bear population's rapid growth and begin the process of returning the bear population to a level which is more compatible with the people in our state. With the continued support and active participation by New Jersey's sportsmen and women, I am confident we will successfully and responsibly meet yet another tough wildlife management challenge.

Disabled Veteran's Licenses & Permits

Recent legislation signed by Governor Whitman provides for the issuance of free hunting licenses and permits for resident disabled veterans.

For the purposes of this program, the legislation defines Disabled Veterans as: "... any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service in any branch of the Armed Forces of the United States and who has been declared by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs, or its successor, to have a service-connected disability of any degree. . ."

Disabled Veteran hunting licenses are available at the Division's Trenton office, as well as all Division field offices.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Must first have a disabled veteran license to obtain a free disabled veteran deer permit.
2. Must fill out one special 2000 Disabled Veteran Deer Permit Application only. Do not fill out the regular application found in this supplement.
3. Are entitled to one free bow season permit and one free firearm (shotgun or muzzleloader) season permit. Additional permits must be purchased at the regular price of \$28.

Using a Disabled Veteran application does not give the applicant preference in the lottery.

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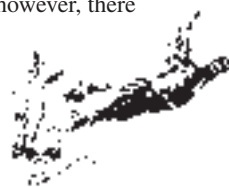
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Hunter's Responsibilities

There are certain do's and don'ts that all hunters must consider with respect to their manners in the field. Remember, in most cases, courtesy and sportsmanship are related to safety.

All sports are played with established rules, procedures and referees. Hunting also has established rules for good conduct and sportsmanship; however, there are few referees.

Hunters have the responsibility for self-enforcement.



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Highlights of Important Changes in the 2000-2001 Hunting Regulations

For the first time since 1970, the hunting season for black bears is open in New Jersey. The season is divided into 3 segments and two bear hunting areas. The long term bear management objective is to significantly reduce the New Jersey bear population from its current level of over 1,000 bears in order to reduce conflicts that are occurring as bears expand into unsuitable habitat. The Fish and Game Council and the Division recognize that sport hunting is the most effective means to accomplish this goal while providing additional recreational opportunity. The harvest objective for this year is 175 bears. See page 17 for black bear regulations.

Hunting coyotes is now legal during the regular fox hunting season in addition to the February coyote season. No permit is required for either season.

Last year's deer hunting regulation changes proved to be very successful in achieving antlerless deer harvest goals. Many important changes in the deer hunting regulations have been made for the 2000-01 deer seasons to make hunting regulations more standardized and further enhance antlerless deer harvest objectives.

- Hunters are limited to ONE antlered buck per season, regardless of how many permits are purchased. This regulation applies to all seasons except the six-day firearm season.
- A "Quality Deer Management" program will be applied in Deer Management Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 59, 63, 66 and 67. Hunters will be restricted to taking antlered deer with at least three points on one side during all seasons open in these zones.
- The fall bow season will open on Monday, September 11, 2000 in Deer Management Zones 5, 7-14, 33, 36, 41, 50 and 51, and only antler-less deer may be taken from September 11 through 29, 2000. Hunters who harvest an antlerless deer during this period will be eligible to harvest an antlered buck starting on September 30, 2000. They will have satisfied the earn-a-buck requirement for the regular fall bow season.
- The bag limit during the early fall bow season of September 11-29, 2000 in Zones 42 and 49 is changed from "earn-a-buck" to antlerless deer only to provide consistency in the regulation.
- The duration of the muzzleloader permit season is increased to include the six-day firearm season and five days added to the end of the season in Zones 5, 7-14, 25, 33, 35, 36, 41, 42 and 48-51. The season dates for these zones include November 27 and 28, December 4-9, 11, 12, 16, 18-23, 26-30, 2000 and January 1-5, 2001. Another change provides hunters with the option of taking two deer at a time during the muzzleloader permit season. This will allow a hunter the opportunity of shooting two deer at once before going to the check station. In addition, hunters are restricted to taking antlerless deer ONLY during the period of Dec. 4-9, 2000.
- The muzzleloader permit season has been extended to include January 1-5, 2001 in most zones except Zones 4, 37, 38, 40, 52, 53, 59, 66 and 67. There remains no muzzleloader season in Zones 56, 60 and 64.
- The bonus tag designation has been eliminated. All tags will be referred to as "NJ Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags." Bag limit changes have eliminated the need for bonus deer tags.
- Earn-a-buck zones: hunters will again be required to harvest an antlerless deer first in all seasons except the six-day firearm season in Deer Management Zones 5, 7-14, 36, 38, 40, 41, 50, 51, 60 and 67.

These changes in regulations will contribute to increasing the antlerless harvest, will aid in efforts to decrease the deer population and will increase recreational opportunities for sportsmen and women. Population management objectives call for reducing white-tailed deer populations over 74% of the state.

SAFETY ZONE Awareness: Protecting Your Hunting Privilege

New Jersey hunters enjoy many types of hunting, numerous days afield and generous bag limits. But development and other human encroachment on the forests and fields of the Garden State has changed wildlife habitat and huntable land, such that SAFETY ZONE awareness is even more critical for modern hunters.



What is a SAFETY ZONE?

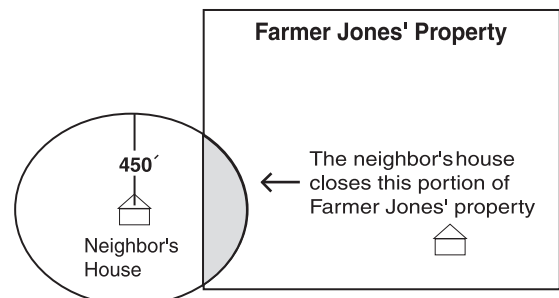
- * The SAFETY ZONE is the area within 450 feet of a building or school playground, even if not occupied.
- * The SAFETY ZONE is the place where you, the hunter, cannot carry a loaded firearm or nocked arrow unless you have written permission in hand.
- * The SAFETY ZONE was established by legislation in 1946 as an area to place some physical distance, a buffer, between hunters and homeowners.
- * The SAFETY ZONE could be land where there is suitable wildlife habitat for adaptable species, like the white-tailed deer, cottontail rabbit and Canada goose.
- * The SAFETY ZONE is not a magic shield which can stop a misdirected bullet from entering the area around a home

What can you do to heighten your SAFETY ZONE awareness?

1. **Post SAFETY ZONE signs.**
2. **Talk with landowners.**
3. **Hunt SMART and remind your hunting partners to Hunt SMART.**
4. **Know the law.**

Remember, failure to hunt safely and responsibly is inexcusable. You must always be a responsible hunter, aware of your surroundings, the target and what may lie beyond the target. The principles of hunter education do not disappear at the completion of a course, but are called into practice every time you hunt.

Take special care hunting on "high visibility" property, habitat where our adaptable wildlife species - especially white-tailed deer - are now flourishing. Here, hunter conduct will be watched closely; the image we portray can have a great impact on the tolerance for our sport. So hunting these special areas carries added responsibility for you, as a hunter, to exercise restraint and make superior judgment decisions.



General Hunting Regulations

No person shall hunt except as prescribed by law. See section "Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions", page 8, for special rules.

Persons required by law to wear corrective lenses to operate a motor vehicle (as noted on a valid driver's license) must wear corrective lenses when hunting with a bow or firearm of any kind.

SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED:

- Carrying a loaded firearm or nocked arrow within 450 feet of a building or school playground without possessing written permission from the owner or lessee.
- Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow on or across highways or roads. Discharging a firearm or a bow and arrow from a motor vehicle.
- Hunting for or shooting any wildlife by aid of a light, except when hunting raccoon or opossum while on foot.
- Hunting or shooting with the aid of a light attached to or carried in a vehicle.
- On National Wildlife Refuges, the distribution of bait and/or hunting over bait is prohibited.
- Hunting with arrows, darts or any other device propelled by any means that is used for the purpose of injecting or delivering any type of drug into an animal.
- Using electronic calling devices except when hunting for fox, raccoon, crow and coyote.
- Loaded firearms in a motor vehicle. Possession of a loaded firearm in a vehicle is considered proof of pursuing or taking of wildlife.
- Transporting an uncased firearm in a motor vehicle.
- Shooting into a squirrel's nest.
- The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the following apply:
 - Baiting is prohibited
 - No permanent tree stands or screw-in steps are permitted
 - You cannot possess a loaded firearm while on any publicly traveled road-way within the park

Hunter Orange

Hunters must wear a cap made of daylight fluorescent orange or an outer garment containing at least 200 square inches of fluorescent orange material visible from all sides. A camo orange hat alone is not adequate.

This applies to all persons while hunting deer, bear, rabbit, hare, squirrel, fox, railbirds, and all game birds.

Exceptions: this law does not apply to waterfowl, crow, spring wild turkey, coyote nor bow hunters except that a bow hunter using a deer decoy must wear hunter orange, as described above, while transporting the decoy into and out of the woods and fields.

Trespass Law

Hunters and trappers are required to secure permission prior to entering private agricultural lands to hunt. The enacted law provides that these lands need not be posted to enforce the trespass law.

Hunters must not hunt in unharvested crops without first obtaining permission from the owner. Anyone causing damage to cultivated crops, orchards, fences, buildings or livestock may be arrested without warrant by the owner, occupant, lessee, or any officer of the law. Violators are liable for a fine of up to \$2,000 and restitution to the property owner in addition to the loss of hunting privileges for a period of 2 years.

Hunting on Sunday

No person may hunt with firearms or any other weapon or carry a gun in the woods or fields or on the waters on Sunday except on semi-wild & commercial shooting preserve lands for the purpose of shooting

stocked game.

Persons are allowed to hunt raccoon or opossum between midnight on Saturday and one hour before sunrise on Sunday during the prescribed season.

Farmer Regulations

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

Farmers and their lessees occupying or farming their land, members of their immediate families, or their farming employees may kill crows, woodchuck, and fox on farm property at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. However, they must use legal firearms, ammunition and other lawful procedures.

Farmers may trap foxes destroying poultry, crops or property at any time, subject to state law and local ordinances. Farmers or their agents may shoot or trap coyotes by lawful procedures at any time when found destroying livestock or crops. A regional Division law enforcement office must be notified within 24 hours of killing a coyote.

Use of Dogs

Allowing dogs to run at large is prohibited.

Persons may train dogs without firearms in daylight at any time except during any open firearm deer season.

No person shall train a raccoon or opossum hunting dog other than during the periods of September 1 to October 1, 2000 and from March 1 to May 1, 2001. Training hours shall be one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise.

It is illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear.

Note: For special areas and regulations for dog training on WMAs see the section of Wildlife Management Area Regulations, page 48.

Non-Resident Game Removal

A non-resident licensee may remove from the state each day a daily bag limit of game. However, a non-resident may not take more than two day's bag limit from the state after one week's stay (Sunday to Saturday inclusive). This does not apply to game raised or killed at a licensed commercial preserve and legally tagged.

Falconry

No person shall use a raptor for hunting without a falconry permit and a valid hunting license. No person under 14 years of age may hunt by means of a raptor.

Falconry permits will be issued only to persons who pass a comprehensive examination and who can provide proper facilities for housing a raptor.

Beginning falconers must be sponsored by an experienced falconer.

No person shall possess a firearm while hunting with raptors.

For additional information, write to the Division of Fish, Game and Wildlife.

Bow and Arrow

"Bow" means any long bow, recurve bow or compound bow that is hand held and hand drawn, with no mechanical device built into it or attached to it that will enable the archer to lock the bow at a full or partial draw. All draw locking and draw holding devices are prohibited. Hand held release devices are permitted.

All bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds (40 pounds for bear) at the archer's draw length, except compounds, which must have a minimum peak draw weight of 35 pounds (40 pounds for bear). All arrows used for hunting deer, bear, turkey, coyote, or woodchuck must be fitted with a well-sharpened metal head with a minimum width of 3/4 inches.

Arrows fitted with heads other than specified for

deer, bear, turkey, coyote or woodchuck, may be carried in the woods and fields during the small game season or other seasons which overlap with the bow and arrow deer season.

It is unlawful to:

- use a crossbow or variation,
- use or possess a poison arrow or one with an explosive tip,
- use a bow one-half hour after sunset until one-half hour before sunrise during any season,
- use a bow and arrow from any vehicle, moving or stationary,
- have both a firearm and bow in possession or under control while hunting.

Muzzleloading Rifles

A valid rifle permit must be possessed while hunting with a muzzleloading rifle.

It is unlawful to hunt with a muzzleloading rifle on wildlife management areas, except for deer, bear and squirrel hunting during the special season in certain zones. For muzzleloader rifle squirrel hunting, see page 12. For muzzleloader deer hunting, see page 19. For rifle permit information, see page 6. For muzzleloader bear hunting, see page 17.

.22 Rifles

A valid rifle permit must be possessed while hunting with a .22 caliber rifle.

It is unlawful to possess and use .22 caliber rifle except while hunting woodchuck, hunting raccoon and opossum with hounds, and dispatching trapped animals other than muskrat.

.22 caliber rifles must be loaded with short cartridges only, except when hunting woodchuck.

.22 caliber rifles need not be plugged, but must be loaded with no more than 3 shells. No 10-17 year olds may hunt with any modern rifle.

Firearms and Missiles

A person may not go into the woods or fields with a firearm except during prescribed seasons.

Airguns are not legal hunting firearms.

It is unlawful to possess in the woods and fields shot larger than no. 4 fine shot except for hunting deer, waterfowl, woodchuck or coyote.

No shotgun capable of holding more than three shells at one time may be used for hunting.

Wildlife

Taxidermists note: the sale of wild birds and game animals or parts thereof is prohibited in New Jersey. Legally trapped furbearers may be sold. Questions concerning the above should be directed to regional Division law enforcement offices.

It is illegal to capture, kill, injure or have in possession any wild bird other than a game bird.

No one may rob a bird's nest.

The removal of the skin or feathers or mutilation of any wild bird or mammal in the woods or fields for the purpose of concealing sex or identity is illegal.

All nongame mammals, reptiles, birds and amphibians are protected. Penalties for taking these species range from \$250-\$5,000.

There is no open season on bobcats. It is illegal to kill, attempt to kill or possess bobcats.

Wildlife Damage Control

Property owners or their agents, and occupants of dwellings that are suffering damage from squirrel, raccoon, opossum, skunk, woodchuck or weasel may control them by lawful means at any time subject to local ordinances.

2000-2001 Summary of Hunting & Trapping Laws

This is not the full law. Consult the Division of Fish and Wildlife for further details.
All persons are reminded that the statutes, code and regulations are the legal authorities.

Hunting & Trapping Licenses

All persons hunting or trapping must be properly licensed. It is unlawful for any person age 10 or older to hunt without hunting license. It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. See below for Youth License information. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license or permit on their outer clothing and must show their license to any police officer or any person requesting to see it.

Licenses and stamps may be purchased from participating county or municipal clerks, license agents and selected Division of Fish and Wildlife offices.

Lost Licenses

Lost licenses can be replaced at all Division law enforcement offices, the Trenton office and the Pequest Natural Resource Education Center. To replace a lost license, either mail or hand deliver the carbon copy issued with the license along with a \$2.00 check to any Division law enforcement office, the Trenton office, or Pequest. Duplicate stamps will not be issued, but may be purchased separately.

License Revocation

Anyone convicted of a second fish and game violation within a period of 5 years will have their New Jersey hunting and fishing privileges revoked for 2 years. Certain violations carry greater periods of revocation, ranging from 3 years to lifetime revocation. Two convictions of the following will result in lifetime revocation: safety zone violation; causing damage to real or personal property; and negligent use of a firearm or bow.

Resident Licenses

Resident licenses may be purchased if one has resided in the state for 6 months immediately prior to application.

Non-Resident Licenses

Non-residents must show either a resident license from their state or proof of successfully completing an appropriate hunter education course, in order to obtain a license to hunt or trap in New Jersey.

Youth Licenses, Resident & Non-Resident

In December 1999, the Legislature approved a new fee structure for sporting licenses. As part of that new structure, youths, 15 years of age and under, are able to hunt, fish, and trap for free, provided they have passed a Hunter Education course. Youth hunters that have passed a hunter education course should have received their new Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow license. The Youth Firearm, Bow and Arrow or Trapping License is valid from time of issuance until the year that he or she turns 16. Resident and nonresident youths who have not received their license can obtain licenses by calling the division's Nacote Creek Pequest, Trenton, Northern, Central or Southern region offices.

Licenses for Non-Resident Servicemen

Any person on active duty in the armed services may buy a resident hunting license upon presenting a previous resident license of the appropriate type or proof of successfully completing the appropriate hunter education course to the agent.

Licenses for National Guard Members

Eligible National Guard personnel are entitled to free licenses, permits, and stamps. Further information can be obtained by writing to: NJ Department of Military/Veteran Affairs, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648, Attn: 1st Sgt. Turrien.

Special One-Day License

A one-day license may be issued for hunting on a licensed commercial shooting preserve. This license may be obtained at the shooting preserve and is valid only on the day issued for the species covered by the preserve's license. Hunter Education requirements still apply.

Farmer License Exemption

A farmer and the immediate members of the family who also reside on the farm may hunt, trap and fish on the farm without being licensed or possessing a valid rifle permit (a farm is defined as an area of at least 5 acres and having gross income of at least \$500, and tax assessed as farmland).

This exemption does not apply to a tenant or employee who is not an immediate family member. Also: See Farmer Deer Permits section.

Hunting & Trapping Education Requirements

New Jersey requires that anyone applying to hunt with a shotgun, rifle or bow show a previous resident license of the appropriate type from this or any state, or a course completion card of the appropriate hunter education course.

All hunter education courses are pre-scheduled with rosters generated from the regional offices. You must apply to be scheduled for a hunter education course.

Application forms for the hunter education courses may be obtained from most license agents, sporting goods dealers and Division offices. Completed application forms must be returned to the regional office at the address on the application. Students will then be notified when and where to report for the courses. Apply early! Persons applying just prior to the hunting seasons most likely will not be scheduled in time to hunt those seasons.

Permits

Permit Revocation

The Division may revoke any permit or other authorization issued for violation or due cause.

Rifle Permits

A valid rifle permit is required for: deer hunting with a muzzleloading rifle; bear hunting with a muzzleloading rifle; squirrel hunting with a muzzleloading rifle; coyote hunting with a muzzleloading rifle, woodchuck hunting with a rifle; raccoon and opossum hunting with a .22 caliber rifle; and for dispatching trapped animals other than muskrats with a .22 caliber rifle. Initial rifle permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have completed a rifle hunter education course. Applications for rifle permits may be obtained at the Division's Trenton office. Rifle permits for 10 to 17 years olds will be valid only for muzzleloader deer hunting, muzzleloader bear hunting, muzzleloader squirrel hunting, and muzzleloader woodchuck hunting. No 10-17 year olds may hunt with modern rifles, neither centerfire nor rimfire.

Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is only allowed with a Falconry Permit and a hunting license. See the section of falconry for hunting rules.

Permits to Possess Road-Killed Deer

Deer which have been accidentally killed by motor vehicles may be possessed for private consumption only by obtaining a free permit from the local police department or from a Division regional law enforcement office. Wrapped packages of the venison must be labeled with the permit number. The permit only authorizes the possession of the meat for consumption and prohibits the possession of any other parts.

Captive Wildlife Permits

The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is regulated and only for limited purposes. The public is urged to leave wildlife in the wild where it belongs. You may not possess or liberate any game, nongame, or exotic mammal, bird, reptile or amphibian without a permit from the Division. Permits are required for the possession of most non-game species and all game species.

Wildlife from wild origin cannot be kept in captivity by the general public. Certain species of wildlife bred in captivity may be purchased and possessed from licensed breeders and dealers. Information and applications may be obtained by calling:

Nongame and Exotics
609-292-9591
Gamebirds and Mammals
609-984-6211

Beaver & Otter Permits

Beaver and otter may be trapped by special permit only. Additional information can be obtained by writing to the Division beginning October 1, 2000. Application period is Oct. 15-Nov. 15, 2000.

Field Trial Permits

Field trials are allowed on designated WMAs with the appropriate permit. Call 609-259-2132.

Horseback Riding Permits

Horseback riding is allowed on designated WMAs with an appropriate permit. Call 609-259-2132.

Deer Season Permits

Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons. Deer Permit Supplements are available at all license agents. Application and instructions are on pages 50-51. If you are applying for a muzzleloader deer permit and do not have a valid rifle permit, apply for the rifle/muzzleloader hunter education course when you submit your deer permit application.

Coyote Hunting Permits

Permits to hunt coyote in New Jersey are no longer required. Beginning in the fall of 2000, coyotes may be hunted during the seasons open for fox and are subject to the same regulations as fox during those seasons. A special coyote hunting season (no permit required) will be held statewide February 1 through February 19, 2001. See coyote regulations on page 12.

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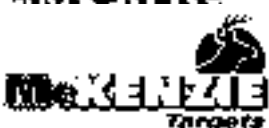
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Summary of Hunting & Trapping continued from page 6

Turkey Hunting Permits

A permit is required for both spring and fall turkey hunting. Applicants will apply for both the spring and fall seasons on one application form available in mid-January. For spring 2001, turkey hunting information and application forms will be available at license agents and Division offices in mid-January. Completed forms must be mailed back to Trenton between February 1 and February 22, 2001.

Permits for Farmers

Farmer Deer Season Permits

There are two types of applications to obtain a free farmer deer permit. The farmer applicant can decide for which permit it is easiest to qualify. Farmers may only apply with one application. The first is for the farmer and his family who reside on their farm (occupant). He must have at least 5 acres of land that is also tax-assessed as farmland. The permit will be valid for the farm property where the applicant resides.

The second application is for the farmer who does not reside on his farm (non-occupant). The farmer must actively farm at least 30 tilled acres. Woodlots can not be used to qualify. A copy of all leases authorizing the agricultural and hunting uses of the land must be attached to the application. No more than 5 people may receive permits for the same farm. The permit will be valid for the entire zone applied for. An applicant who lives on the farm and actively tills at least 30 acres may also apply with this form.

The farmer deer permit applications are available from county agricultural agents, Division offices, and Conservation Officers.

Farmers are encouraged to send in their applications

as early as possible since additional review of applications will be necessary. Farmers and their family members may also apply for regular deer permits in addition to the free farmer deer permits by completing the deer permit application included in this digest issue and enclosing a license stub and appropriate fee.

Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

Information about permits for hunters with disabling conditions should be requested in writing from the Division's Trenton office, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400.

Permits for Physically Challenged Hunters

A permit for certain physically challenged persons may be issued to use alternative methods/equipment for taking game during prescribed seasons. The application period is January 1 to August 31 of each year.

Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

A permit to shoot or hunt from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who are paraplegics. Paraplegia is defined by paralysis of the legs and lower half of the body due to spinal injury or disease

A permit to hunt from a vehicle or conveyance off established roads on wildlife management areas is also available.

Bow Use Permit

A Bow Use Permit may be issued to disabled hunters who cannot use a conventional bow as described in the Game Code. This permit will allow the alteration of a long bow, recurved bow or compound bow with a mechanical device that will enable the archer to draw and cock the bow at full or partial

draw length. This permit will be issued only if the need is certified by a licensed, certified New Jersey physician.

Stamps

Stamps are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink.

Pheasant & Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over hunting or possessing pheasant or quail on the following designated Wildlife Management Areas shall have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp (Free youth hunting licenses include pheasant & quail stamp): Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Millville, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (including Pasadena-Howardsville), Heislerville, Tuckahoe, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. Other designated areas include the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area and Fort Dix.

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older wishing to hunt waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Duck Stamp. An HIP number is also required. See page 11 for details.

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Kevin Flock, 11, from Alexandria Twp, Hunterdon County took his first deer during the 1999 firearm buck season. The white tail field dressed at 150 pounds.

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**TAKE A KID HUNTING
YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT
SATURDAY, NOV. 4, 2000**

WMA	guided morning	open after 3 pm	open all day
Whittingham	X	X	
Black River	X	X	
Flatbrook			X
Clinton	X	X	
Assunpink	X	X	
Colliers Mills	X	X	
Glassboro			X
Millville	X	X	
Peaslee	X	X	

Guided: Pre-registration required. See details, this page.

Open - afternoon: Any youth hunter, between 10 and 15 years old, with a free Youth Hunting License. Youths, accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult, will be permitted to hunt on the listed Wildlife Management Areas on November 4, 2000 from 3:00 p.m. until sunset.

Open - all day: Any youth hunter, between 10 and 15 years old, with a free Youth Hunting License. Youths, accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult, will be permitted to hunt on the listed Wildlife Management Areas on November 4, 2000 from 8 a.m. until sunset.

**Youth Waterfowl Hunt Day
Sept. 30, 2000
TAKE A KID HUNTING**

Youth hunters 10-15 years old, with a free youth Hunting License and accompanied by a non-shooting adult (21 years of age or older), will be permitted to hunt for waterfowl statewide from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset on Sept. 30, 2000. See the Migratory Bird Supplement and watch for news releases for further details.

Non-toxic shot required

Bag limit: Same as regular duck and early Canada goose seasons. No Federal or State Duck Stamp required for youths.

**Take a Kid Hunting
Pheasant Hunt:
November 4, 2000**



The 2000 Take a Kid Pheasant Hunt will allow properly licensed youth hunters ages 10 through 15 years old to hunt on one of 7 (seven) stocked Wildlife Management Areas (WMA) on Saturday morning, November 4, 2000. In a cooperative effort between the Division of Fish and Wildlife and the NJ State Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, volunteer hunting mentors with trained bird dogs will guide youth hunters on a pheasant hunt. This experience will increase the young hunters' opportunity for harvesting a pheasant in a setting which encourages responsible and safe hunting practices.

All participants must pre-register and be accompanied to the check-in by a parent or guardian. Parents or guardians are welcomed and encouraged to follow the hunters through the fields. All pre-registered hunters will receive an information packet. Two sessions will be offered, starting at 7 a.m. and 12 noon.

Only 25 youth hunters will be allowed on each WMA during each session. If the number of applicants exceeds the number of slots available, a random drawing will be held to select participants. To register, please send the application found on this page to the address below. All entries must be postmarked by October 13, 2000. Information will be mailed on October 23, 2000.

Send application to: Take a Kid Hunting, NJ Div. of Fish & Wildlife, Northern Region Hunter Education, 26 Rt.173 W, Hampton, NJ 08827

Youth Hunter

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Youth Hunting License # _____

1. Select WMA (Check only 1):

- Assunpink Black River Clinton Colliers Mills
 Millville Peaslee Whittingham

2. Preferred Time: 7 a.m. 12 noon

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

- NO YES-1995 YES-1996 YES-1997 YES-1998

4. With what gauge shotgun will you be hunting?

- 12 16 20 28 .410

**Youth Upland Bird Hunting Day
Saturday, November 4, 2000**

Youth hunters between the ages of 10 and 15 years old, with a Youth Hunting License, accompanied by a licensed, non-shooting adult, will be permitted to hunt on licensed semi-wild preserves. Youths can hunt for pheasants, quail, and/or chukars on Saturday, November 4, 2000 from 8:00 a.m. to sunset. This is a great opportunity for hunters belonging to semi-wild preserves to introduce youth hunters to upland bird hunting without competition from adult hunters.

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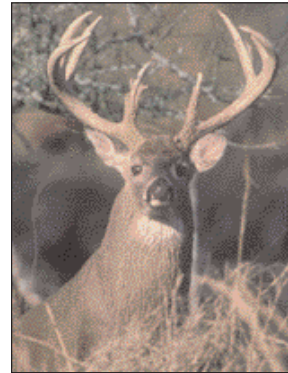
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2000 - 2001 Migratory Bird Regulations

Duck and goose regulations are not confirmed at press time for this DIGEST. Watch for news releases in late August for information on season dates and bag limits. When finalized, migratory bird hunting regulations will be published in the "New Jersey 2000-01 Migratory Bird Regulations" available in September at license agents and Division offices. Migratory Bird Regulations will also be available on the Division website as soon as they are finalized at www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw. **Migratory bird season dates published in the Migratory Bird Regulations supersede those printed in this DIGEST if there are differences.**

Season dates will not become final until approved by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in August. Following are the TENTATIVE dates for September and special winter Canada goose seasons, sea ducks, rails, gallinules, snipe and crows:

Tentative Dates

September Canada Goose	Sept. 1 - 30
Special Winter Canada Goose	Jan. 15 - Feb. 15, 2001
Sea Ducks	Sept. 19 - Jan. 20, 2001
Rails, Gallinules (Moorhens)	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9
Snipe	Sept. 22 - Jan. 6, 2001
Crows (Mon, Thur, Fri, Sat)	Aug. 7 - Mar. 17, 2001 (Except closed Dec. 4-9, 2000)
Woodcock	See Migratory Bird Regulations
Mourning Dove	Closed
Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day	Sept. 30

Duck populations in mid-continent areas of North America in 2000 are expected to be below last year primarily due to poorer habitat conditions resulting from a dry and mild winter. However, many areas of eastern North America (where most Atlantic Flyway ducks originate) experienced more average winter and spring weather conditions. Migrant Canada goose populations have recovered substantially since the closure of the regular Canada goose season in 1995. However this migrant population remains below population objectives. Early snowmelt in sub-arctic regions of eastern Canada from 1997 through 1999 resulted in excellent gosling production during those years. These 3 consecutive years with above average young production are playing a key role in the recovery of this population. Spring conditions occurred later in 2000; gosling production will likely be lower than the past few years. A limited regular Canada goose season will be held in New Jersey in 2000-01. Atlantic brant populations are above their long-term average. As a result, brant hunting regulations may be more liberal than last year, particularly if young production is good in arctic breeding areas this year. Snow goose populations remain very high and liberal bag limits as well as seasons extending to March 10 in some areas, are expected. Check the Migratory Bird Regulations for season dates and bag limits.

Note that there are no permit requirements for either the September or the Special Winter Canada Goose Seasons. As with all waterfowl hunting seasons, a hunting license, federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp and HIP number are required to participate in these seasons. The September Canada Goose Season will be open statewide. The Division anticipates a special winter Canada goose season similar to the season held in New Jersey during January/February 2000, however a final decision on this season will not be made by the USFWS until August. **Note that any approved special winter season will not be held statewide.** The winter season is targeted at resident geese and is held in areas of the state with relatively low proportions of wintering migrant Canada geese. The season is held in two distinct zones, one in the northern and the other in the southeastern portion of the state. Check the 2000-01 Migratory Bird Regulations for exact zone boundary descriptions.

Individuals recovering banded migratory birds are reminded to report the band number by calling the U.S. Department of the Interior's Bird Banding Laboratory (BBL) in Washington, D.C., toll free at **1-800-327-BAND**. When you call, provide the operator with the band number, date the bird was recovered, exact location the bird was recovered (including the nearest town) and method of recovery (for example, shot or found dead). Hunters may keep the bands. In most cases, the operator will be able to keypunch the band number and instantly tell the caller the date and location of banding, as well as the age and sex of the bird at banding. In all cases, the BBL will mail the caller a Certificate of Appreciation with the same information. The information provided by banding data is critical in making management decisions regarding migratory birds.

ATTENTION MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTERS

You must obtain a Harvest Information Program (HIP) number **before** hunting duck, goose, brant, woodcock, rail, snipe, coot or gallinule in New Jersey. Obtain your HIP number by calling **1-800-WETLAND** or by registering through the Division's website at www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw. The HIP number and phone call are **FREE**. The automated system is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Note that a hunting license number is required when obtaining a HIP number. Therefore hunters should obtain a hunting license before calling HIP; have the license number at hand when calling. Then write your HIP number on the front of your hunting license in the space next to "2000/01 Fall/Winter NJ HIP#." Call 1-888-764-7343 if you need assistance getting your HIP number.

The HIP number is valid from September 1, 2000 until March 10, 2001.

If you hunt migratory birds in another state, you will need to get a HIP number in that state following that state's HIP procedures.

Information collected in HIP is confidential and is used by the US Fish and Wildlife Service for conducting migratory bird harvest surveys. As in the past, the US Fish and Wildlife Service will mail harvest survey information to a small, random sample of HIP registrants.

WHAT DO I NEED TO HUNT MIGRATORY BIRDS IN NEW JERSEY?

1. To hunt crows you need a **New Jersey firearm hunting license** – See page 3 & 6 for hunting license requirements and fees.

2. To hunt woodcock*, rail, snipe, coot or gallinule you need a **New Jersey firearms hunting license and Harvest Information Program (HIP) number** – see above for HIP information.

3. To hunt ducks, geese or brant you need a **New Jersey hunting license, HIP number, Federal Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp and New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp**. Both Federal and State stamps are required for waterfowl hunters 16 years of age and older and must be signed across the stamp's face in ink. Federal stamps are available at U.S. Post Offices. State waterfowl stamps are available from agents who sell hunting licenses.

***Note:** Woodcock Hunting Stamps are no longer required for hunting woodcock beginning in 2000.

Small Game Seasons & Hunting Regulations



Small game, raccoon, crow, opossum and fox hunting are prohibited during the statewide six-day firearm deer season, and during the December portion of the permit shotgun deer season in deer management zones where the permit shotgun season is open. Small game hunting is open during the January portion of the permit shotgun deer season. (See exceptions for fox and coyote hunting, deer regulations, semi-wild and commercial shooting preserves.)

Hunting with firearms is prohibited on State Wildlife Management Areas designated as pheasant and quail stamp areas on November 10, 2000 (see Pheasant and Quail Stamp section).

On opening day for small game, November 11, 2000, the hunting hours for small game shall be 8:00 am until 1/2 hour after sunset. After opening day, the small game hunting hours shall be sunrise until 1/2 hour after sunset.

Properly licensed hunters may hunt small game with shotguns or bow and arrow. Shotguns may be no larger than 10 gauge and hold no more than three shells. Shot size may be no larger than #4 fine shot. Compound bows must have a minimum peak weight of 35 pounds. All other bows must have a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds.

Pheasant

The season is for cock pheasants only statewide with the following exceptions.

Hen pheasants may be taken in Warren and Morris counties north of Rt. 80; Ocean county, south of Rt. 70; and in all of Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Camden, Atlantic and Cape May counties as well as Lakehurst Naval Air Warfare center, Fort Dix and all wildlife management areas except as noted here. 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. See page 13 for pheasant hunting area descriptions. It is illegal to take or attempt to take or possess a hen pheasant in all other areas. The daily bag limit is 2 birds.

PHEASANT STOCKING NOTE:

The Division anticipates restoring game bird stocking levels to over 50,000 pheasants and 11,800 quail.

Pheasant and Quail Stocking

The Assunpink, Black River, Berkshire Valley, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Fort Dix, Glassboro, Millville, Nantuxent, Pequest, Port Republic, Tuckahoe, Walpack and Whittingham WMA's will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:

November 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 30
December 2, 16, 19, 21, 23, 28, 30

The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, Heislerville, Howardsville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan, Medford, Stafford Forge and Winslow WMA's will be stocked with pheasants for the following dates:

November 11, 18, 23, 25
December 2, 16, 23, 28, 30

The Greenwood Forest and Pealsee WMA's will be stocked with quail for the following dates:

November 11, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 25, 30
December 2, 16, 19, 21, 23, 28, 30

Semi-Wild and Commercial Preserve Hunting

Hunting for certain species of game birds is allowed on semi-wild and commercial shooting preserve lands that are properly licensed for the taking of such species. These species of game may be hunted on Sunday only on semi-wild or commercial shooting preserve lands.

All game taken on a semi-wild or commercial shooting preserves must be properly tagged before transport.

A person may legally hunt on semi-wild or commercial preserves for game species under license during the deer season, but no shot larger than #4 fine may be used. Pheasants of either-sex may be taken. Semi-wild and commercial preserves are exempt from zone closures during special deer seasons.

Woodchuck Hunting

Legal Means:

- Shotguns 10 gauge or smaller
- Bow and arrow
- Muzzleloading Shotgun
- Centerfire and rimfire rifle
- Muzzleloading rifle

Legal Ammunition:

- Shotgun: #4 fine shot or smaller
- Rimfire: hollow point, soft point type
- Centerfire: hollow point, soft point or expanding lead core bullets of any

weight if less than .25 caliber. If .25 caliber or greater, projectile must not exceed 100 grains in weight.

- Muzzleloader: round balls & conical bullet
- No rifle hunting (of any kind) for woodchuck is permitted on state owned WMAs, parks or forests.
- Farmers or their agents may use shot not larger than no. 4 buckshot to control woodchucks causing damage.

Fox and Coyote

The coyote hunting season is changed to run concurrent with the red and gray fox hunting seasons with the same general regulations, except during the special coyote hunting season which is February 1 - February 19, 2001. See special coyote hunting season information, below. No permit is required. Coyote and fox may only be taken from sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, except on November 11, 2000 when the starting time is 8:00 a.m. Dogs may not be used for fox or coyote hunting during the bow and arrow season (September 30 - November 1, 2000). The firearm and bow and arrow fox and coyote hunting season (Nov. 11, 2000 - Feb. 19, 2001) is closed during the six-day firearm deer season and the December portion of the shotgun permit deer season where open, except properly licensed deer hunters may kill a fox or coyote if the fox or coyote is encountered before the hunter has harvested the daily bag limit of deer. Only applicable missiles for deer hunting may be used to take fox or coyote during the six-day firearm and the December portion of shotgun permit deer season, where open. Fox and coyote hunting is permitted during the November and January portions of the permit shotgun season. Dogs may not be used. Note: Fine shot may not be in possession while deer hunting. Successful coyote hunters must report any coyote killed within 48 hours to a Division law enforcement office.

Coyote (Special Hunting Season)

The special coyote season is February 1 - February 19, 2001. Coyote hunting hours are 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. The daily limit is two coyote. Coyote hunting is restricted to calling and stand-hunting. A coyote calling device must be in possession while coyote hunting. Use of dogs, lights or bait for coyote hunting is prohibited. Fluorescent orange is not required while hunting, however it is recommended to wear fluorescent orange while walking to and from hunting areas. Also, use of a flashlight is recommended while walking to and from the hunting area in darkness or low light situations. Coyotes may be hunted with bow and arrow (minimum draw weight, 35 pounds), 10 or 12 gauge shotgun (fine shot no larger than #2 or smaller than #4), and single barrel muzzleloader rifles and single barrel smoothbore muzzleloader not less than .44 caliber (single round ball or conical projectile). Successful hunters must report any coyote killed within 48 hours to a Division regional Law Enforcement Office.

Muzzleloading Rifle Squirrel Hunting

Persons holding a valid rifle permit in addition to their valid firearm hunting license may hunt for squirrels between September 30 and November 10, 2000, and January 15 - February 19, 2001 using a .36 caliber or smaller muzzleloading rifle loaded with a single projectile. Portions of the following describe counties that are open:

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 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 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.

2000 - 2001 New Jersey Small Game Hunting Seasons

Species	Inclusive Dates	Hunting Hours	Daily Limits	Notes
* Crow	Aug. 7, 2000 - March 17, 2001	sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	Mon, Thurs, Fri & Sat only. 8 am start on Nov. 11, 2000. + Closed during Dec. portion of permit shotgun deer season, where open
* Rail & Gallinule	Sept. 1 - Nov. 9, 2000	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	Sora/Virginia rail - 25 Clapper rail - 10 Gallinule - 10	Non-toxic shot regulations in effect after the regular waterfowl season begins
* Canada Goose	Early Season: Sept. 1 - 30, 2000 (tentative) statewide	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	5	Non-toxic regulations in effect. State and Federal migratory bird stamps required in addition to valid hunting license. No permit required
Youth Waterfowl Hunt	Sept. 30, 2000	1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset	See migratory	Bird Regulations
Raccoon & Opossum	Oct. 2, 2000 - March 1, 2001	1 hour after sunset to 1 hour before sunrise	None	+ Closed during six-day firearm deer season and December portion of permit shotgun deer season where open
Red & Gray Fox and Coyote	Bow and Arrow only: Sept. 30 - Nov. 10, 2000 Shotgun and Bow and Arrow: Nov. 11, 2000 - Feb. 19, 2001	sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	None	8:00 am start on Nov. 11, 2000 + Closed during six-day firearm deer season and December portion of permit shotgun deer season where open, except as noted (see page 12)
Ruffed Grouse & Gray Squirrel	Sept. 30 - Dec. 2, 2000 (Closed Nov. 10, 2000 on designated WMAs **) Dec. 11, 2000 - Feb. 19, 2001	sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Grouse - 3 Squirrel - 5	8 am start on Nov. 11, 2000 + Closed during December portion of permit shotgun deer season where open
Gray Squirrel	Muzzleloading Rifle: Sept. 30 - Nov. 10, 2000 (Closed Nov. 10, 2000 on designated WMAs **) Jan. 15 - Feb. 19, 2001	1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	5	Designated areas only Rifle permit required. (see page 12)
Quail, Chukar, Hare & Cottontail Rabbit	Nov. 11 - Dec. 2, 2000 Dec. 11, 2000 - Feb. 19, 2001	sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	Quail - 7 Chukar - 3 Hare - 1 Rabbit - 4	8 am start on Nov. 11, 2000. + Closed during December portion of permit shotgun deer season where open.
Pheasant Hunting Area A (1)	Nov. 11 - Dec. 2, 2000 Dec. 11, 2000 - Jan. 6, 2001	sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	2 males	8 am start on Nov. 11, 2000. + Closed during December portion of permit shotgun deer season where open
Pheasant Hunting Area B (2)	Nov. 11 - Dec. 2, 2000 Dec. 11, 2000 - Feb. 19, 2001	sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	2 males	8 am start on Nov. 11, 2000. + Closed during December portion of permit shotgun deer season where open
Pheasant Hunting Area C (3)	Nov. 11 - Dec. 2, 2000 Dec. 11, 2000 - Feb. 19, 2001	sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset	2 either sex	8 am start on Nov. 11, 2000 + Closed during December portion of permit shotgun deer season where open
Pheasant Youth Hunt	Nov. 4, 2000	8 a.m. to sunset	2 either sex	Selected WMA's & licensed semi-wilds. See page 9
Coyote (Special Season)	Feb. 1 - Feb. 19, 2001	1/2 hr. before sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset	2 Coyotes	Permit required See page 12 for details
Woodchuck	March 3 - Sept. 26, 2001	sunrise to 1/2 hr. after sunset	None	No rifle hunting for woodchuck on Wildlife Management Areas
Turkey, Fall Two Segments	H. Oct. 30 - Nov. 1, 2000 I. Nov. 2 - Nov. 4, 2000	1/2 hr before sunrise to 1/2 hr after sunset	1 Wild Turkey, either sex	Open only in Areas 1 - 11, 20. Turkey permit required
Turkey, Spring	See Digest page 18	1/2 hr before sunrise to 12 noon	1 male Wild Turkey, per permit	Turkey permit required

* Tentative at press time; See current Migratory Bird Regulations

+ Open during January portion of permit shotgun deer season where open

** No firearm hunting permitted on Nov. 10, 2000 on those Wildlife Management Areas designated as pheasant and quail stamp areas.

(1) Pheasant hunting Area A: Mercer County south of Rt. 195, Monmouth County south of Rt. 195 and Rt 138, Ocean County south of Rt. 195 and north of Rt. 70 and the counties of Burlington, Gloucester, Cumberland and Salem including all WMAs in Cumberland county west of the Cohansey River and all WMAs in Salem County except Mad Horse.

(2) Pheasant Hunting Area B: Warren County south of Rt. 80, Morris County south of Rt. 80, Mercer County north of Rt. 195, Monmouth County north of Rt. 195 and Rt. 138 and the counties of Union, Middlesex, Hunterdon and Somerset.

(3) Pheasant Hunting Area C: Warren County north of Rt. 80, Morris County north of Rt. 80, Ocean County south of Rt. 70 and the counties of Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Camden, Atlantic and Cape May and the Lakehurst Naval Air Warfare Center and all WMAs except those WMAs west of the Cohansey River, and all WMAs in Salem County except Mad Horse.

2000 - 2001 Trapping Season & Regulations

Trapping licenses

A trapping license is required and a Trapper Education course must be passed. See pages 3 and 6 for license information.

Trap maintenance

All traps must be checked and tended at least once every 24 hours.

Leghold traps

It is illegal to possess or use steel-jawed leghold traps anywhere in New Jersey.

Conibear traps

No conibear or killer type trap shall be used unless submerged underwater. In tidal water, such traps must be completely covered at normal high tide. In non-tidal waters, such traps must be completely submerged when the water is at the normal level.

It is illegal to use, set or possess a conibear or killer-type having a jaw spread greater than 6 inches without a permit for beaver or otter. A conibear or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than 10 inches may be used for beaver or otter. Jaw spread shall be measured across the trigger of a set trap to the inner edges of the jaws. Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

Identification

All traps set or used must bear a legible tag of durable material with the name and address of the person setting, using and maintaining the traps. A trap identification number issued by the Division may be used in lieu of a name and address. Contact 609-292-6685 for more information. When trapping beaver or otter, the tag must be clearly visible above the level of water or ice.

Miscellaneous trapping regulations

No trap stakes or traps are to be set prior to times indicated in this section.

No trap shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.

No person shall steal or attempt to take traps of another, or remove a trapped animal without permission of the trap owner.

Any person (including a farmer) who traps a coyote must notify a Division law enforcement office within 24 hours.

Snares

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 trapper education course and carry on their person appropriate certification thereof. This training is part of New Jersey's basic trapper education course.
2. Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat, 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 air craft cable or crucible wire measuring 1/32, 3/64 or 1/16 inches in diameter, be equipped with a swivel and set within 50 feet of the mean high water line.
3. Except when submerged under water or when set for mink and muskrat, 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 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.
4. Except when set for mink and muskrat, 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 eighteen inches. No mink or muskrat 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 seven inches.

Trapping Zones, Seasons and Bag Limits

1. North Zone: North of a line starting at the intersection of Route 1 and Pennsylvania border at Trenton, extending north along Route 1 to its intersection with Route 287, then east on Route 287 to the New York State line at Staten Island.
2. South Zone: that area of the state south of the line described above.

Raccoon, fox, skunk, weasel, opossum, coyote

No bag limits

Season: 6 a.m. Nov. 15, 2000 - March 15, 2001

Wildlife Management Areas Season: 6 a.m. Jan. 1 - March 15, 2001

Mink, muskrat, nutria

No bag limits

Season, North Zone: 6 a.m. Nov. 15, 2000 - March 15, 2001

Season, South Zone: 6 a.m. Dec. 1, 2000 - March 15, 2001

Wildlife Management Areas Season: 6 a.m. Jan. 1 - March 15, 2001

Beaver (by permit only)

Season limit: 10 beaver

Season: January 1 - February 9, 2001

Otter (by permit only)

Season limit: 1 otter

Season: January 8 - February 4, 2001

Rifles

Licensed trappers with a valid rifle permit may carry a .22 caliber rifle, and use short rimfire cartridges to kill legally trapped animals other than muskrats. Firearms may not be loaded with more than 3 rounds.

Bait

All natural or artificial baits used in trapping with body gripping restraining snares must be covered or concealed from view except when placed or located a distance of 30 feet or more from any set snare.





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