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(Licenses are valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31 of each year.)

Firearm Licenses	
Resident Firearm Hunting (16-64 years).....	\$27.50
Senior Resident Firearm Hunting (65 years & older).....	\$15.50
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Youth (10-15, see page 12).....	FREE

Trapping Licenses	
Resident Trapping.....	\$32.50
Non-Resident Trapping	\$200.50
Youth (12-15) Trapping (see page 12).....	FREE
Permits	
Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun, Muzzleloader or Bucks.....	\$28
Youth Deer and Turkey Permit.....	\$12
Turkey Season Permit.....	\$21
Rifle Permit (1-year permit, 16 years old and older).....	\$10.50
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Otter Trapping Permit.....	\$2

Stamps	
Pheasant & Quail Stamp.....	\$40
Resident Waterfowl Stamp.....	\$5
Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp.....	\$10
Miscellaneous Licenses	
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(Includes Resident Firearm Hunting, Bow and Arrow Hunting and Fishing Licenses)	
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Our Mission

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

Our Goals

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

Director's Message



BY DAVE CHANDA

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

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

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

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

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

that is a 2010 comparative value of \$27.75—twenty-five cents *more* than the current cost of a resident firearm hunting license.

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

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

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