



NJ Department of Environmental Protection
Fish and Wildlife
Captive Game Permits
1 Eldridge Road
Robbinsville, NJ 08691-3476

Dear Commercial Hunting Preserve Applicant:

Please read the following information carefully and note the new address and phone number. Commercial Preserve permit applications and renewal forms are no longer being mailed. They can be downloaded from New Jersey Fish and Wildlife's website at http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/comm_preserves.htm. If you are unable to download the forms, call (609) 223-6055 to request an application be mailed. Applications received by August 1 will be processed for the opening date of September 1. Applications received after August 1 will be processed in the order they are received.

The Commercial Preserve permit fee is \$320.00 for the first tract of land and \$165.00 for each additional tract, in addition to the \$2.00 application fee. Tags are \$0.15 each.

The property must be a minimum of 50 huntable acres, posted as a Commercial Preserve and include the club name, club contact, and date. Please post all safety zones.

Applications:

- Be sure to complete the entire application.
- The contact person must sign and date the form.
- Be sure the block/lots on the map match those listed on the application.

Contract for Birds:

- You must submit a contract for birds (from a currently licensed supplier).
- The minimum stocking requirements is 500 birds.
- If you are getting your birds from out of state, be sure to complete and submit an application to import along with a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection and required test results. Importation permits require a minimum of 2 weeks to process.

Verification of Lease:

- If you are leasing property, you must complete and submit a Verification of Leas form.
- Both parties must sign the form.
- Be sure the lease covers the entire hunting season.

Maps:

With the rate of development within the state, it is imperative for you to provide accurate information for the safety evaluation of your property. You must note any change of land previously approved.

Two photocopies (8.5" x 11") of the new tax map must accompany all applications **EACH** year. These maps must include the following:

- Pre-printed block/lot numbers and acreage
- Printed club name and club number
- The property outlined in red.
- All buildings and dwellings on the property marked, or note if there are NO buildings/dwellings
- All safety zones marked.

Maps without complete and accurate information may result in your application being delayed.

Site inspections by a conservation officer are conducted prior to the approval of all new applications, applications with property changes, and any application in which there appears to be a possible safety problem or a complaint. If a site inspection is conducted after a permit has been issued, and maps or information that have been provided in the permit application are found to be inaccurate, NJ Fish and Wildlife may revoke the permit.

Commercial Preserves have a minimum stocking requirement of 500 birds. If you intend to purchase game birds from another state, you must apply for a permit to import. Importation permits are issued at no cost. An application is available at http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/pdf/game_import-bird.pdf.

Commercial Preserve permit holders may purchase a book of one-day licenses containing 20 licenses for a total cost of \$230.00 (\$11.50/license). Commercial preserves may offer one-day licenses to customers for \$12.50. Please note that the customer **MUST** present a current hunting license or hunter education certificate prior to you issuing a one-day license.

Hunters under the age of 16 are required to display a NJ youth hunting license. NJ youth hunting licenses may be obtained at any authorized licensed agent. A list of agents is available at our website at <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/agentlst.htm>.

If you raise and stock game birds for your own use on your Commercial Preserve, you are not required to have a Propagation and Sales permit. However, preserves selling game birds are required to have a Captive Game - Propagation and Sales permit. Captive game permits are \$12.00. A Captive Game permit application is available on our website or by calling (609) 223-6056

For further information, contact the Wildlife Permits Unit at (609) 223-6055 or email Katherine Szostak at Katherine.Szostak@dep.nj.gov.