

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE
FISH AND GAME COUNCIL**

Division of Fish and Wildlife Rules

Proposed Readoption with amendments: N.J.A.C. 7:25

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Department of Environmental Protection, and
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Fish and Game Council

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1B-30 et seq., 13:1D-9, 23:1-1 et seq. and
50:1-5 et seq.

Calendar Reference: See Summary below for explanation of exception to
calendar requirement.

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Proposal Number:

A **public hearing** concerning this proposed readoption with amendments will be held on:
March 13, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. to 10 P.M. or the close of testimony (whichever occurs
first)

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The agency proposal follows:

Summary

As the Department has provided a 60-day comment period on this notice of proposal, this notice is excepted from the rulemaking calendar requirement pursuant to N.J.A.C. 1:30-30.3(a)5.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66 (1978) and the Administrative Procedure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Division of Fish and Wildlife Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:25, are scheduled to expire on January 14, 2007. Timely filing of this proposal with the Office of Administrative Law resulted in the extension of the expiration date to July 13, 2007. The Division of Fish and Wildlife Rules govern the management and harvest of fish and wildlife within the State. As required by the Executive Order, the Department has reviewed these rules and has determined them to be necessary, reasonable and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. The Department proposes to readopt the rules with amendments. A brief discussion of the rules proposed for readoption, as well as a discussion of the proposed amendments, follows:

Subchapter 1. General Provisions

This subchapter sets forth the scope, the rules of construction, definitions, license, permit and stamp fees and penalties which apply to the entire chapter.

Subchapter 2. Use of All Land and Water Areas under the Control of the Division

This subchapter governs the activities that may be pursued in wildlife management areas, including special regulations for specific wildlife management areas.

Subchapter 3. Use of Mechanical Noise Making Devices

This subchapter governs the use of noise making devices to protect crops from wild animal depredation.

Subchapter 4. Endangered, Nongame, and Exotic Wildlife

This subchapter lists the wildlife which are categorized as nongame, endangered or exotic and prescribes a permit process for taking and possessing certain of these species.

Subchapter 5. 2006-2011 Game Code

This subchapter describes the seasons, times, means and manner of taking game (equipment, quantity, etc.). and is proposed for readoption with the following amendments:

Calendar year adjustments are made for seasons and season dates to remove dates for the 2005-2006 season, and add the corresponding dates with calendar adjustments for 2011 and 2012. Assuring that the Game Code includes season open and close dates for five years into the future will allow sportsmen to plan their vacation schedules, allow the Department to utilize resources that would be used for annually updating the rules for other purposes, and reduce the administrative costs of agency rulemaking. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.7, 5.25, 5.26, 5.28, 5.29, and 5.30.

Changes are proposed to application procedures for all permit seasons. In order to achieve various efficiencies described below, the Department is in the process of converting from the current system of paper applications to an electronic system. As a result of the Department's conversion of the permitting process from a paper system to an Electronic Licensing System, sportsmen and women, as well as farmers, will need to follow a new application process to obtain hunting and trapping season permits. The new system, available at participating license agents and on the Division's website, will allow quick and easy access to the regulated community for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and permits, and grant the Division access to real time data for biological analysis and law enforcement efforts. This system will additionally allow for electronic transfer of funds for permit fees. A definition of the "Electronic License system" or "ELS" is proposed to describe the new method of selling licenses and the changes in application procedures and application periods for special permits described in this subchapter. See N.J.A.C. 7:25.1

As part of the Electronic Licensing System (ELS), each permittee will be assigned a lifetime identification number, known as a Conservation ID Number. The conservation

ID number will be assigned when the individual first obtains a license, permit or child support certification or renews an existing license, permit or child support certification after the effective date of the amendment and will be used by the permittee on any subsequent renewal of the permit or to obtain a permit to hunt for a different form of game pursuant to the Game Code. Once the ELS has captured an individual's personal information, the requirement to submit a social security number will no longer be valid. Child support certifications will be required once per calendar year, at the time of the first purchase of the year. A definition of "Conservation ID number" has been proposed at N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.1(c) to describe this new permanent ID number. The ELS will automatically debit the non-refundable application fee upon application for a lottery permit; the balance (permit fee) will only be debited upon award of a permit after the lottery has run.

In addition to making the permit process more efficient for both the hunter and the Department, the ELS will simplify compliance with other requirements. Particularly, hunters will also be able to comply with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) by registering through the ELS. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.1, 5.6, 5.7, 5.9, 5.10, 5.13, 5.28-5.30.

Amendments are proposed to N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.7 to make corrections for omissions of counties in the descriptions of several Turkey Hunting Areas. No changes in actual zone boundaries are proposed. A special youth turkey hunting program is designed to ensure all applicants 10 to 16 years of age will receive their first choice permit request in the first lottery for the spring seasons. This first spring turkey permit is designated as Period Y. The introduction of the ELS enables a separate application period for spring

and fall turkey seasons. Hunters no longer have to apply for fall season permits several months in advance during the spring turkey application period. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.7.

The late check-in date for beaver and otter pelts is extended from seven to 20 days to allow trappers sufficient time to properly flesh and stretch the pelts prior to check in. Extension of the check-in date also avoids personnel scheduling conflicts with holidays. Corrections are proposed to the zone descriptions of several Beaver and Otter Zones, although no changes in actual zone boundaries were made. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.10.

Kestrels are proposed to be removed from birds allowed to be possessed by apprentice falconers. This amendment is made at the request of the Nongame Advisory Committee and the staff of the Division's endangered and nongame species section based upon surveys which indicate that kestrel populations are declining. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.16

The specific season dates for raccoon and Virginia opossum are proposed for amendment from actual dates to a definition of the time period so that annual date changes are no longer necessary. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.17.

At the request of the Division of Parks and Forests, language was added to woodchuck hunting to make legal firearms on their properties consistent with Wildlife Management Areas. N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.18(d).

The language in sections regarding red fox, gray fox, and coyote hunting is proposed for amendment to clarify hunting hours, use of dogs, and provisions of the special permit and issuance of special permits, in order to avoid confusion of resulting from the overlap of the special season and regular season. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.19.

A citation referencing the federal rule governing the taking of resident Canada geese was amended to reflect amendments recently adopted in 50 CFR Part 21.49-21.61. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-22.

A deer management strategy of population reduction on 64.1 percent of the deer range will continue to lessen economic losses associated with deer damage to landscape plantings or gardens, agricultural crops and deer/vehicle collisions. All changes proposed to sections of the rules pertaining to deer hunting would occur beginning in the 2007-2008 seasons. Antler Point Restrictions have been removed from Deer Management Zone 6. Due to a significant zone boundary change in 2005, the majority of the habitat remaining in this zone does not support large antler growth.

The Earn-A-Buck (EAB) regulation and Bank-A-Doe provision are proposed to be eliminated from Deer Management Zones 7-15, 36, 41, 49, 50, and 51. A reduction in deer densities in these zones has been achieved through increased season lengths for the past seven years. Mandating hunters to take an antlerless deer before they are allowed to take an antlered deer is no longer necessary to meet management objectives. Existing regulations in these zones will still effect a reduction in deer densities but at a more moderate level.

The early antlerless-only harvest days of the permit muzzleloader and permit shotgun seasons are proposed to be moved from the week of Thanksgiving to the Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday following Thanksgiving in order to provide for a contiguous bow season, lessen the confusion of alternating bow and gun seasons, and make enforcement easier. The permit bow season is added to the Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday before Thanksgiving in the place of the aforementioned eliminated gun

hunting days in order to make the bow season contiguous. The aforementioned season date changes will result in no net loss of harvest.

Minor changes to several deer management zone boundary descriptions are proposed for clarification purposes only. The season end dates for the permit muzzleloader season are corrected for Deer Management Zones 5, 17, 19, 25, 42, and 48, as dates for the 2006-07 season onward were in error.

The Department is proposing to add to N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.1(c) a definition for "bonus muzzleloader permit", "Bonus shotgun permit" or "bonus bow permit." This definition is added as these permits are established in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.27-29. Bonus muzzleloader permits, bonus shotgun permits and bonus bow permits may be purchased by hunters who desire to harvest an antlered buck during the muzzleloader permit and shotgun permit seasons. Only hunters who have already obtained an antlerless permit for the muzzleloader permit or shotgun permit seasons will be allowed to purchase these buck permits.

Recent trends in deer harvests indicate a significant reduction in the statewide deer population due to liberal hunting regulations. The decreasing deer population has resulted in less bucks available for harvest. As the buck population declines, the buck limit should be reduced. Those hunters who have the desire and opportunity to harvest an above-average number of bucks should pay for this bonus opportunity. Therefore, the number of antlered deer tags on the basic licenses and permits is proposed to be reduced. Under the proposed amendments, bowhunters would be allowed to harvest one buck during the winter bow and fall bow season. Buck transportation tags for these two seasons will be provided on bow and all around licenses. Firearm hunters will be

allowed to harvest one buck during the six-day firearm season, using the buck tag provided on the firearm or all around license. The bag limit for the bow permit season, shotgun permit season, and muzzleloader permit season is proposed to be amended to allow the taking of antlerless deer only. A new bonus buck permit is created, which, when purchased in addition to the antlerless permit, would allow the hunter to harvest an antlered buck during the permit seasons. Shotgun or muzzleloader hunters may opt to use this buck tag on the bonus permit to take a second buck during the six-day firearm season. The necessary changes to tagging procedures to reflect these proposed changes are proposed in all seasons. The definition of bonus permit season permits has been added.

Minor changes to several Special Areas in the form of permit quota and season date changes have been added to the 2006-2007 seasons at the request of the administering agencies in order to better manage deer populations on their respective properties. These include Deer Management Zones 40, 53, 54, and 64 which consist of three military installations and one state park. Zone 40 proposed amendments will allow the Permit Shotgun season to follow the existing format of the Permit Muzzleloader season; in Zone 53, the Fall Bow season will open three weeks earlier, in September and the bag limit will change from two deer to unlimited antlerless deer; Zone 54 has requested a permit quota increase for Permit Muzzleloader (25 to 50), and Permit Shotgun (25 to 50); Zone 64 has changed the Permit Shotgun season to coincide with the Six-day Firearm season, and has added the Six-day Firearm and Winter Bow seasons. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.25-5.30.

A new Deer Management Zone (Zone 68) is created in Burlington County. The change in regulations will provide a longer season and larger bag limits during wetland restoration on this property co-managed by the NJ Conservation Foundation and the NJ Division of Parks and Forestry. This change is made at the request of the administering agency. Zone 68 hunting dates, zone description, and permit quotas have been added. See N.J.A.C. 7:25 –5.25, 5.26, 5.28, 5.29, 5.30.

At the request of the US Fish and Wildlife Service, several changes were made to deer hunting seasons and zone designations for the following National Wildlife Refuges in order to reduce their administrative burden, due to a federal reduction in funding resulting in personnel cuts, Supawna Meadows Refuge (Zone 59) is incorporated in to the surrounding Zone 63; Supawna Meadows continues to be open to bow hunting only during all deer bow seasons and is closed to all deer firearm hunting. Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge divides its Zone 58 into north and south sections (Zones 58N and 58S), and makes changes to season structures in Zones 57, 58N, and 58S. No changes are made to Zone 56. In Zone 57, Fall Bow is eliminated; Permit Bow adds 29 days and follows the surrounding zone's (Zone 42) season structure; Permit Muzzleloader adds 6 days; Permit Shotgun loses two days and follows Zone 42's season structure. Zone 58's existing permit quotas are divided between Zone 58N and 58S; Zone 58N has the same season structure as the surrounding zone (Zone 51) for Permit Bow (adds 26 days), Permit Muzzleloader (adds 9 days), and Permit Shotgun (loses 13 days). Zone 58S has the same season structure as the surrounding zone (Zone 22) for Permit Bow (adds 29 days), Permit Muzzleloader (remains the same), and Permit Shotgun (loses 18 days). See N.J.A.C. 7:25 –5.25, 5.26, 5.28, 5.29, 5.30.

Legislatively created classifications of indigenous animals, exotic animals, potentially dangerous indigenous animal, and potentially dangerous exotic animal (see N.J.S.A. 23:4-63.3) are added to the Special Wildlife Management Permit section to allow for control of these animals as necessary under a permit issued by the Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife. N.J.S.A 23:4-63.3 (h)1 authorizes the Fish and Game Council to supplement the Game Code to enable the Division to control these specific species, which were previously included under the broad terminology “mammal, bird, reptile, or amphibian”. See N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.32.

Subchapter 6. 2006-2007 Fish Code

This subchapter describes the seasons, times, means and manner of taking fish (equipment, quantity, areas of fresh water available, etc.)

Subchapter 7. Miscellaneous Shellfish Rules

This subchapter establishes a license for taking oysters and proscribes taking of mussels at night or on Sunday.

Subchapter 8. Clam Licenses

This subchapter establishes the fees for and governs the use of clam licenses and establishes a fund into which those license fees are to be deposited.

Subchapter 9. Hard Clams Size Limit

This subchapter establishes a minimum size of 1 ½ inches for hard clams and conditions for the taking of clams.

Subchapter 10. Possession, propagation, Liberation, Sale and Importation of

Game Animals and Game Birds

This subchapter governs the importation, possession and farming of various categories of game animals and establishes a permit.

Subchapter 11. (Reserved)

Subchapter 12. Surf Clams

This subchapter governs the harvesting of surf clams from New Jersey waters in order to manage the surf clam population and benefit the surf clam industry.

Subchapter 13. Leased Tidal Grounds

This subchapter governs staking of leased Delaware Bay bottom tidal grounds.

Subchapter 14. Crab and Lobster Management

This subchapter describes the times, means, manner, licenses and applicable fees for the harvest and landing of crabs and lobsters from New Jersey waters.

Subchapter 15. Clam Relay Program

This subchapter governs the program by which clams are removed from specified, special restricted or condemned waters for growth on leased lots for the purpose of depuration.

Subchapter 16. Defining Fishing Lines

This subchapter lists the dividing lines in all inland waters of New Jersey upstream of which a licensee is required to fish.

Subchapter 17. Disposal and Possession of Dead Deer

This subchapter governs the disposal of road kill deer.

Subchapter 18. Marine Fisheries

This subchapter describes the seasons, means and manner of taking marine fish (equipment, quantity, etc.).

Subchapter 18A. Fisheries Closures and advisories for Striped Bass, American Eel, Bluefish, White Perch, and White Catfish taken from Northeastern Region of this State

This subchapter lists the fisheries from which it is illegal to sell fish because of PCB content and lists those fish species of which limited consumption is advised.

Subchapter 19 Atlantic Coast Harvest Season

This subchapter governs the method and season for harvesting oysters from the Atlantic Coast.

Subchapter 20. (Reserved)

Subchapter 21. Terrapin Regulations

This subchapter governs the seasons, method and minimum size of terrapin that may be taken.

Subchapter 22. Fishery management in New Jersey

This subchapter governs the seasons and methods of taking Atlantic menhaden.

Subchapter 23. Permit to Kill Wild Deer

This subchapter governs the killing of wild deer causing damage to crops which would otherwise be prohibited by the Game Code.

Subchapter 24. Leasing of Atlantic Coast Bottom for Aquaculture

This subchapter governs leasing of the ocean bottom along the Atlantic Coast for culturing of shellfish.

Social Impact

The rules proposed for readoption have had a positive social impact by continuing the Department's various programs governing the use of wildlife management areas and the taking and possession of fish, game and wildlife. These rules promote full use of the State's wildlife management areas, create recreational opportunity through hunting and fishing, create educational and career opportunities by establishing various licenses, protect farmland and other property, and promote general health through wild animal control, shellfish rules and consumption advisories. Readopting these rules will continue these beneficial social impacts.

The proposal to change the application process by which hunters and trappers obtain special season permits will ultimately be more convenient for these constituents once they become familiar with the Division's new Electronic Licensing System. As any significant change to an existing process may require a modest adjustment for its users, so too, will the implementation of the ELS require minor modification on the part of its users. Most constituents will still be able to obtain licenses and permits from the same vendors (license agents) they have been using; first time purchases may experience additional time to obtain licenses and permits as all personal information is keyed into the system. However, subsequent purchases will require less time, as a submission of the Conservation ID Number is all that will be needed. Those buyers who are computer savvy have the option of purchasing licenses and permits themselves wherever they have access to the internet. The look, material, and format of the licenses and permits have

been changed to accommodate the ELS, and the regulated community will have to familiarize themselves with that also.

The proposal to extend the length of time allowed for the processing of beaver and otter pelts will provide trappers with more time to legally meet their check-in requirements. No changes to the actual trapping season have been proposed.

The proposal to remove antler point restriction regulations from deer management zone 6 will enable hunters to harvest more antlered deer by allowing them to shoot bucks with fewer points. Written comments from hunters, specific to this zone, support this change.

The proposal to eliminate the earn-a-buck regulations in deer management zones 7–15, 36, 41, 49, 50, and 51 should renew hunter enthusiasm, thereby increasing participation in those zones involved. Many hunters had expressed their dissatisfaction with this requirement. Hunters were mandated to take an antlerless deer before taking an antlered deer from 1999–2005. As deer densities decreased, it became more difficult to meet the antlerless requirement and hunters have requested a repeal of this regulation. Although deer populations have declined, the management strategy in these zones remains a reduction strategy due to land use practices, human population densities, and above-average habitat quality, and harvests are expected to remain high due to extended season dates and unlimited antlerless bag limits. Positive hunter incentives, such as extended season lengths, will enable the Division to meet management goals more easily at current deer densities than will the negative incentive of the Earn-A-Buck regulation.

Moving the early, antlerless-only harvest shotgun and muzzleloader days from Thanksgiving week to the week after Thanksgiving, and re-installation of bow hunting

during this period creates a more contiguous season for bow hunters, lessens the confusion of alternating bow and gun days for hunters, and makes enforcement easier.

Reduction in the bag limit of antlered bucks will result in allowing more bucks to remain in the population. The perception that there will be a greater opportunity to harvest an older, larger buck continues to be a very positive hunter incentive, and a change that has been advocated by our regulated community. Some hunters may not be able to afford the increased permit costs to harvest “extra” bucks, but these will still have the opportunity to take three antlered bucks on their licenses.

In general, the ability of the Division to address people/wildlife conflicts and public health and safety related to wildlife will be maintained. The continued positive social impact anticipated includes the conservation, management, and the enhancement of the wildlife resources for recreational activities.

Economic Impact

Operation of these rules imposes some economic impacts on the regulated community both directly through license and permit fees and indirectly through gear and catch restrictions. While fees for certain commercial fishing gear and activities are imposed by these rules, a certain base level of equipment expenditure is necessary to participate in fishing as a commercial enterprise. These base level costs are driven by the nature of the activity and are not affected by Department rules. In comparison to these base level costs the fees for licensing and permitting certain commercial fishing gear, such as fishing nets or pots, are minimal, range from \$2.00 to \$100.00 and do not have a

substantial economic affect. The Department charges statutorily mandated fees to hunters, recreational fishermen and commercial shellfishermen.

Any time the harvest of an important recreational species is restricted, either through gear or catch restrictions, a negative economic impact is likely to occur. In these instances the Department must balance these negative impacts with its legislative mandate to protect the fish and wildlife resources upon which these commercial and recreational activities depend. Failure to ensure the long term viability of these fish and wildlife resources would result in severe negative economic impacts because no fish and wildlife base would exist to support these industries. Therefore, the commercial fishing and trapping industries will experience long term economic gain as a result of the imposed restrictions.

Additionally, in many instances, restrictions are imposed because failure to do so could result in a Federally imposed moratorium, with severe economic consequences. The hunting, recreational fishing and trapping communities will benefit through maintenance of healthy and productive populations of those species pursued recreationally.

The proposed amendments may have some economic impact on different portions of the regulated public and those involved in various aspects of hunting. The choice to purchase bonus permits necessary to harvest additional antlered deer would result in an increased cost for those members of the regulated community who choose to purchase these permits. However, the relatively low cost of a permit (\$28.) as compared to the amount of recreational opportunity provided by the optional additional permit is not thought to be significant. There will be little short-term positive or negative economic

impact on local retailers serving the hunting population as a result of the proposed changes.

Environmental Impact

The current rules have had a positive environmental impact by establishing the various programs that conserve the State's natural resources while allowing the widest possible use and enjoyment of those resources by the public. Readoption of these rules will continue these beneficial environmental impacts. Proposed amendments will further the efforts to conserve the wildlife resource.

Federal Standards Statement

Executive Order No. 27(1994) and N.J.S.A. 52:14B-1 et seq. (P.L. 1995, c.65) require administrative agencies which adopt, readopt or amend any State regulations that exceed any Federal standards or requirements to include in the rulemaking document a Federal standards analysis.

This proposed readoption is not proposed under the authority of or in order to implement, comply with or participate in any program established under Federal law nor do the listed statutory authorities incorporate or refer to a Federal law, standard or requirement.

Jobs Impact

In accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act, as amended by P.L. 1995, c. 166, the Department has determined that the operation of these rules may have some short term adverse effects on employment in the commercial fisheries industry at some given point in time. However, the Department's objective in these rules is both to promote long term industry stabilization and to protect the fisheries resource upon which this industry depends. The Department believes that the best way to accomplish this is through implementation of rules, including both gear and catch restrictions, which ensure the long term viability of the fisheries resource found in New Jersey's waters. This strategy will ensure steady employment over the long term. The amendments provide for continued recreational and economic benefits to the citizens of the State and the regulated use and proper management of the States wildlife resources. There are no anticipated impacts from the proposed amendments.

Agriculture Industry Impact Statement

N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4(a)2 requires that agencies proposing a rule include a statement of the impact the rule will have on the State's agricultural industry. The current rules, which allow farmers to remove certain wildlife species that destroy crops, have had a positive impact on the agricultural industry. The readoption of the current rules will continue this beneficial agricultural impact.

Regulatory Flexibility Analysis

In accordance with the New Jersey Regulatory Flexibility Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-16 et seq., the Department has determined that some entities affected by the current rules are small businesses as defined therein. These include farmers, animal dealers, exhibitors, small scientific research and educational institutions and commercial fishermen and shellfishermen.

Farmers are subject to regulation pursuant to subchapter 3, Use of Mechanical Noise Making Devices, which requires approval of the use of such devices by a conservation officer or wildlife control representative. However, no fees, capital costs or professional services are required to apply for or obtain this approval. Farmers are also subject to the requirements of subchapter 23, Permit to Kill Wild Deer, which requires farmers to obtain a permit and a firearms purchaser ID card to kill deer which are destroying crops. This subchapter also sets forth disposal and reporting requirements for deer killed under this program. However, no fees, capital costs or professional services are required to apply for or obtain such permits.

Game farmers are subject to the requirements of subchapter 10, Possession, Propagation, Liberation, Sale and Importation of Game Animals and Game Birds, as are exhibitors, theatrical agencies, zoos, animal rehabilitators, small research and educational institutions, pet stores, and any other animal handler. This subchapter requires a permit to possess a game animal or bird and regular reports to the Division, which, together with Division inspections, help ensure that the animals are properly fed, sheltered and receive proper veterinary care. A small business which is not prepared to adequately care for the

animals within its control would likely have to incur capital costs to provide for those animals and would have to engage professional veterinary services to ensure that those animals receive proper care.

Animal dealers, exhibitors, zoos and small scientific research and educational institutions may also be subject to the recordkeeping and compliance requirements of subchapter 4, Endangered, Nongame and Exotic Wildlife. Since these requirements are similar to those in subchapter 10, capital outlays to provide for the welfare of the animals may be required.

Shellfishermen are subject to the requirements of subchapters 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 19 and 24 which concerns the taking of oysters, mussels, clams, crabs and lobsters. Although these subchapters require licensing, recordkeeping and adherence to season, creel and size limits and also require marking of nets, staking of leased grounds and tagging of catch, these activities would not require professional services nor would the capital expenditure for staking and marking be significant in proportion to the profit and benefit conferred upon the licensee by shellfishing.

Commercial fishermen are subject to subchapters 18, 18A and 22. Subchapter 18, Marine Fisheries, sets the requirements of catch size limits, mesh size limits for nets, length and allowable positions of nets and establishes seasons and creel limits. Subchapter 18A, Fisheries Closures and Advisories, among other things, lists the fisheries from which it is illegal to sell fish and prohibits the selling of American eels caught in certain northern areas of New Jersey. Subchapter 22, Fishery Management, establishes seasons, licensing and record-keeping requirements and prohibits in-shore fishing for menhaden. Unless equipment is out of compliance with the current rules,

there is no capital expenditure required of these businesses nor is there any need for professional services.

In developing the current rules proposed for readoption as well as the proposed amendments, the Division of Fish and Wildlife has weighed the needs to protect New Jersey's fish and wildlife resources with the known economic impact of these rules on small businesses and has determined that any further reduction of the scope of these rules at this time would endanger the State's fish and wildlife resources and negatively impact public health and safety. Therefore, no exemption from coverage is provided under the current rules or in the proposed readoption with amendments.

Smart Growth Impact

Executive Order No. 4 (2002) requires State agencies which adopt, amend or repeal any rule adopted pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act, to describe the impact of the proposed rule on the achievement of smart growth and implementation of the New Jersey State Development and Redevelopment Plan (State Plan). The Department has evaluated this rulemaking to determine the nature and extent of the readoption's impact on smart growth and the implementation of the State Plan. The proposed amendments do not involve land use policies or infrastructure development and, therefore, do not impact smart growth.

Conservation of resources is one of the overall goals of the State Plan. Accordingly, The Division rules are consistent with the goals of the State Plan.

Full text of the rules proposed for readoption may be found in the New Jersey Administrative Code at N.J.A.C. 7:25.

Full text of the proposed amendments follows (additions indicated in boldface **thus**; deletions indicated in brackets [thus]).

SUBCHAPTER 5. [2005– 006] 2006-011 GAME CODE

7:25-5.1 General provisions

(a)–(b) (No change.)

(c) This Code, when adopted and when effective, shall supersede the provisions of the [2004–2005] **2005-2006** Game Code.

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

1-17. (No change.)

18. “Conservation ID Number” means the lifetime identification number assigned to sportsmen and sportswomen when they initially obtain a license, permit or child support certification through the electronic licensing system (ELS) beginning in 2006 and thereafter.

19. "Bonus muzzleloader permit", "Bonus shotgun permit" or "bonus bow permit" permit means the additional purchase to the regular muzzleloader, shotgun or bow antlerless permit, that contains an antlered deer transportation tag and allows for the pursuit and harvest of an antlered deer only.

20. "Electronic License System" of "ELS" means the integrated Web-based and license agent-based automated electronic license purchasing system used by the Division of Fish and Wildlife to sell hunting, fishing and trapping licenses and permits.

(e)–(f) (No change.)

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

(a) There is a closed season for bobcat. It shall be illegal to possess, take, kill or attempt to take or kill a bobcat at any time. It shall be illegal to use dogs to pursue or run black bear. There is a closed season for black bear until the Commissioner approves a comprehensive policy for the protection and propagation of black bear. Subsequent to approval of such comprehensive policy, there shall be an open season for black bear. Notice of the Commissioner's approval of the comprehensive policy and the Division's schedule for acceptance of applications for permits for the black bear hunt shall be published on the Division's website at www.njfishandwildlife.com. The season duration for black bear shall be concurrent with the six-day firearm deer season as enumerated in

N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.27(a). Legal hunting hours for black bear shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset. Following the commencement of the season, the Director may, after consultation with the Chairman, close the season. To the extent possible, the Chairman will consult with available Council members prior to consultation with the Director. The Director will announce such closure, which will become effective 24 hours from the daily legal closing time of the day on which the decision is made, based upon data obtained and reviewed by the Division. Season closure will be announced by news release, radio, the Division's website (www.njfishandwildlife.com) and other media.

1. Special black bear hunting permit requirement: All black bear hunters must have a current and valid firearm hunting license and a current and valid special "black bear hunting permit" which will be issued by the Division. A total of 10,000 special black bear hunting permits, allocated by black bear hunting area, will be available to properly licensed firearm hunters who have successfully completed a mandatory black bear hunting seminar. A random lottery will be conducted, if demand exceeds supply in any black bear hunting area. The Division will notify successful applicants of dates, times, locations and other requirements of the black bear hunting seminars. Successful applicants, who previously completed a black bear hunting seminar, may be waived from attending a current year seminar. Black bear hunting permits are not transferable and must be in the possession of the hunter while hunting black bear. Hunters are limited to one black bear hunting permit per year. Juvenile hunters aged 10 through 13 years of age must have a black bear hunting permit and be under the direct supervision of a properly

licensed adult (21 years of age or older) while bear hunting. The adult must also possess a black bear hunting permit. Direct supervision means the juvenile hunter and the supervising adult are together at the same location. The juvenile hunter may not hunt independently of the adult.

i.-ii. (No change.)

iii. Black bear hunting permits shall be applied for as follows: Holders of valid and current firearm hunting licenses, including juvenile licenses, shall apply by submitting an application [form] via the Division's ELS which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions or by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division.

First time permit applicants who do not possess a valid hunting license may apply for a black bear hunting permit provided they have applied for a hunter education course prior to the application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application. [Application forms may be obtained from license agents and Division offices.] Only one application may be submitted per individual. Submission of more than one application by an individual will cause all applications to be void. All persons, while their hunting licenses are void under authority of the law or imposed by a court, are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring, a black bear hunting permit. The application [form] shall be completed to include the applicant's Conservation ID Number or name, address, [current and valid firearm license number,]

black bear hunting area applied for, and any other information required by law or requested. Applications must be received [in the Division's Trenton Office,] no later than October 30, annually, to be included in the initial permit drawing. If the number of applications exceeds the hunting area permit quota, permit selection will be by random drawing. After the regular permit application period and initial permit selection process, nothing contained herein shall preclude the Division from issuing unfilled permits on a first come-first served basis to any properly licensed hunter. Any permit obtained by fraud shall be void.

2.-6. (No change.)

(b) (No change.)

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

(a) The duration of the [2005,] 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010 Fall Either Sex Wild Turkey Hunting Seasons for Turkey Hunting Areas 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 20 and 21 shall include a hunting period "N" of six days including: [Monday, October 31-Saturday, November 5, 2005;] Monday, October 30-Saturday, November 4, 2006; Monday, October 29-Saturday, November 3, 2007; Monday, October 27-Saturday, November 1, 2008; Monday, October 26-Saturday, October 31, 2009; and, Monday October 25-Saturday, October 30, 2010. There shall be no Fall Turkey Hunting in Turkey Hunting Areas 12, 14, 15, 16, and 22 in [2005,] 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010. The

hunting periods for all [2006,] 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 Spring Wild Turkey Gobbler

Seasons shall be as set forth in (a) 1 through 6 below as follows:

1.–5. (No change.)

6. Hunting Period G: Saturdays, [April 22 and 29 and May 6, 13 and 20, 2006;]April 21 and 28 and May 5, 12 and 19, 2007; April 19 and 26 and May 3, 10 and 17, 2008; April 18 and 25 and May 2, 9 and 16, 2009; [and,] April 24 and May 1, 8, 15 and 22, 2010; **April 23 and 30 and May 7, 14 and 21, 2011; and April 21 and 28 and May 5, 12, and 19, 2012** inclusive[.] ;

7. Hunting Period Y, exclusively applicable to youth hunters 10 to 16 years of age: April 14–May 25, 2007; April 12–May 23, 2008; April 11–May 22, 2009; April 17–May 28, 2010; April 16–May 27, 2011; and April 14–May 25, 2012 inclusive.

(b)–(c) (No change.)

(d) Special wild turkey hunting permits are valid only during the hunting period designated and only in the designated turkey hunting area. [except that spring turkey hunting permits issued in the initial lottery period to applicants 10 to 16 years of age who have a valid youth hunting license will be valid for use during other spring turkey hunting periods provided that the permittee hunts in the turkey hunting area designated by the

permit and a juvenile hunter] **Permittees** aged 10 to less than 14 years of age [is] **shall be** accompanied by and under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult who is at least 21 years of age. For the purposes of this section, direct supervision is defined as both the juvenile hunter and properly licensed adult set up together at the same location, hunting as a unit and not hunting independently of each other for different birds.[Regardless of the number of hunting periods hunted by youth permittees, the season bag limit is one bird for the permit issued in the initial lottery]. **Youth hunters, 10 to 16 years of age, may obtain only one permit for Hunting Period Y per season. Youth hunters may use their Hunting Period Y permit in the designated zone at any time the season is open, including the special youth spring turkey hunting day enumerated in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.7(o). Youth hunters, possessing permits for Hunting Periods A, B, C, D, E or G may only use these permits during the periods specified and on the special youth spring turkey hunting day. Youth hunters are not required to use their Hunting Period Y permit before using other permits.** After taking their [first] bird **with a permit for Hunting Period Y,** youth hunters are subject to the same area and hunting period that [their] **any additional regular period** hunting permit designates. Permits are not transferable.

(e) - (g) (No change.)

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

1. Holders of valid and current firearm or archery hunting licenses, including juvenile licenses, shall apply by submitting an application [form which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions]. **Applications shall be submitted via the Division's ELS or by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division.**

• First time permit applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply for a wild turkey hunting permit provided they have applied for a hunter education course prior to the permit application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application. [Application forms may be obtained from:

- i. License issuing agents;
- ii Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0400;
- iii. Wildlife Management Area Offices; or
- iv. District Law Enforcement Headquarters]

2. (No change.)

3. The application [form] shall be filled in to include[:] **the applicant's Conservation ID Number or [N] name, address, [current and valid firearm or archery hunting license number, social security 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 that are received [in the Trenton office] during the period of January 25–February 22, inclusive. Applications received after February 22 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permits will be by random drawing except that: applicants 10-16 years of age who have a valid youth hunting license will receive a spring hunting season permit for **Hunting Period Y for the turkey hunting area of their choice** [the hunting area and period applied for] separate from the spring permit quota; and, applicants who possess a “Permit to Shoot From A Standing Vehicle,” granted by the Division who have a valid license, will receive a spring hunting season permit for their first choice hunting area and hunting period separate from the spring permit quota. Persons possessing a Permit to Shoot From A Standing Vehicle shall apply for a spring turkey season permit on separate [forms] **applications** provided by the Division during the regular application period.

i. Application for the fall hunting season shall be made [in conjunction with the spring season application procedures in a form] **separately from the spring season and** as prescribed by the Division. Selection of permits will be by random drawing except that applicants 10 to 16 years of age who have a valid youth hunting license shall receive a fall hunting season permit for the hunting area applied for separate from the fall permit quota, if the area is open for the fall turkey season.

4. Unless otherwise indicated, the **non-refundable** permit **application** fee [in the form of a check or money order made] payable to "Division of Fish and Wildlife",

must accompany the completed application [form]. **If selected to receive a permit, the full permit fee will be payable to the Division.**

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. (No change.)

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

1. (No change.)

2. Application forms may be obtained from the Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0400[, or from Conservation Officers].

3. The application [form] shall be filled in to include: **Conservation ID Number** **or** [N] **n**ame, age, address,[social security number] 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. 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. (No change.)

(j) (No change.)

(k) Turkey hunting area map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The Spring Turkey Hunting Season Permit Quotas are as set forth in (k)1 below:

1. [2006–2010] **2007-2011** Spring Turkey Hunting Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

SPRING TURKEY HUNTING SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

For Hunting Periods A, B, C, D, E, and G.

Turkey Hunting Area Number	Hunting Period Permit Quota*	Season Permit Quota	Total	Portions of Counties Involved
1	240	1,440		Sussex
2	315	1,890		Sussex, Warren
3	115	690		Sussex, Warren
4	240	1,440		Sussex, Warren, Morris
5	325	1,950		Sussex
6	500	3,000		Sussex, Passaic, Bergen
7	500	3,000		Sussex, Morris, Passaic
8	325	1,950		Warren, Hunterdon

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9	220	1,320	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, <u>Somerset</u>
10	160	960	Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union, <u>Bergen,</u> <u>Hudson, Passaic</u>
11	300	1,800	Middlesex, Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
12	175	1,050	Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, <u>Ocean</u>
14	200	1,200	Burlington, Ocean, Monmouth, <u>Mercer</u>
15	200	1,200	Burlington, Ocean, Atlantic, <u>Salem, Gloucester, Camden</u>
16	200	1,200	Burlington, Atlantic, Ocean, Cape May
20	500	3,000	Cumberland, Salem, <u>Gloucester</u>
21	240	1,440	Atlantic, Cumberland, Salem, <u>Gloucester</u>
22	120	720	Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland
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Total	4,875	29,250	

*Applied to each of the six Turkey Hunting Permit hunting periods (A, B, C, D, E, G) in all areas enumerated in (a) 1 through 6 above.

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

FALL TURKEY HUNTING SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS [2005– 2010] **2007-2011**

Turkey

Hunting

Area	Permit	Portions of Counties
Number	Quota**	Involved
1	240	Sussex
2	315	Sussex, Warren
3	115	Sussex, Warren
4	240	Sussex, Warren, <u>Morris</u>
5	325	Sussex
6	500	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen
7	500	Sussex, Morris, Passaic
8	325	Warren, Hunterdon
9	220	Warren, Hunterdon,

		Morris, <u>Somerset</u>
10	160	Essex, Middlesex, Morris, Somerset, Union, <u>Bergen,</u>
		<u>Hudson, Passaic</u>
11	300	Middlesex, Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
20	500	Cumberland, Salem, <u>Gloucester</u>
21	100	Atlantic, Cumberland, Salem, <u>Gloucester</u>
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Total	3,840	

**Applied to the single Fall Turkey Hunting Period “N” in Turkey Hunting Areas 1-11, 20 and 21.

(m) (No change.)

(n) Turkey Hunting Areas are as follows:

1.-8. (No change.)

9. Turkey Hunting Area No. 9: That portion of Hunterdon, Warren, Somerset 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.–11. (No change.)

12. Turkey Hunting Area No. 12: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex, Ocean and Monmouth Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 1 and Route 206 at Trenton; 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 Sixteenth Avenue at Belmar; then west on Sixteenth Avenue to Route 35; then south on Route 35 to Route 138; then west along Route 138 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. (No change.)

14. Turkey Hunting Area No. 15: That portion of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Salem 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, Ocean, Cape May 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 Rt. 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, Gloucester 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.–18. (No change.)

(o) (No change.)

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

(a)–(b) (No change.)

(c) Special Permit: A special permit obtained from the Division of Fish 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] **Application for special permits will be made via the Division's ELS or or by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division** during the period October 1 - 31, annually. Unclaimed beaver permits may be issued over-the-counter. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and shall provide their **Conservation ID Number** [current and valid trapping license number], **or name, age, address and any other information requested thereon.** Successful applicants must trap with a valid, current trapping license. The [2005-2006,] 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, **2010-2011** annual, Special Beaver Trapping Permit quota is as follows:

ANNUAL SPECIAL BEAVER PERMIT QUOTAS

Beaver Management Zone Number*	Annual Permit Quota	Portions of Counties Involved
1	8	Sussex
2	16	Sussex
3	9	Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex
4	7	Sussex, Warren
5	12	Sussex, Warren
6	20	Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren
7	9	Essex, Morris, Passaic
8	8	Ocean
9	7	Burlington, Ocean
10	8	Atlantic, Burlington, Camden
11	6	Atlantic, Burlington, Ocean
12	3	Atlantic, Camden, Gloucester

13	10 Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland
14	2 Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem
15	2 Cumberland, Salem
16	6 Atlantic, Burlington
17	5 Atlantic
18	3 Atlantic, Cape May
19	7 Hunterdon, Morris, Warren
20	3 Hunterdon, Morris
21	1 Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
22	1 Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union
23	1 Bergen, Hudson, Passaic
24	3 Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset
25	5 Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset
26	1 Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth
27	1 Monmouth, Ocean
28	8 Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth
29	8 Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
30	6 Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem

Total	186
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* Beaver and otter management zones are described in NJAC 7:25-5.10 (h) 1. – 30.

(d)–(e) (No change.)

(f) A "beaver transportation tag" provided by the Division shall be affixed to each beaver taken immediately upon removal from trap, and all beaver pelts 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] twenty days after the close of the season.

(g)–(i) (No change.)

7:25-5.10 River otter (*Lutra cana[n]densis*) trapping

(a)–(b) (No change.)

(c) Special Permit: A special permit obtained from the Division of Fish 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] **Application for special permits will be made via the Division's ELS or, in the event of ELS operating difficulties, by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division** during the period October 1-31, annually. Unclaimed otter permits may be issued over-the-counter. Only one application per person may be submitted for trapping otter and applicants shall provide their **Conservation ID Number** [trapping license number], **or name, age, address and any other information requested thereon.** Permits will be allotted on a zone basis as follows: Zone 1-7, Zone 2-7, Zone 3-2, Zone 4-3, Zone 5-2, Zone 6-9, Zone 7-3, Zone 8-6, Zone 9-3, Zone 10-4, Zone 11-5, Zone 12- 2, Zone 13-14, Zone 14-7, Zone 15- 12, Zone 16-4, Zone 17-2, Zone 18-5, Zone 19-1, Zone 20-1, Zone 26-1, Zone 27-1, Zone 30-5. Total: 106. Successful applicants must trap with a valid, current trapping license.

(d) (No change.)

(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 on the dates specified on the otter permit and, in any case, no later than [seven] **twenty** days after the close of the season, where a pelt tag will be affixed and the carcass surrendered.

(f)–(g) (No change.)

(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 Rt. 636 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south on Rt. 206 to **its intersection with** Rt. 521, then southwest on Rt. 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 Big Flatbrook River; then southwest along the southern bank of the Big Flatbrook River to its confluence with the Delaware River, then north along the Delaware River to the New York-New Jersey state line; then south along the New York-New Jersey state line to Rt. 519, the point of beginning.

2.–12. (No change.)

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

14. Zone 14: That portion of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Delaware Bay and the west bank of the Maurice River; then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to Rt. 631, then north along Rt. 631 to its intersection with Rt. 553; then north along Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 536/322 at Glassboro, then east along Rt. 322/536 to its intersection with Rt. 555 near Williamstown; then south along Rt. 555/557 to its intersection with Rt. 671 (Union Rd.) near Buena, then south on Rt. [71/] 671 to its

intersection with Rt. 49 at Cumberland, then east on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Rd.), then south on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 47 at Port Elizabeth; then south on Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 740; then southwest on Rt. 740 to **its intersection with** Rt. 616 (Dorchester-Heislerville Rd.), then south on Rt. 616 to **to its intersection with** East Point Rd. in Heislerville **Wildlife** Management Area; then south on East Point Rd. to the Delaware Bay, then west along the Delaware Bay to its intersection with the west bank of the Maurice River, the point of beginning.

15.–28. (No change.)

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

its intersection with Route 541 at Mt. Holly; then north along Route 541 to the Delaware River at Burlington, the point of beginning.

(i) (No change.)

7:25-5.13 Migratory birds

(a)–(b) (No change.)

(c) A person shall not take, attempt to take, hunt for or have in possession, any migratory game birds including waterfowl, except at the time and in the manner prescribed in the Code of Federal Regulations by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, for the current hunting season or during the period that a U.S. Department of Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Conservation Order or Managed Take Option is in effect. The species of migratory game birds, including waterfowl, that may be taken or possessed and, unless otherwise provided, the daily bag limits shall be the same as those prescribed by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the current hunting season or during the period that a Conservation Order or Managed Take Option is in effect. Effective September 1, 1998, anyone engaged in hunting migratory birds including waterfowl, woodcock, mourning doves, rails and gallinules must comply with the rules of the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (HIP) as specified in 50 C.F.R. [Part] § 20.20 Migratory Bird

Harvest Information Program; Final Rule, incorporated herein by reference, wherein licensed hunters are required to supply their names, addresses, and migratory bird harvest information to the hunting license authority of the state in which they hunt. Hunters are required to have evidence of participation in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program on their person while hunting migratory game birds. [Evidence of participation shall include a code number the hunter will enter on his or her valid hunting license. The code number will be obtained via a telephone interview utilizing a toll free number provided by the Division.] **Evidence of participation shall include a HIP certification on his or her valid hunting license. The HIP certification shall be obtained via the Division's ELS.**

(d)–(r) No changes.

7:25-5.16 General falconry rules

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

1. (No change.)
2. Classes of permits are as follows:

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

(1)-(2) (No change.)

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

ii. – iii. (No change.)

3. – 12. (No change.)

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

(a) Except as noted in (c) below, [the duration for] the season of hunting raccoons and Virginia opossum [is: October 1, 2003 to March 1, 2004; October 1, 2004 to March 1, 2005; and October 1, 2005 to March 1, 2006,] **shall begin on October 1, annually (except in years when October 1 is a Sunday in which case the season shall begin on October 2) and shall conclude on the following March 1,** inclusive. The hours for hunting are one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise, except on opening days hunting may begin at one hour after sunset.

(b) (No change.)

(c) A person shall not hunt for raccoon or opossum with dogs and firearms or weapons of any kind during the six day firearm deer season **as set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.27 (a)** or on the Wednesday [,] **of** shotgun permit deer season, immediately following the six-day firearm deer season **as set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:25 – 5.29(d)**.

(d) (No change.)

(e) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:4-1, 23:4-2, 23:4-12, **23:4-24** and 23:4-25 and other applicable statutes.

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

(a)–(c) (No change.)

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

(e)–(f) (No change.)

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

(a) (No change.)

(b) The use of dogs shall not be allowed for fox and coyote hunting during the bow and arrow only, fox and coyote season listed in (a) 1 above. The use of dogs for fox and coyote hunting is permitted during the regular firearm or bow and arrow season enumerated in (a) 2. above, except dogs shall not be allowed for fox and coyote hunting [and] during the six-day firearm deer season set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.27(a), or on the Wednesday [,] of the shotgun permit deer season [day], immediately following the six-day firearm deer season and set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.29(d), or when persons are engaged in hunting coyote or fox under the special season provisions included in sections (h) and (i) below. Properly licensed persons may continue to hunt fox or coyote with dogs through the end of the regular fox and coyote season as set forth in (a)2. above pursuant to regular season regulations including the requirement to wear fluorescent hunter's orange. Properly licensed persons hunting deer during the six-day firearm, muzzleloader rifle permit or shotgun permit deer seasons may kill fox or coyote, if the fox or coyote is encountered before said person has taken the season bag limit of deer. However, after the person has taken a daily bag limit of deer he or she must cease hunting immediately.

(c) The hours for hunting fox and coyote during the regular bow and arrow season included in (a)1 above and during the regular firearm or bow and arrow season included in (a)2 above are [8:00 A.M. to 1/2 hour after sunset on the opening day of the firearm or bow and arrow coyote season listed in (a)2 above and on other days from] 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset [, except as noted for coyote in (f)

below] **except on the opening day of the regular small game season enumerated in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.2(a) and N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.3(a) when hunting hours shall be 8:00 A.M. until ½ hour after sunset.**

(d)–(e) (No change.)

(f) The hours for the hunting of coyote, red fox and gray fox during the special eastern coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season listed in (e) above are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.], except as noted in (h) below which allows coyote hunting at night between ½ hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise] **The hours for the hunting of coyote during the special coyote season as noted in (h) and (i) below which allows coyote hunting at night are ½ hour after sunset to ½ hour before sunrise with 10 or 12 gauge shotguns only.**

(g) (No change.)

(h) [During] **While hunting under the special provisions of this subsection and (i) below during** the [period of] special eastern coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season listed in (e) above, exclusively, hunting methods shall be restricted to calling and stand hunting. No person shall stalk or attempt to approach a coyote, red fox or gray fox for the purpose of taking or attempting to take the animal. A predator calling device must be in possession while hunting. The use of dogs or bait is prohibited. Portable lights are permitted. Fluorescent hunter's orange is not required on outer clothing for **fox and**

coyote hunting during the special **fox and** eastern coyote hunting season. A special eastern coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season permit is required [from the Division] **and must be in possession while hunting under the special provisions of this subsection and subsection (i) below.** Permits shall be applied for [as follows:] **via the Division's ELS or y providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division. Persons purchasing a special season permit must have a valid hunting license.**

1. [A three inch by five inch index card or application provided by the Division containing the applicant's name, mailing address, date of birth, hunting license number and evening phone number must be submitted to the Division's Trenton Office by November 15 annually. Applicants shall write special coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting season at the bottom of the card. In addition, nothing in this subsection shall preclude the Division from taking application for and providing issuance of special coyote, red fox and gray fox hunting permits at subsequent times, upon notice of the dates and procedures thereof by the Division. Such notification shall be announced by press and/or radio.] **Reserved.**

(i)–(k) (No change.)

7:25-5.22 Wild animals; possession, killing

(a) (No change.)

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

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

2. Nothing in this section shall preclude a person from taking resident Canada geese or their nests or eggs as permitted by 50 CFR Part ~~21.49~~-21.61 as authorized by the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service. Persons taking resident Canada geese or their nests or eggs under this section may be required to report on or keep a log of their activities as defined in 50 CFR Part ~~21.49~~ 21.61. Methods and circumstances where Canada geese, or their nests or eggs may be taken will be authorized by the Director, with the approval of the Council.

(c) – (h) (No change.)

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

- (a) Duration of the fall bow season is as set forth in (a)1 through 2 below. Legal hunting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

1. [October 1-28, 2005;] September 30, 2006-October 27, 2006; September 29, 2007-October 26, 2007; October 4, 2008-October 31, 2008; October 3, 2009-October 30, 2009; [and] October 2, 2010-October 29, 2010; **and October 1, 2011–October 28, 2011** in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 39, 43, 45, 46, [53] **54**–55 and 65.

2. [September 10–October 28, 2005;] September 9, 2006-October 27, 2006; September 8, 2007-October 26, 2007; September 13, 2008-October 31, 2008; September 12, 2009-October 30, 2009; [and,] September 11, 2010-October 29, 2010; **and September 10, 2011–October 28, 2011** in Zones 2, 5, 7–17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 40–42, 47–51, **53**, [57], 63 [and] 66, **and 68**.

3. (No change.)

(b) Bag Limit: Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the fall bow season. Hunters taking an antlered buck in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have a “Fall Bow Only Antlered Buck Stub” from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license which is designated for use during the fall bow season. **Beginning in 2007 hunters must use an antlered deer transportation tag**

from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license, which is designated for use during the fall bow season, when registering an antlered deer. The standard bag limit is two deer, either one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless in Zones: 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, [53,] 55, and 65. In Zones: 2, 5, 7-17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 39-42, 47-51, **53,** 54, [57,] 63, and 66 the bag limit is one antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer. **Beginning in 2007 in Zones: 2, 5, 7-17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 39-42, 47-51, 53, 54, 63, 66 and 68 the bag limit is one antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer.** In Zones 7–15, 36, 40, 41, 49, 50 and 51, **Earn-A-Buck regulations are in effect** [an antlerless deer must be taken from one of these zones before an antlered deer may be taken] throughout the **2006** season. In Zones 2, 5, 16, 17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 42, 47, 48, **53,** [57] and 63 an antlerless deer must be taken before an antlered deer from [September 10–30, 2005;] September 9-29, 2006;[; September 8-28, 2007; September 13-October 3, 2008; September 12-October 2, 2009; and, September 11-October 1, 2010 after these periods, the earn-a-buck requirement does not apply.] **Beginning in 2007 in Zones 2, 5, 7–17, 19, 22, 25–29, 31, 35, 36, 41, 42, 47–51, 53, 63 and 68, an antlerless deer must be taken before an antlered deer from September 8-28, 2007; September 13-October 3, 2008; September 12-October 2, 2009; and, September 11-October 1, 2010; and, September 10–30, 2011.** Properly licensed hunters who harvest their first deer during the bow season subject to the provisions of this section will be given a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” (supplemental tag), upon registration of their deer at a designated deer check station. This tag will be valid for the taking of one additional deer, either an antlered or antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlerless; or, an

antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlered []. The supplemental tag may be used in any zone that is open for the season subject to the limitations of this section. Properly licensed hunters that harvest a second deer may obtain a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” upon registration of their second deer at a designated check station. Supplemental tags for the taking of a third or subsequent deer are valid only in zones that have a bag limit of an unlimited number of antlerless deer listed above. After taking a second deer **in any zone**, hunters may not hunt deer during the fall bow season in the following Zones: 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, [53,] 55 and 65. One additional supplemental tag, valid only in zones with an unlimited antlerless deer bag limit, will be issued upon registration of each subsequent deer until the season concludes.

Beginning in 2007, supplemental tags will only be issued for antlerless deer. No supplemental tags will be issued for antlered deer. After harvesting the season limit of one antlered deer, supplemental deer tags will only be valid for taking antlerless deer. All supplemental tags are valid on the date of issuance in all zones that are open for this season. Deer shall be tagged immediately with completely filled in “transportation tag” and shall be transported to a deer checking station before 8:00 P.M. D.S.T. or E.S.T., whichever is in effect, on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked on the deer before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. The supplemental tag shall be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck must immediately detach, date and initial the current year “Fall Bow Only Antlered Buck

Stub” from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. **The buck stub requirement is discontinued beginning in 2007.**

1. (No change.)

2. In Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, and 63 it shall be illegal to kill, take or attempt to take any antlered deer which does not have a minimum of three antler points on one side. **Beginning in 2007, it shall be legal to kill, take or attempt to take an antlered deer with less than three antler points on one side in Zone 6.**

3. (No change.)

(c)–(d) (No change.)

7:25-5.26 White-tailed deer winter bow season

(a) Duration of the winter bow season is from [January 2–31, 2006;] January 1-31, 2007, January 1-31, 2008, January 1-31, 2009, January 1-30, 2010, [and] January 1-31, 2011, **and January 2–31, 2012** in zones: 1–6, 16-19, 21-31, 34, 35, 39, 40, 42, 43, 45-48, 53, 54, 55, 63, 65 [and] 66 , **and 68**. Duration of the season is: [January 2 – February 18, 2006,] January 1-February 17, 2007, January 1-February 16, 2008, January 1-February 21, 2009, January 1-February 20, 2010, [and] January 1-February 19, 2011,

and January 2–February 18, 2012 in zones: 7–15, 36, 37, 41, 49, 50, [and] 51 **and 64**,

except closed January 1 (New Years Day) in Zone 37. Legal hunting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

(b) Bag Limit: Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the winter bow season where the season is open. [Hunters taking an antlered buck in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have an antlered buck stub from their bow and arrow hunting license or all around sportsman license which is designated for use during the winter bow season.] **Beginning in 2007, hunters must use the antlered buck transportation tag from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license, which is designated for use during the winter bow season, when registering an antlered deer.** The standard bag limit is two deer, one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, 53, 55 and 65. In Zones 2, 5, 7-17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 39-42, 47-51, 54, 63, **64** [and] 66 **and 68**, the bag limit is one antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer. Properly licensed hunters who take their first deer during the winter bow season will be given a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” (supplemental tag), upon registration of their first deer at a designated deer check station **if that deer is antlerless only**. This tag will be valid for the taking of one additional **antlerless** deer [, either an antlered or antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlerless; or, an antlerless deer, if the first deer was antlered]. **No supplemental tags will be issued for antlered deer.** The supplemental tag may be used in any zone that is open for the winter bow season subject to the limitations of this section. Properly licensed hunters that take a second **antlerless**

deer may obtain a “New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag” upon registration of their second antlerless deer at a designated check station. [Supplemental tags for the taking of a third or subsequent deer are only valid in zones that have a bag limit of an unlimited number of antlerless deer.] Supplemental tags for the taking of a third and subsequent antlerless deer will only be valid in the zones listed above having an unlimited bag limit for antlerless deer. After taking a second deer in any zone, hunters may not hunt deer during the winter bow season in the following Zones: 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, 53, 55 and 65. One additional supplemental tag, valid only in zones with an unlimited antlerless deer bag limit, will be issued upon registration of each subsequent deer until the season concludes. Supplemental tags and antlerless transportation tags attached to the regular license are only valid for taking antlerless deer [except that they are valid for taking an antlered deer when accompanied by a proper and valid antlered buck stub designated for use during the winter bow season. After harvesting the season limit of one antlered deer, supplemental tags will only be valid for taking antlerless deer.] All supplemental tags are valid on the date of issuance in all zones that are open for the winter bow season. Upon harvesting a deer, hunters must immediately detach, completely fill out and attach the “transportation tag” to the deer, and then take the deer to a deer checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked on the deer before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. [In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck must immediately detach, date and initial the current year “Winter Bow Only

Antlered Buck Stub” from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station.]

1. (No change.)

2. In Zones 3, [6,] 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, and 63 it shall be illegal to kill, take or attempt to take any antlered deer which does not have a minimum of three antler points on one side. **Beginning in January 2008, Zone 6 will no longer have Antler Point Restrictions.**

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

(d) (No change.)

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

(a) (No change.)

(b) Bag Limit: Two antlered deer, with antler at least three inches long. Deer shall be tagged immediately with the "transportation tag" appropriate for the season, completely filled in and shall be transported to a checking station before 7:00 P.M. on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked on the deer before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. The possession of a deer after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal possession seal shall be deemed illegal possession. Upon completion of the registration of the first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag" will be issued which will allow that person to continue hunting and take one additional deer with antler at least three inches long during the current, six-day firearm season. The supplemental tag shall be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck this season must immediately detach, date and initial the current year "Antlered Buck Stub Six-Day Firearm Only" for their first buck; and, "Antlered Buck Stub-Six-Day Firearm or Permit Shotgun Only" for their second buck from their firearm hunting or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. Hunters who take two antlered deer during the six-day firearm season are prohibited from taking an antlered buck during the regular permit shotgun season. **Beginning in 2007 hunters must use the antlered buck transportation tag provided on their firearm or all around license for their first deer**

and no supplemental deer tag will be issued. Hunters who wish to pursue or take a second antlered buck during the six-day firearm season must first purchase an antlerless muzzleloader permit season permit and a bonus muzzleloader antlered buck permit or an antlerless shotgun permit season permit and a bonus shotgun antlered buck permit which shall be valid for taking a second buck during the six-day firearm season. No supplemental tags will be issued for antlered deer. Hunters must first purchase a muzzleloader permit season or shotgun permit season permit for antlerless deer to be eligible to purchase a bonus antlered buck permit. Bonus antlered muzzleloader and bonus antlered shotgun permits are valid statewide during the six-day firearm season. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to a check station by closing time shall be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. This deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag." If the season has concluded, this deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag." It is unlawful to attempt to take or to continue to hunt for more than the number of deer permitted.

1. (No change.)
2. In Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37 and 63, it shall be illegal to kill, take or attempt to take any antlered deer which does not have a minimum of three antler points

on one side. **Beginning in 2007, it shall be legal to kill, take or attempt to take an antlered deer with less than three antler points on one side in Zone 6.**

3. (No change.)

(c) This season shall be open only to holders of a valid and current firearm hunting or all around sportsman license which contains an attached six-day firearm season transportation tag or a proper and valid supplemental tag. In addition, hunters participating in the season must have a valid antlered buck stub attached to their firearm or all around sportsman license which is designated for use during the six-day firearm season. **The buck stub requirement is discontinued beginning in 2007. Beginning in 2007, this season shall be open only to holders of a valid and current firearm hunting or all around license that contains an attached six-day firearm season antlered buck transportation tag. A second antlered deer may be pursued or taken by holders of a proper and valid muzzleloader permit season or shotgun permit season bonus antlered buck permit.** If the anticipated harvest of deer has not been accomplished during this season, additional days of deer hunting may be authorized by the Director, with the approval of the Council. Such authorization and dates thereof shall be announced by press and radio.

(d)–(f) (No change.)

7:25-5.28 White-tailed deer muzzleloader rifle permit season

(a)–(b) (No change.)

(c) Bag Limit: Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the muzzleloader rifle permit season, regardless of the number of permits obtained. Hunters taking an antlered buck in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have an “Antlered Buck Stub” from their firearm or all around sportsman license from the calendar year in which the season begins which is designated for use during the “Permit Muzzleloader Only” season. Two deer, one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless may be taken [on a permit] in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 37, 43, 45, 46, 53, 55 and 65. One antlered and an unlimited number of antlerless deer may be taken in Zones 2, 5, 7–17, 19, 22, 25–29, 31, 35, 36, 38–42, 47–51, 54, 57, **58N, 58S** [-59], 61, 63, 66 [and] 67 **and 68**, except as noted below and in (c) 1 and 2 below. Only one deer may be taken at a time per permit until the season limit is reached except in Zones 5, 7–15, 17, 19, 25, 36, 38–42, 48–51, 54, **57, 58N,** [59 and] 66 **and 68** where the limit is two deer at a time [per permit] until the season concludes. In Zones 2, 5, 7–17, 19, 22, 25–29, 31, 35, 36, 38–42, 47–51, 54, 57, **58N, 58S** [-59], 61, 63, 66 [and] 67, **and 68** supplemental tags for the taking of a third and subsequent deer will be issued upon registration of deer at official deer checking stations until the season concludes. In Zones 7–15, 36, 41, 49, 50, [and] 51 **and 58N** only antlerless deer may be taken on applicable muzzleloader season permits during the period of [November 21–23 and 25 and December 5–10, 2005;] November 20–22 and 24 and December 4–9, 2006; November [19–21 and 23] **28–30** and December 3–8, 2007; [November 24–26 and 28] **December 3–5**

and December 8-13, 2008; [November 23-25 and 27] **December 2-4** and December 7-12, 2009; [and, November 22- 4 and 26] **December 1-3** and December 6-11, 2010, **and November 30-December 2 and December 5-10, 2011.** [In Zones 5, 17, 19, 25, 42 and 48 only antlerless deer may be taken during the periods of December 5-10, 2005;] **In Zones 5, 17, 19, 25, 42, 48, 57, and 68 only antlerless deer may be taken during the periods of** December 4-9, 2006; December 3-8, 2007; December 8-13, 2008; December 7-12, 2009; [and] December 6-11, 2010; **and December 5-10, 2011.** All supplemental tags are valid on the date of issuance and only in the zone for which the special season permit was issued. All deer registration requirements apply. Deer shall be tagged immediately with the muzzleloader rifle permit season permit, transportation tag completely filled in, and shall be transported to a deer checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked on the deer before leaving the deer check station. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck must immediately detach, date and initial the “Antlered Buck Stub-Permit Muzzleloader Only” from their firearm or all around sportsman license from the calendar year in which the season began, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. In zones where the muzzleloader rifle permit season extends into January or February, the buck stub from the calendar year in which the season began shall be valid until the end of the season. **Beginning in 2007 the “Antlered Buck Stub” requirement is discontinued. Beginning in 2007 hunters must use an antlered deer transportation tag from their bonus muzzleloader permit**

which is designated for use during the permit muzzleloader season, when registering an antlered deer. The bonus muzzleloader permit with antlered deer transportation tag which is valid only for the harvest of one antlered deer, must be purchased in addition to an antlerless muzzleloader permit. The bonus muzzleloader permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be used in any zone for which the hunter has already purchased an antlerless permit. The bonus muzzleloader permit with antlered deer transportation tag must be purchased prior to the season opener or at the time of the purchase of the initial antlerless muzzleloader permit if the season has already begun. The possession of a deer after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal possession seal shall be deemed illegal possession. Except as noted in (c) 1 through 3 below upon completion of registration of first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag" (supplemental tag) will be issued which will allow this person to continue hunting and take one additional **antlerless** deer [either an antlered deer or antlerless deer if the first deer was antlerless or an antlerless deer if the first deer was antlered] during the current muzzleloader rifle permit season. The supplemental tag shall be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply. **No supplemental tags shall be issued for antlered deer.**

1. In Zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, and 51, [an antlerless deer must be taken from one of these zones in each year before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer on] **the Earn-A-Buck regulation is in effect** [November 28 or 29, 2005;] November 27 or 28, 2006; [November 26 or 27, 2007; December 1 or 2, 2008; November 30 or December 1, 2009; and, November 29 or 30, 2010]. An antlerless deer

taken in these zones on [November 21–23, and 25, 2005;] November 20-22 and 24, 2006; [November 19-21 and 23, 2007; November 24-26 and 28, 2008; November 23-25 and 27, 2009; and, November 22-24 and 26, 2010,] also satisfies the earn-a-buck requirement for the [respective] year. **Beginning in 2007 Earn-A-Buck regulations are no longer in effect in Zones 7–15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51, and 58N.** In Zones 40 and 67 an antlerless deer must be taken in each year before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer during the prescribed muzzleloader deer seasons. It shall not be necessary to harvest an antlerless deer before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer during muzzleloader, permit season days scheduled after the conclusion of the six-day firearm season.

2. In Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, [59,] 63, and 67, it shall be illegal to kill, take or attempt to take any antlered deer which does not have a minimum of three antler points on one side. **Beginning in 2007, it shall be legal to kill, take or attempt to take an antlered deer with less than three antler points on one side in Zone 6.**

3. (No change.)

(d) Duration of the muzzleloader rifle permit season is as set forth in (d)1 through 15 below. There is no season in the following Zones: 56 and 64. Legal hunting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset E.S.T.

1. [November 28, 29 and December 12, 13, 17 – 31, 2005 and] January 2 – 6, 2006; November 27, 28 and December 11, 12, 16 - 23, 26 - 30, 2006 and January 1 - 5,

2007; November 26, 27 and December 10, 11, 15 - 24, 26 - 31, 2007 and January 1 - 4, 2008; December 1, 2, 15, 16, 20 - 24, 26 - 31, 2008 and January 1 - 9, 2009; November 30 and December 1, 14, 15, 19 - 24, 26 - 31, 2009 and January 1 - 8, 2010; and, November 29, 30 and December 13, 14, 18 - 24, 27 - 31, 2010 and January 1 - 7, 2011 in Zones 1-3, 6, 16, 18, 21-24, 26-31, 34, 35, 43, 45- 47, 55, [57], **58S**, 61, 63 and 65.

2. (No change.)

3. [November 21-23, 25, 28, 29 and December 5-10, 12, 13, 17-31, 2005 and January 2-February 11, 2006;] November 20-22, **24**, 27, 28, and December 4-9, 11, 12, 16-23, 26-30, 2006 and January 1-February 10, 2007; November [19-21, 23,] 26-**30**[, 27] and December 3-8, 10, 11, 15-24, 26-31, 2007 and January 1-February 9, 2008; [November 24-26, 28 and] December [1, 2,]**1-5**, 8-13, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and January 1-February 14, 2009; November [23-25, 27,] 30 [and] December 1, 7-12, 14, 15, 19-24, 26-31, 2009 and January 1-February 13, 2010; and, November [22-24, 26,] 29[**2**, 30 and] December **3**, 6-11, 13, 14, 18-24, 27-31, 2010 and January 1-February 12, 2011;
and November 28-December 2, December 5-10, 12, 13, 17-24, 26-31, 2011 and January 2-February 11, 2012 in Zones 7-15, 36, 41, 49, 50 and 51.

4. [November 28 and 29 and December 5-10, 12, 13, 17-31, 2005 and January 2-31, 2006;] November 27, 28 and December 4-9, 11, 12, 16-23, 26-30, 2006 and January 1-[5] **31**, 2007; November 26, 27 and December 3-8, 10, 11, 15-24, 26-31, 2007 and January 1-[4] **31**, 2008; December 1, 2, 8-13, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and January 1-[9] **31**, 2009; November 30 and December 1, 7-12, 14, 15, 19-24, 26-31, 2009 and

January 1–[8] 30, 2010; [and,] November 29, 30 and December 6-11, 13, 14, 18 -24, 27-31, 2010 and January 1–[7] 31, 2011; and November 29, 30 and December 5–10, 12, 13, 17–24, 26–31, 2011 and January 2–31, 2012 in Zones 5, 17, 19, 25, 42 [and] 48, and 68.

5.–7. (No change.)

8. [November 5, 11, 12, 19, and 21–23, 25 and 26, 2005;] November 4, 10, 11, 18, 20–22, 24 and 25, 2006; November 3, 10, 12, 17, 19–21, 23 and 24, 2007; November 8, 11, 15, 22, 24–26, 28 and 29, 2008; November 7, 11, 14, 21, 23–25, 27 and 28, 2009; [and,] November 6, 11, 13, 20, 22–24, 26 and 27, 2010; and November 5, 11, 12, 19, 21 –23, 25 and 26, 2011 in Zone 40.

9.–10. (No change.)

11. [December 12 - 24, 2005; December 11 - 23, 2006; December 10 - 22, 2007; December 15 - 27, 2008; December 14 - 26, 2009; and, December 13 - 24, 2010 in Zone 59.]] November 27, 28 and December 4-9, 11, 12, 16 - 23, 26 - 30, 2006 and January 1 - 5, 2007; November 26, 27 and December 3-8, 10, 11, 15 - 24, 26 - 31, 2007 and January 1 - 4, 2008; December 1-5, 15, 16, 20 - 24, 26 - 31, 2008 and January 1 - 9, 2009; November 30 and December 1, 7-12, 14, 15, 19 - 24, 26 - 31, 2009 and January 1 - 8, 2010; and, November 29, 30 and

December 6-11, 13, 14, 18 - 24, 27 - 31, 2010 and January 1 - 7, 2011 in Zone

57.

12.-13. (No change.)

14. [(Reserved.)] **November 20-22, 24, 27, 28, and December 4-9, 11, 12, 16-23, 26-30, 2006 and January 1-5, 2007; November 26-30 and December 3-8, 10, 11, 15-24, 26-31, 2007 and January 1-4, 2008; December 1-5, 8-13, 15, 16, 20-24, 26-31, 2008 and January 1, 2, 2009; November 30 December 1, 7-12, 14, 15, 19-24, 26-31, 2009 and January 1, 2010; and, November 29 December 3, 6-11, 13, 14, 18-24, 27-31, 2010 and January 1-8, 2011; and November 28-December 2, December 5-10, 12, 13, 17-24, 26-31, 2011 and January 2-February 11, 2012 in Zone 58N.**

(e) **Antlerless [P] permits** for muzzleloader rifle permit season are valid only in the designated deer management zones or other designated areas and are not transferable. **Bonus muzzleloader permits with antlered deer transportation tag may used in any zone for which the hunter has already purchased an antlerless muzzleloader permit for use during this season.**

(f) Method: The taking of two deer, one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless, except as noted in (c)1 through 3 above, or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts is authorized to holders of valid permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season in designated deer management zones. The taking of two deer, one antlered and one antlerless, or two antlerless or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts is authorized to holders of valid farmer permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season only on

the farm occupied and designated on the permit application.

1. Limited quota, special deer permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses and qualified farmers. Only one application per regular firearm license holder may be submitted, whether for muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit seasons, during the initial application period. [During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a left-over shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing.] Duplicate or multiple applications will cause all applications to be void. All persons, while their hunting licenses are void under the authority of law or as imposed by a court, are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring a muzzleloader deer permit. For special management zones where the agency administering the affected land requires that hunters attend mandatory hunter orientation as a condition of access, failure to attend the designated session shall result in invalidation of the muzzleloader season permit for the zone. Limited quota, special deer permit zones include the following deer management zones: 37, 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 57, 58N, 58S, [59,] 61, 66 [and] 67, and 68. Only one antlerless muzzleloader rifle permit season permit may be purchased per zone. Only one bonus muzzleloader permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be purchased per season.

2. All other deer permits for muzzleloader rifle permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses and rifle permits [at designated license issuing agents] **via the Division's ELS or y providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division.** These permits may be issued beginning on the effective date of the current Game Code, or as authorized by the Division, through the last day of the season. Qualified applicants may purchase permits [from authorized agents] **via the Division's ELS or by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division** for the following deer management zones: 1-19, 21-31, 34-36, 41-43, 45, 46-51, 55, 63 and 65. Qualified farmers may obtain permits as provided in [section] (i) below. Only one muzzleloader rifle permit season permit may be purchased per zone.

(g) (No change.)

(h) Muzzleloader Rifle Permit Season limited quota, special deer permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Holders of valid and current firearm hunting licenses shall apply by submitting an application [form] which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions. First time permit applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply for a muzzleloader rifle deer season permit provided they have applied for a hunter education

course prior to the permit application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application. [Application forms may be obtained from:

i. Division of Fish and Wildlife, PO Box 400, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0400

ii. License issuing agents

iii. Conservation Officers

iv. Other Division offices

v. Other Division field offices]

2. (No change.)

3. Only one application whether for limited quota **antlerless and bonus** muzzleloader rifle or shotgun permit season or as provided for in (h)1 above, may be submitted by any regular firearm license holder during the initial permit application period. During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a left-over shotgun or muzzleloader deer permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing. Applications for more

than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void and subject the applicant to prosecution.

4. The application [form] shall be filled in to include: **Conservation ID Number** **or** name, address, current firearm hunting license number, deer management zone applied for, [social security number,] 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 June 1–August 31 inclusive. Applications [postmarked] **submitted** after August 31 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permittees will be made by random selection.

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

6. Successful applicants will [receive their permits by mail] **be notified**. Unless otherwise indicated, the **non-refundable** permit **application** fee [in the form of a check or money order, made] payable to "Division of Fish and Wildlife" must accompany the completed application [form]. **If selected to receive a permit, the full permit fee will be payable to the Division.**

7. (No change.)

(i) Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 23:3-56.1[.], **[O]ccupant** and non-occupant Farmer Muzzleloader Rifle Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. – 2. (No change.)

3. Application forms may be obtained from the County Agricultural Agent, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0400, [Conservation Officers,] or other Division offices.

4. The application form shall be filled in to include: **Conservation ID Number** **or** name, age, size of farm, address, social security number, and any other information requested thereon. Properly completed application forms will be accepted [in the Trenton office] during the period of June 1 to October 1. After that date, permits may not be received in time for the opening day of the season. There is no fee required, and all qualified applicants will receive a farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permit, delivered by mail.

5. Qualified farmers may apply for one shotgun **antlerless and one bonus** permit season permit in any management zone in addition to one muzzleloader **antlerless and one bonus** rifle permit season permit in any management zone where a muzzleloader rifle permit season is prescribed. Qualified farmers may also apply for either the muzzleloader rifle permit season permits or shotgun permit season permits as a regular

firearm hunting license applicant. **No farmer may use more than one bonus permit for any season.** Application for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void.

6. (No change.)

(j) Muzzleloader Rifle, Occupant and Farmer Muzzleloader Rifle and Non-occupant Farmer Muzzleloader Rifle Season Permits shall be used as follows:

1. The **antlerless and bonus** muzzleloader rifle permit season permits [is] **are** valid only in the deer management zone (DMZ) designated and [is] **are** not transferable from individual to individual. The muzzleloader rifle permit season permit hunter is responsible for hunting in the correct DMZ as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

2. The occupant farmer **antlerless and bonus** muzzleloader rifle permit season permits [is] **are** valid only on the farm occupied and designated in the application and [is] **are** not transferable from deer management zone to deer management zone, or from farm to farm, or from individual to individual. The occupant farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permit hunter is responsible for hunting on the correct farm in the correct DMZ as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

3. The non-occupant farmer **antlerless and bonus** muzzleloader rifle season permits [is] **are** valid only on private land within the deer management zone designated in the permit and [is] **are** not valid on public lands within the DMZ. [It is]**The permits are** not transferable from deer management zone to deer management zone or from individual to individual. The non-occupant farmer muzzleloader rifle permit season permit hunter is responsible for hunting on private lands in the DMZ as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The [2005-2006,] 2006-2007; 2007-2008; 2008-2009; 2009-2010; [and,] 2010-2011; **and 2011-2012** Muzzleloader Rifle Deer Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

MUZZLELOADER RIFLE PERMIT SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

Deer Mgt. Zone No.	Season Dates Code	Permit Quota	Portions of Counties Involved
1	1	1,140	Sussex
2	1	2,510	Sussex
3	1	1,180	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Morris
4	2	1,270	Sussex, Warren

5	4	3,510	Sussex, Warren
6	1	1,760	Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren
7	3	1,690	Warren, Hunterdon
8	3	2,920	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
9	3	530	Morris, Somerset
10	3	1,760	Warren, Hunterdon
11	3	1,090	Hunterdon
12	3	1,860	Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
13	3	365	Morris, Somerset, Union
14	3	1,020	Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington
15	3	1,260	Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex
16	1	1,240	Ocean, Monmouth
17	4	845	Ocean, Monmouth, Mercer, Burlington
18	1	660	Ocean
19	4	1,570	Camden, Burlington
21	1	1,350	Burlington, Ocean
22	1	350	Burlington, Ocean
23	1	1,420	Burlington, Camden, Atlantic
24	1	700	Burlington, Ocean
25	4	1,265	Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem
26	1	1860	Atlantic
27	1	1,050	Salem, Cumberland
28	1	1,330	Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester

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29	1	965	Salem, Cumberland
30	1	610	Cumberland
31	1	435	Cumberland
34	1	1,720	Cape May, Cumberland
35	1	1,460	Gloucester, Salem
36	3	100	Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic
37	5	480	Burlington, Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
38	6	10	Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge)
39	7	100	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station)
40	8	50	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station – Waterfront)
41	3	590	Mercer, Hunterdon
42	4	500	Atlantic
43	1	255	Cumberland
45	1	590	Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May
46	1	528	Atlantic
47	1	440	Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester
48	4	780	Burlington
49	3	120	Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
50	3	510	Middlesex, Monmouth

51	3	410	Monmouth, Ocean
53	9	100	Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station)
54	10	[35] <u>50</u>	Morris (Picatinny Arsenal-ARRAD Com)
55	1	210	Gloucester
56		0	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
57	[1] <u>11</u>	40	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
<u>58N</u>	[1] <u>14</u>	<u>35</u>	Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
<u>58S</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)</u>
[59]	[11]	[25]	[Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge)]
61	1	40	Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System)
63	1	280	Salem
64		0	Monmouth (Monmouth Battlefield State Park)
65	1	390	Gloucester, Camden
66	12	15	Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration

William J. Hughes Technical Center)

67 13 350 Sussex (High Point State Park)

68 **4** **80** **Burlington (Parker Preserve)**

Total [49,793]

49,783

(l) (No change.)

(m) Permit quotas in Zones 37, 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 57, 58, [59,] 61, 66 and 67 are contingent upon approval by appropriate land management agencies for those zones.

(n) (No change.)

7:25-5.29 White-tailed deer shotgun permit season

(a)–(b) (No change.)

(c) Bag limit: A properly licensed hunter who did not take two antlered deer during the current year, six-day firearm season may take one antlered deer during the shotgun permit season. Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the shotgun permit season, regardless of the number of permits obtained. Hunters taking an antlered deer in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have a valid “Antlered Buck Stub 6-Day Firearm Or Permit Shotgun Only” from their firearm or all around sportsman license from the calendar year in which the season begins. One deer,

either antlered or antlerless, may be taken [on a permit] in Zones 1, 3, 4, 21, 23, 24, 37, 43, 45, and 46. Two deer, either one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless may be taken [on a permit] in Zones 6, 18, 30, 34, 55, and 65. One antlered deer and an unlimited number of antlerless deer may be taken [on a permit] in Zones: 2, 5, 7 - 17, 19, 22, 25–29, 31, 35, 36, 38–42, 47–51, 53, 54, 56[–59], **57, 58N, 58S,** 61, 63, 64 [and] 66, **and 68.** In Zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 41, 49, 50, [and] 51 **and 58 N** only antlerless deer may be taken on [November 21–23 and 25, and December 5–10, 2005;] November 20–22 and 24 and December 4–9, 2006; November [19–21 and 23] **28–30** and December 3–8, 2007; [November 24–26 and 28] **December 3–5** and December 8–13, 2008; [November 23–25 and 27] **December 2–4** and December 7–12, 2009; [and, November 22–24 and 26] **December 1–3** and December 6–11, 2010; **and November 30–December 2 and December 5–10, 2011.** In Zones 5, 17, 19, 25, 42 [and] 48, **and 57** only antlerless deer may be taken during the period of [December 5–10, 2005;] December 4–9, 2006; December 3–8, 2007; December 8–13, 2008; December 7–12, 2009; [and,] December 6–11, 2010; **and December 5–10, 2011.** In Zone 40 an antlerless deer must be taken before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer during the prescribed season. Only one deer may be taken at a time per permit until the season limit is reached except in Zones 5, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 19, 25, 36, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 48, 49, 50, 51, 54, 56, **57, 58N,** [59,] 64 [and] 66, **and 68** where the limit is two deer at a time per permit until the season concludes. New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags are valid on the day of issuance in all zones. All deer tagging and registration provisions apply. In addition, hunters taking an antlered deer must immediately detach, date and initial the “Antlered Buck Stub–6-Day Firearm or Permit Shotgun Only,” from their firearm or all around

sportsman license from the calendar year in which the season began, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. In zones where the shotgun permit season extends into January or February, the buck stub from the calendar year in which the season began shall be valid until the end of the shotgun permit season.

Beginning in 2007 the “Antlered Buck Stub” requirement is discontinued.

Beginning in 2007 hunters must use an antlered deer transportation tag from their bonus shotgun permit which is designated for use during the permit shotgun season, when registering an antlered deer. The bonus shotgun permit with antlered deer transportation tag, which is valid only for the harvest of one antlered deer, must be purchased in addition to an antlerless shotgun permit. The bonus shotgun permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be used in any zone for which the hunter has already purchased an antlerless permit. The bonus shotgun permit with antlered deer transportation tag must be purchased prior to the season opener or at the time of the purchase of the initial antlerless shotgun permit if the season has already begun.

The season bag limits apply to both regular and farmer deer permits; however, all farmer shotgun permits are valid for taking antlerless deer only, when used during the six-day firearm buck season and on any other days authorized through the last day of the six-day firearm buck season.

1. In Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, [59,] and 63, it shall be illegal to kill, take or attempt to take any antlered deer which does not have a minimum of three antler points on one side. **Beginning in 2007, it shall be legal to kill, take or attempt to take an antlered deer with less than three antler points on one side in Zone 6.**

(d) Duration of the permit shotgun deer season is as set forth in (d)1 through 19 below. There is no season in [the following] Zone 67. Legal hunting hours shall be from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset on the following dates:

1. (No change.)

2. December 14 – 16, 2005 and January 7 – 14, 2006; December 13 - 15, 2006 and January 6 - 13, 2007; December 12 - 14, 2007 and January 5 - 12, 2008; December 17 - 19, 2008 and January 10 - 17, 2009; December 16 - 18, 2009 and January 9 - 16, 2010; and, December 15 - 17, 2010 and January 8 - 15, 2011 in Zones 2, 16, 22, 26–29, 31, 35, 47, 53 [and] **58S and** 63.

3. (No change.)

4. [November 21–23, 25 and December 5–10, 14–16, 2005 and January 7–February 11, 2006;] November 20-22, 24 and December 4-9, 13-15, 2006 and January 6-February 10, 2007; November [19-21, 23] **28-30** and December 3-8, 12-14, 2007 and January 5-February 9, 2008; [November 24-26, 28] **December 3-5** and December 8-13, 17-19, 2008 and January 10-February 14, 2009; [November 23-25, 27] **December 2-4** and December 7-12, 16 -18, 2009 and January 9-February 13, 2010; [and, November 22-24, 26] **December 1-3** and December 6-11, 15-17, 2010 and January 8-February 12, 2011; **and November 30-December 2 and December 5–10, 14–16, 2011 and January 7–February 11, 2012** in Zones 7-15, 36, 41, and 49-51.

5.[December 5 – 10, 14 – 16, 2005 and January 7 – 31, 2006;] December 4 - 9, 13 - 15, 2006 and January 6 - 31, 2007; December 3 - 8, 12 - 14, 2007 and January 5 - 31, 2008; December 8 - 13, 17 - 19, 2008 and January 10 - 31, 2009; December 7 - 12, 16 - 18, 2009 and January 9 - 30, 2010; [and,] December 6 - 11, 15 - 17, 2010 and January 8 - 31, 2011; **and December 5 – 10, 14 – 16, 2011 and January 7 – 31, 2012** in Zones 5, 17, 19, 25, 42, [and] 48, **57 and 68**.

6–8. (No change.)

9. [November 21–23, 25 and 26, 2005 November 20–22, 24 and 25, 2006; November 19–21, 23 and 24, 2007; November 24–26, 28 and 29, 2008; November 23–25, 27 and 28, 2009; and November 22–24, 26 and 27, 2010] **November 4, 10, 11, 18, 20 –22, 24 and 25, 2006; November 3, 10, 12, 17, 19–21, 23 and 24, 2007; November 8, 11, 15, 22, 24–26, 28 and 29, 2008; November 7, 11, 14, 21, 23–25, 27 and 28, 2009; November 6, 11, 13, 20, 22–24, 26 and 27, 2010; and November 5, 11, 12, 19, 21–23, 25 and 26, 2011** in Zone 40.

10. Reserved.

11. – 12. (No change.)

13. [December 5 – 10, 2005 and January 7 – 31, 2006; December 4 – 9, 2006 and January 6 – 31, 2007; December 3 - 8, 2007 and January 5 – 31, 2008; December 8 – 13, 2008 and January 10 – 31, 2009; December 7 – 12, 2009 and January 9 – 30, 2010; and, December 6 - 11, 2010 and January 8 – 31, 2011 in Zones 57 and 58.] **November 20-22,**

24 and December 4-9, 13-15, 2006 and January 6-13, 2007; November 28-30 and December 3-8, 12-14, 2007 and January 5-12, 2008; December 3-5 and December 8-13, 17-19, 2008 and January 3-10, 2009; December 2-4 and December 7-12, 16 -18, 2009 and January 2- 9, 2010; December 1-3 and December 6-11, 15-17, 2010 and January 1-8, 2011; and November 30-December 2 and December 5-10, 14-16, 2011 and January 7-14, 2012 in Zone 58N.

14. [December 8 – 10, 2005 (first segment), December 29 - 31, 2005 (second segment) and January 19 – 21, 2006 (third segment); and December 7 – 9, 2006 (first Segment), December 28 – 30, 2006 (second segment) and January 18 – 20, 2007 (third segment); December 6 – 8, 2007 (first segment) and December 27 – 29, 2007 (second segment) and January 17 – 19, 2008 (third segment); December 11 – 13, 2008 (first segment) and January 1 – 3, 2009 (second segment) and January 22 – 24, 2009 (third segment); December 10 – 12, 2009 (first segment); December 31, 2009 – January 2, 2010 (second segment) and January 21 – 23, 2010 (Third segment); and, December 9 – 11, 2010 (first segment) and December 30, 31, 2010 – January 1, 2011 (second segment) and January 20 – 22, 2011 (third segment) in Zone 59.] **Reserved.**

16. [January 11, 13, 18 and 20, 2006; January 10, 12, 17 and 19, 2007; January 16, 18, 23 and 25, 2008; January 14, 16, 21 and 23, 2009; January 13, 15, 20 and 22, 2010; and, January 12, 14, 19 and 21, 2011] **December 4-9, 2006, December 3-8, 2007, December 8-13, 2008, December 7-12, 2009, December 6-11, 2010, and December 5-10, 2011** in Zone 64.

17.-19. (No change.)

(e) Antlerless [S]shotgun permit season permits are valid only in the designated deer management zones or other designated areas and are not transferable. Bonus shotgun permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be used in any zone for which the hunter has already purchased an antlerless shotgun permit during this season.

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

1. Limited quota, special deer permits for shotgun permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses, persons who have applied for the shotgun hunter education course prior to the permit application period and qualified farmers. Only one application, whether for shotgun or muzzleloader permit season, may be submitted by regular firearm license holders for the initial permit drawing. [During the initial application period, regular firearm license holders may also submit one application for either a leftover shotgun or muzzleloader permit in the event such permits are available following the initial drawing.] Applications for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void and subject the applicant to prosecution. All

persons, while their hunting licenses are void under the authority of law or as imposed by a court are prohibited from making application for, or otherwise procuring, a shotgun deer permit. For special management zones where the agency administering the affected lands requires that hunters attend mandatory hunter orientation as a condition of access, failure to attend the designated session shall result in invalidation of the shotgun season permit for the zone. Limited quota, special deer permit zones include the following deer management zones: 37, 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 56, 57, 58~~N~~, **58S**, [59,] 61, 64, 66 [and] 67, **and 68**. Only one **antlerless** shotgun permit season permit may be purchased per zone. **Only one bonus shotgun permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be purchased per season.**

2. All other special deer permits for shotgun permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses [at designated license issuing agents] **via the Division's ELS or by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division.** These permits may be issued beginning on the effective date of the current Game Code, or as authorized by the Division, through the last day of the season. Qualified applicants may purchase permits from authorized agents for the following deer management zones: 1–31, 34–36, 41, 42, 43, 45–51, 55, 63 and 65. Qualified farmers may obtain permits as provided in section (i) below. Only one shotgun permit season permit may be purchased per zone.

(g) Permits for shotgun permit season consist of a back display, which includes a "deer transportation tag", or proper and valid supplemental tag. The back display portion of the permit will be conspicuously displayed on the outer clothing in addition to the valid firearm license in the case of a shotgun permit season permit, and without the license in the case of the farmer shotgun permit season permit. Upon harvesting a deer during this season, the "deer transportation tag" portion of the permit must be detached, completely filled out, and affixed to the deer immediately upon killing. This completely filled in "deer transportation tag" allows legal transportation of the deer of either sex to an authorized checking station only. Personnel at the checking station will issue a "possession tag." Any permit holder killing a deer during this season must transport this deer to an authorized checking station by 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on date killed to secure the legal "possession tag." The possession of a deer of either sex after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal "possession tag" shall be deemed illegal possession. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked on the deer before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to the check station by closing time must be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Said deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag." If the season has been concluded, said deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag." For deer management zones where the shotgun permit season is more than one day and the bag

limit is two deer, a valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag" will be issued upon registration of the first deer. This permit will allow this person to continue hunting and take one additional legal deer during the shotgun permit season, provided the season is open the following day(s) or on any additional days that shotgun permit season hunting is authorized. For deer management zones where the shotgun permit season is three days or more and the bag limit is three deer or more, additional "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tags" will be issued upon registration of the second, third or applicable deer until the bag limit is reached. This permit will allow this hunter to continue hunting and take one additional legal deer during the shotgun permit season, provided the season is open or on any additional days that shotgun permit season hunting is authorized. Permittees will be able to continue hunting on the designated season dates after registration of deer and issuance of appropriate tags.

Beginning in 2007, supplemental tags will only be issued for and valid for antlerless deer, and no supplemental tags will be issued for antlered deer. In addition, hunters taking an antlered buck must immediately detach, date and initial the "Permit Shotgun Only Antlered Buck Stub" from their firearm or all around sportsman license from the calendar year in which the season began, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. In zones where the shotgun permit season extends into January or February, the buck stub from the calendar year in which the season began shall be valid until the end of the season. **Beginning in 2007, the "Antlered Buck Stub" requirement is discontinued. Beginning in 2007, hunters must use an antlered deer transportation tag from their bonus shotgun permit, which is designated for use during the permit shotgun season, when registering an antlered**

deer. The bonus shotgun permit with antlered deer transportation tag which is valid only for the harvest of one antlered deer, must be purchased in addition to an antlerless shotgun permit. The bonus shotgun permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be used in any zone for which the hunter has already purchased an antlerless permit. The bonus shotgun permit with antlered deer transportation tag must be purchased prior to the season open or at the time of the purchase of the initial antlerless shotgun permit if the season has already begun.

(h) Shotgun Permit Season limited quota, special deer permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Holders of valid and current firearm hunting licenses, including juvenile firearm license holders, may apply by submitting an application [form] properly completed in accordance with instructions. First time permit applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply for a shotgun deer hunting permit provided they have applied for a hunter education course prior to the permit application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application.

[Application forms may be obtained from:

i. Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0400

ii. License issuing agents

iii. Conservation Officers

iv. Other division Offices]

2. Permits for shotgun permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses, and persons with hunter education courses pending as indicated in (h)1 above. Only one application, whether for antlerless or bonus shotgun or muzzleloader, permit season or as provided for in (h)1 above, may be submitted by any one individual during the initial application period and only one application, whether for a leftover shotgun or leftover muzzleloader permit, may be submitted by any one individual during the initial application period. Applications for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications to be void and subject the applicant to prosecution.

3. The application [form] shall be filled in to include: Conservation ID Number or name, address, current firearm hunting license number or as provided for in (h)1 above, deer management zone applied for, [social security number,] 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 June 1–August 31. Applications [postmarked] submitted after August 31 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permittees will be made by random selection.

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

5. Successful applicants will [receive their permits by mail] **be notified.** Unless otherwise indicated, **the non-refundable** the permit **application** fee [in the form of a check or money order made] payable to "The Division of Fish and Wildlife" shall accompany the completed application [form]. **If selected to receive a permit, the full permit fee will be payable to the Division.**

6. (No change.)

(i) Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 23:3-56.1. [o] **Occupant** and Non-occupant Farmer Shotgun Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1.– 2. (No change.)

3. Application forms may be obtained from the County Agricultural Agent, the Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, N.J. 08625-0400, [or the conservation officers] or Division field offices.

4. The application form shall be filled in to include: **Conservation ID Number** **or** name, age, size of farm, address, social security number, and any other information requested thereon. Properly completed application forms will be accepted [in the Trenton

office] during the period of June 1 to October 1. After that date, permits may not be received in time for the opening day of the season. There is no fee required, and all qualified applicants will receive a farmer shotgun permit season permit, delivered by mail.

5. Qualified farmers may apply for one **antlerless and one bonus** shotgun permit season permit in any management zone in addition to one **antlerless and one bonus** muzzleloader rifle permit season permit in any management zone where a muzzleloader rifle permit season is prescribed. Qualified farmers may also apply for either the permit shotgun or permit muzzleloader season permit as a regular firearm hunting license applicant. **No farmer may use more than one bonus permit for any season.** Application for more than the allowable number of permits during the initial application period will cause all applications by an individual to be void and subject the applicant to prosecution.

6. In deer management zones where no regular permit shotgun season has been authorized, the season for qualified and permitted farmers will include the six-day firearm season and the Wednesday following the six-day firearm season and as provided for in (d)19 above, and the bag limit will be one deer per permit. Only one antlerless deer may be taken on this permit during the six-day season. On the Wednesday following six-day firearm season, either an antlered or antlerless deer may be taken, if no antlerless deer were taken on this permit during the six-day season. If two antlered deer were taken

by the farmer permittee during the regular six-day firearm season, the permit is only valid for taking one antlerless deer.

(j) Shotgun, Occupant Farmer Shotgun and Non-occupant Farmer Shotgun

Permit Season Permits shall be used as follows:

1. The antlerless and bonus shotgun permit season permits [is] are valid only in the deer management zone (DMZ) designated and [is] are not transferable from individual to individual. The shotgun permit season permit hunter is responsible for hunting in the correct DMZ [[or farm]] as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

2. The occupant farmer antlerless and bonus shotgun permit season permits [is] are valid only on the farm occupied and designated in the application and [is] are not transferable from deer management zone to deer management zone, or from farm to farm or from individual to individual. The occupant farmer shotgun permit season permit hunter is responsible for hunting on the correct farm in the correct DMZ as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

3. The non-occupant farmer antlerless and bonus shotgun season permits [is] are valid only on private land within the deer management zone designated in the permit and [is] are not valid on public lands within the DMZ. [It is]These permits are not transferable from deer management zone to deer management zone or from individual to individual. The non-occupant farmer shotgun permit season hunter is responsible for

hunting on private lands in the correct DMZ as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The [2005-2006,] 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2009-2010, [and] 2010-2011 **and 2011 - 2012** Shotgun Permit Season Permit Quotas are as follows:

SHOTGUN PERMIT SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

Deer Mgt. Zone No.	Season Dates Code	Permit Quota	Portions of Counties Involved
1	3	645	Sussex
2	2	3,250	Sussex
3	3	303	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Morris
4	3	744	Sussex, Warren
5	5	8,360	Sussex, Warren
6	1	2,210	Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren
7	4	3,490	Warren, Hunterdon
8	4	7,280	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
9	4	1,240	Morris, Somerset

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10	4	3,590	Warren, Hunterdon
11	4	2,370	Hunterdon
12	4	4,140	Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
13	4	1,000	Morris, Somerset, Union
14	4	2,820	Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington
15	4	2,650	Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex
16	2	1,630	Ocean, Monmouth
17	5	1,650	Ocean, Monmouth, Mercer, Burlington
18	1	120	Ocean
19	5	2,830	Camden, Burlington
21	3	270	Burlington, Ocean
22	2	785	Burlington, Ocean
23	3	260	Burlington, Camden, Atlantic
24	3	106	Burlington, Ocean
25	5	3,400	Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem
26	2	2,365	Atlantic
27	2	1,540	Salem, Cumberland
28	2	1,530	Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester
29	2	1,390	Salem, Cumberland
30	1	520	Cumberland
31	2	390	Cumberland
34	1	1,370	Cape May, Cumberland
35	2	2,910	Gloucester, Salem

36	4	260	Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic
37	6	100	Burlington, Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
38	7	390	Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge)
39	8	160	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station)
40	9	50	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station – Waterfront)
41	4	1,300	Mercer, Hunterdon
42	5	1,330	Atlantic
43	3	55	Cumberland
45	3	170	Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May
46	3	146	Atlantic
47	2	850	Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester
48	5	1,760	Burlington
49	4	310	Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
50	4	1,780	Middlesex, Monmouth
51	4	1,510	Monmouth, Ocean
53	2	100	Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station)
54	11	[35] <u>50</u>	Morris (Picatinny Arsenal-ARRAD Com)

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55	1	80	Gloucester
56	12	25	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
57	[13] <u>5</u>	40	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
58 <u>N</u>	13	[75] <u>50</u>	Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
<u>58S</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)</u>
[59]	[14]	[75]	[Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge)]
61	15	80	Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System)
63	2	600	Salem
64	16	100	Monmouth (Monmouth Battlefield State Park)
65	1	120	Gloucester, Camden
66	17	65	Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center)
67		0	Sussex (High Point State Park)
<u>68</u>	<u>170</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>Burlington (Parker Preserve)</u>
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Total		[78,724] <u>78,664</u>	

(l)–(o) No changes.

(p) Deer Management Zones are located as follows:

1. Zone No. 1: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Rd.) and Mashipacong Rd.; then west along the northern boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to the east bank of the Delaware River; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the New York State line; then east along the New York State line to Rt. 519; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Branchville; then northwest along Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 633; then south along Rt. 633 to its intersection with Rt. 521; then northwest along Rt. 521 to its intersection with **Rt. 206; then northwest on Rt. 521/Rt. 206 to its intersection with** Rt. 560; then west along Rt. 560 to the intersection with Ridge Rd; then north on Ridge Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 646; then east on Rt. 646 to the intersection with Rt. 645 in Hainesville; then north on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rts. 206 and 521; then north on Rts. 206 and 521 to Montague; then north on Rt. 521 (River Rd.) to the intersection with Mashipacong Rd, the point of beginning. The island of Mashipacong lying in the Delaware River is included in this zone. High Point State Park (Zone 67) is excluded from Zone 1.

2.–3. (No change.)

4. Zone No. 4: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 (River Rd.) and New Mashipacong Rd; then running along Rt. 521 to the intersection with Rt. 206 in Montague; then south on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 645 (Layton-Hainesville Road); then south on Rt. 645 to the intersection with Rt. 646 in Hainesville (Jagger Road); then west on Rt. 646 to the intersection with Ridge Rd; then south on Ridge Rd. to the intersection with Rt. 560 (Dingman's Bridge Road); then southeast along Rt. 560 to its intersection with Rt. 206; then south on Rt. 206 to the intersection with Rt. 521; then [west] south along Rt. 521 to its intersection with Beavans Road at the Hampton Township–Frankford Township border; then northwest along Beavans Road to its intersection with the base of the Kittatiny Ridge; then southwest along the east base of the Kittatinny Ridge to the Delaware River at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Road; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to the northern park boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area; then east along the northern park boundary of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area to Rt. 521 (River Rd.), the point of beginning. Namanock, Minisink, Depew, Tocks, Poxono and Labar Islands in the Delaware River are included in this zone.

5. Zone No. 5: That portion of Warren and Sussex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 521 [and Rt. 206 at Culvers Inlet;] and Beavans Road at Hampton Township–Frankford Township border; then southeast on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 633; then north on Rt. 633 to its intersection with Rt. 206 in Branchville; then southeast along Rt. 206 to its intersection

with Rt. 519 at Branchville; then south along Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Newton; then south along Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Andover; then south along Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown; then west along Rt. 46 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Manunkachunk; then north along the east bank of the Delaware River to its intersection with the Zone 4 boundary at the Delaware Water Gap north and west of Quarry Road; then northeast along the base of the Kittatinny Ridge to its intersection with Beavans Road at the Hampton Township-Frankford Township border; then southeast along Beavans Road to its intersection with Rt. 521[; then north along Rt. 521 to Rt. 206 at Culvers Inlet,] at the point of beginning.

6.–20. No changes.

21. Zone No. 21: That portion of Ocean and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 530 and the Garden State Parkway near South Toms River; then south along the Parkway to its intersection with Rt. 72; then northwest along Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 644 (Buddtown-Ong's Hat Road) at Four Mile Circle; then northwest on Rt. 644 to its intersection with Turkey Buzzard Bridge Road; then northeast on Turkey Buzzard Bridge Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 646 (New Lisbon-Four Mile Road); then northwest on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 530 (Pemberton-Brown's Mills Road); then east along the southern border of Fort Dix Military Reservation to its intersection with Rt. 70; then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 539 and Rt.530 near Whiting; then east along Rt. 530 to its intersection with the

Garden State Parkway near South Toms River, the point of beginning. Fort Dix Military Reservation (Zone[s] 37 [and 52]) [are] is excluded from Zone 21.

22.–33. No changes.

34. Zone No. 34: That portion of Cumberland and Cape May Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 47 and Rt. 548 in Port Elizabeth; then east on Rt. 548 to its intersection with Rt. 49; then northwest on Rt. 49 to its intersection with the Tuckahoe River at Head of the River; then eastward along the south bank of the Tuckahoe River and Atlantic-Cape May County line to Great Egg Harbor Bay; then continuing eastward along the Atlantic-Cape May County line to the Atlantic Ocean at the Great Egg Harbor Inlet; then [southeast] southwest along the Atlantic Ocean to Delaware Bay; then north and west along the east bank of Delaware Bay to the Maurice River; then north along the east bank of the Maurice River to Port Elizabeth and Rt. 548, the point of beginning.

35.–67. (No change.)

58. Zone No. 58N: Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and north of Route 72, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within [Burlington and] Ocean County[ies]. Zone No. 58S: Those portions of Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge, including the Barnegat Division, U.S. Department of the Interior, located north of the Mullica River and south of Route

72. designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Burlington and Ocean Counties.

59. Zone No. 59: [That portion of Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Department of the Interior, designated as open for deer hunting, lying within Salem County.] **Not designated.**

68. That portion of the Franklin Parker Preserve and Four Mile Spring Preserve, designated as open for hunting, lying within Woodland Township, Burlington County.

7:25-5.30 White-tailed deer bow permit season

(a) - (b) (No change.)

(c) Bag Limit: Only one antlered deer may be taken Statewide during the bow permit season, regardless of the number of permits obtained. Hunters taking an antlered deer in accordance with the provisions set forth in this section must have a valid “Antlered Buck Stub Permit Bow Only” from their bow and arrow or all around sportsman license from the calendar year in which the season began. Two deer, one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless may be taken [on a permit] in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, 53, 55 and 65. One antlered and an unlimited number of antlerless deer may be taken in Zones 2, 5, 7 - 17, 19, 22, 25 - 29, 31, 35, 36,

37, 39 - 42, 47 - 51, 54, 57[-59], **58N, 58S,** 61, 63, [and] 66, **and 68** except as noted in (c)1 and 2 below. Only one deer may be taken at a time per permit until the season limit is reached. All supplemental tags are valid on the date of issuance and only in the zone for which the special season permit was issued. All deer registration requirements apply. In Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 40, 41, 49, 50 and 51 [an antlerless deer must be taken from one of these zones before taking or attempting to take an antlered deer through December 11, 2004 and December 10, 2005] **Earn-A-Buck regulations are in effect until December 9, 2006.** [The earn-a-buck requirement shall not apply after these dates.] **Beginning in 2007 Earn-A-Buck regulations are no longer in effect in Zones 7-15, 36, 41, 49, 50, 51, and 58N.** Deer shall be tagged immediately with the bow and arrow permit "transportation tag", completely filled in, and shall be transported to a checking station before 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the day killed to secure a legal possession tag. The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked on the deer before leaving the deer check station. In addition, hunters taking an antlered deer must immediately detach, date and initial the current year "Antlered Buck Stub – Permit Bow Only" from bow and arrow or all around sportsman license, and surrender the stub with the transportation tag at the checking station. **Beginning in 2007 the "Antlered Buck Stub" requirement is discontinued.** The possession of a deer after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on the date killed without a legal possession seal shall be deemed illegal possession. Upon completion of the registration of the first deer, one valid and proper "New Jersey Supplemental Deer Transportation Tag" (supplemental tag) will be issued which will

allow the person to continue hunting and take one additional deer during bow permit season, provided the season is open. The supplemental tag shall be valid on the day of issuance and all registration requirements apply. **Beginning in 2007 supplemental tags will only be issued for antlerless deer; no supplemental tags will be issued for antlered deer.**

1. In Zones 2, 5, 7-17, 19, 22, 25-29, 31, 35, 36, 37, 39 -42, 47-51, 54, 57, ~~58N, 58S~~, 61, 63, [and] 66 ~~, and 68~~ supplemental tags for the taking of a third and subsequent deer will be issued upon registration of deer at official deer checking stations until the season concludes. A supplemental tag may be used to take an [antlered or] antlerless deer, subject to the above provisions and is only valid in that deer management zone for which the special season permit was originally issued. The supplemental tag is valid on the date of issuance. All tagging and registration requirements apply.

2. In Zones 3, 6, 9, 13, 27, 29, 35, 37, 40, [59,] and 63, it shall be illegal to kill, take or attempt to take any antlered deer which does not have a minimum of three antler points on one side. **Beginning in 2007, it shall be legal to kill, take or attempt to take an antlered deer with less than three antler points on one side in Zone 6.**

3. Hunters may satisfy the earn a buck requirement for the permit bow season by taking [a] two antlerless deer during the fall bow season in Zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 40, 41, 49, 50 and 51. To be eligible to participate in this program, hunters must first register two antlerless **deer** at an official deer checking station designated as

participating in the program by the Division. Upon harvesting the first antlerless deer, hunters will be provided with "Bank A Doe Harvest Record Card". In addition to name, phone number, address, date of birth and license number, the hunter is required to record the date of harvest, metal possession seal number and check station name on the card for both the first and second antlerless deer taken during the fall bow season. Hunters who take two antlerless deer from any earn a buck zone and satisfy the registration requirements of this section may take an antlered deer first during the permit bow season in Zones 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 36, 40, 41, 49, 50 and 51. Hunters who are successful in taking an antlered deer first during the permit bow season must register their deer at the same participating check station as where they registered their antlerless deer. Hunters must submit the Bank A Doe Harvest Record Card in addition to their buck tag and permit transportation tag when registering an antlered buck as their first deer at a participating deer checking station. **Beginning in 2007 Earn-A-Buck and Bank-A-Doe regulations are no longer in effect.**

(d) Duration of the bow permit season is as set forth in (d)1 through 6 below. There is no season in the following Zones: 38, 56, 64 and 67 or any time as determined by the Director. Legal hunting hours shall be 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset.

1. [October 29 – November 26, 2005;] October 28 - November 25, 2006; October 27 - November 24, 2007; November 1 - 29, 2008; October 31 - November 28, 2009; and,

October 30 - November 27, 2010 in Zones 1, 3, 4, 6, 18, 21, 23, 24, 30, 34, 43, 45, 46, 55, [57–59], and 65.

2. [October 29–November 19 and November 24–December 31, 2005;] October 28–November 18 and November 23–December 23, 26–30, 2006; October 27–[November 17 and November 22] December 24, 26–31, 2007; November 1–[22 and November 27–]December 24, 26–31, 2008; October 31–[November 21 and November 26–]December 24, 26–31, 2009; [and,] October 30–[November 20 and November 25 –]December 24, 27–31, 2010; **and October 29–December 31, 2011** in Zones 7–15, 36, 41, [and] 49–51, **and 58N**.

3.–6. (No change.)

7. . [October 29 – December 31, 2005;] October 28 - December 23, 26 - 30, 2006; October 27 - December 24, 26 - 31, 2007; November 1 - December 24, 26 - 31, 2008; October 31 - December 24, 26 - 31, 2009; [and,] October 30 - December 24, 27 - 31, 2010; **and October 29 – December 24, 26 – 31, 2011** in Zones 2, 5, 16, 17, 19, 22, 25 – 29, 31, 35, 42, 47, 48, [and] **57, 58S, 63, and 68**.

(e) **Antlerless [B]bow** [and arrow] permit season permits are valid only in the designated deer management zones or other designated areas and are not transferable. **Bonus bow permits with antlered deer transportation tags may be used in any zone for which the hunter has already purchased an antlerless bow permit.**

(f) Method: The taking of two deer one antlered and one antlerless or two antlerless except as noted in (c) and (c)1 above or the taking of deer as designated for special hunts with a bow under a bow permit season permit or a farmer bow permit season permit, is permitted in designated deer management zones by holders of a bow permit season permit and on the farm occupied and designated in the application by holders of a farmer bow permit season permit.

1-2. (No change.)

3. Limited quota, special deer permits for bow permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current bow licenses and qualified farmers. Limited quota, special deer permit zones include the following deer management zones: 37, 38, 39, 40, 53, 54, 57, 58, 59, 61 and 66. Only one antlerless bow permit season permit may be purchased per zone. **Only one bonus bow permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be purchased per season.**

4. All other special deer permits for bow permit season will be issued on an individual basis to holders of valid and current firearm licenses and rifle permits [at designated license issuing agents] **via the Division's ELS or by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division.** These permits may be issued beginning on the effective date of the

current Game Code, or as authorized by the Division, through the last day of the season.

Qualified applicants may purchase permits [from authorized agents] for the following deer management zones: 1-19, 21 – 31, 34 - 36, 41, 42, 43, 45 – 51, 55, 63, [and] 65, **and**

68. Qualified farmers may obtain permits as provided in (i) below. Only one **antlerless** bow permit season permit may be purchased per zone. **Only one bonus bow permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be purchased per season.**

(g) Permits consist of back display which includes a deer transportation tag or proper and valid "supplemental tag" or a proper and valid bonus tag. The back display portion of the permit will be conspicuously displayed on the outer clothing in addition to the valid bow license, and without the license in the case of the farmer bow and arrow permit season permit. The "Deer Transportation Tag" portion of the permit must be completely filled out and affixed to the deer immediately upon killing. This completely filled in deer transportation tag allows legal transportation of the deer of either sex to an authorized checking station only. **Beginning in 2007, hunters must use an antlered deer transportation tag from their bonus bow permit, which is designated for use during the permit bow season, when registering an antlered deer. The bonus bow permit with antlered deer transportation tag, which is valid only for the harvest of one antlered deer, must be purchased in addition to an antlerless bow permit. The bonus bow permit with antlered deer transportation tag may be used in any zone for which the hunter has already purchased an antlerless permit. The bonus bow permit with antlered deer transportation tag must be purchased prior to the season open or at the time of the purchase of the initial antlerless bow permit if the season**

has already begun. Personnel at the checking station will issue a "possession tag." Any permit holder killing a deer of either sex during this season must transport this deer to an authorized checking station by 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on date killed to secure the legal "possession tag." The legal possession tag must be securely affixed or locked before the deer is transported or removed from the authorized deer checking station. Hunters are responsible for legal possession tags being securely affixed or locked before leaving the deer check station. The possession of a deer of either sex after 7:00 P.M. E.S.T. on date killed without a legal "possession tag" shall be deemed illegal possession. Any legally killed deer which is recovered too late to be brought to the check station by closing time must be immediately reported by telephone to the nearest Division of Fish and Wildlife law enforcement regional headquarters. Such deer must be brought to a checking station on the next open day to receive a legal "possession tag". If the season has been concluded, such deer must be taken to a regular deer checking station on the following weekday to receive a legal "possession tag".

(h) Bow Permit Season limited quota, special deer permits shall be applied for as follows:

1. Holders of valid bow and arrow licenses, including juvenile bow license holders, and all around sportsman licenses shall apply by submitting an application [form] which has been properly completed in accordance with instructions. First time permit applicants who do not yet possess a valid hunting license may apply to a bow permit season hunting permit provided they have applied for a hunter education course

prior to the permit application period and have provided such related information as may be required on the application. [Application forms may be obtained from:

i. Division of Fish and Wildlife, P. O. Box 400, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0400;

ii. License Issuing Agents; and

iii. Conservation Officers;

iv. Division Field Offices.]

2. – 3. (No change.)

4. The application [form] shall be filled in to include: **Conservation ID Number** **or** name, address, current bow and arrow hunting license number, deer management zone applied for, [social security number,] 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 June 1 to August 31. Applications [postmarked] **made** after August 31 will not be considered for the initial drawing. Selection of permittees will be made by random selection.

5. Unsuccessful applicants will be notified [only by return of permit fees, less the application fee]. Any permit obtained by fraud is void.

6. Unless otherwise indicated, the **non-refundable** permit **application** fee [in the form of a check or money order made] payable to "Division of Fish and Wildlife" must accompany the completed application [form]. **If selected to receive a permit, the full permit fee will be payable to the Division.**

7.–8. (No change.)

(i) Pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 23:3-56.1. Occupant and Non-occupant Farmer Bow Permit Season Permits shall be applied for as follows:

1.–2. (No change.)

3. Application forms may be obtained from:

- i. County Agricultural Agent,
- ii. Division of Fish and Wildlife, P.O. Box 400, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0400; and
- [iii. Conservation Officers,]

[iv.] iii Division field offices.

4. The application form shall be filled in to include: **Conservation ID Number** **or** name, age, size of farm, address, social security number, and any other information requested thereon. Properly completed application forms will be accepted [in the Trenton office] during the period of June 1 to October 1. After that date, permits may not be received in time for the opening day of the season. There is no fee required, and all qualified applications will receive a farmer permit bow season permit, delivered by mail.

5. (No change.)

(j) Bow, Occupant Farmer Bow and Non-occupant Farmer Bow Permit Season Permits shall be used as follows:

1. The **antlerless and bonus** bow and arrow permit season permits [is] **are** valid only in the deer management zone (DMZ) designated and [is] **are** not transferable from individual to individual. The bow and arrow permit season permit hunter is responsible for hunting in the correct DMZ or farm as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

2. The occupant farmer **antlerless and bonus** bow permit season permits [is] **are** valid only on the farm occupied and designated in the application and [is] **are** not transferable from deer management zone to deer management zone, or from farm to farm or from individual to individual. The occupant farmer bow permit season permit hunter

is responsible for hunting on the correct farm in the correct DMZ as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

3. The non-occupant farmer antlerless and bonus bow season permits [is] are valid only on private land within the deer management zone designated in the permit and [is] are not valid on public lands within the DMZ. [It is]The permits are not transferable from deer management zone to deer management zone or from individual to individual. The non-occupant farmer bow permit season hunter is responsible for hunting on private lands in the correct DMZ as indicated and in ascertaining the boundaries.

(k) The Deer Management Zone Map is on file at the Office of Administrative Law and is available from that agency or the Division. The [2005-2006,] 2006-2007, 2007-2008, 2008-2009, 2009-2010, 2010-2[1]011, 2011-2012 Bow Permit Season Quotas are as

follows:

BOW PERMIT SEASON PERMIT QUOTAS

Deer Mgt. Zone No.	Season Dates Code	Permit Quota	Portions of Counties Involved
1	1	1,105	Sussex
2	7	2,790	Sussex
3	1	1,185	Sussex, Passaic, Bergen, Morris
4	1	1,140	Sussex, Warren
5	7	4,300	Sussex, Warren
6	1	2,210	Sussex, Morris, Passaic, Essex, Warren
7	2	2,100	Warren, Hunterdon
8	2	4,210	Warren, Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
9	2	1,115	Morris, Somerset
10	2	2,440	Warren, Hunterdon
11	2	1,580	Hunterdon

12	2	3,080	Mercer, Hunterdon, Somerset
13	2	1,650	Morris, Somerset, Union
14	2	2,290	Mercer, Somerset, Middlesex, Burlington
15	2	1,820	Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex
16	7	1,850	Ocean, Monmouth
17	7	880	Ocean, Monmouth, Mercer, Burlington
18	1	635	Ocean
19	7	1,910	Camden, Burlington
21	1	970	Burlington, Ocean
22	7	480	Burlington, Ocean
23	1	1,020	Burlington, Camden, Atlantic
24	1	370	Burlington, Ocean
25	7	1,455	Gloucester, Camden, Atlantic, Salem
26	7	1,315	Atlantic
27	7	1,285	Salem, Cumberland
28	7	1,400	Salem, Cumberland, Gloucester
29	7	1,145	Salem, Cumberland
30	1	435	Cumberland
31	7	390	Cumberland
34	1	1,240	Cape May, Cumberland
35	7	1,740	Gloucester, Salem
36	2	500	Bergen, Hudson, Essex, Morris, Union, Somerset, Middlesex, Passaic
37	5	300	Burlington, Ocean (Fort Dix Military Reservation)
38		0	Morris (Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge)
39	4	110	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station)
40	4	80	Monmouth (Earle Naval Weapons Station – Waterfront)
41	2	830	Mercer, Hunterdon
42	7	600	Atlantic
43	1	185	Cumberland
45	1	420	Cumberland, Atlantic, Cape May
46	1	300	Atlantic
47	7	360	Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester
48	7	1,040	Burlington
49	2	285	Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
50	2	1,320	Middlesex, Monmouth
51	2	740	Monmouth, Ocean

53	6	100	Ocean (Lakehurst Naval Engineering Station)
54	4	50	Morris (Picatinny Arsenal-ARRAD Com)
55	1	140	Gloucester
56		0	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
57	[1]Z	40	Atlantic (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
58N	[1]2	[50] 35	Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)
58S	7	15	<u>Burlington, Ocean (Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge)</u>
[59]	[1]	[35]	[Salem (Supawna Meadows National Wildlife Refuge)]
61	3	40	Atlantic (Atlantic County Park System)
63	7	320	Salem
64		0	Monmouth (Monmouth Battlefield State Park)
65	1	390	Gloucester, Camden
66	4	80	Atlantic (Federal Aviation Administration William J. Hughes Technical Center)
67		0	Sussex (High Point State Park)
68	7	100	<u>Burlington (Parker Preserve)</u>
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Total		[59,850]	<u>59,915</u>

(l)-(n) (No change.)

7:25-5.32 Special Wildlife Management Permits

(a) Special permits, known as special wildlife management permits, may be issued by the Director, in his or her discretion for the taking of any game species, **indigenous animal, exotic animal, potentially dangerous indigenous animal, or potentially dangerous exotic animal** by any lawful manner and means and at any time

subject to the requirements of this section. Such permits shall be valid for the times, conditions and areas or installations indicated thereon and need not conform to the provisions applicable to general permits.

(b)–(e) (No change.)

Based on consultation with staff, I hereby certify that the above statements, including the Federal Standards statement addressing the requirements of Executive Order 27(1994), permit the public to understand accurately and plainly the purposes and expected consequences of this proposed readoption with amendments. I hereby authorize this proposal.

Date

Lisa P. Jackson, Commissioner

Department of Environmental Protection

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Date

Jeannette Vreeland, Acting Chairwoman

Fish and Game Council