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Sharing the Hunt—Quality Opportunities in New Jersey

By Bob McDowell, Director



When it comes to deer hunting in New Jersey, the “good old days” are now. New Jersey has by far the most liberal deer seasons in the northeast, designed to meet deer population management goals. If you put in the time, you can enjoy over 135 days of hunting and harvest a large number of deer. Yet in my travels, I hear some hunters expressing concerns about the earn-a-buck regulations. Earn-a-buck (see page 29) has dramatically increased the harvest of antlerless deer in those zones using only a regulation change; no costly program to administer, demonstrating that sport hunting is the most efficient method to reduce deer populations. Last year New Jersey hunters harvested over 54,000 antlerless deer, yet still harvested more than 23,000 antlered bucks. Twenty years ago our total harvest was 22,127 deer, with only 13,131 antlered bucks taken. Despite the earn-a-buck restriction, Garden State hunter can potentially harvest as many as seven antlered bucks.

Concerns have also been expressed over the use of professional sharpshooters as part of the Division’s Community Based Deer Management Program (CBDMP). The primary focus of the CBDMP is to provide for deer population control measures for areas where sport hunting is not feasible. Not all permits involve the use of sharpshooters. Some CBDMP permits have included sport hunting conducted under special permit or season and bag limit modifications. The Division and

the New Jersey Fish and Game Council are examining these applications very carefully and will continue to stress the use of sport hunting whenever possible. As more data is collected through the CBDMP, the value of sport hunting will become increasingly clear. Since we know the costs associated with culling deer under the CBDMP are as high as \$300 per deer, the value of the sport hunter’s contribution to deer management is potentially more than 23 million dollars!

And speaking of value, time spent with one’s family is precious and irreplaceable. Time spent with your family in the great outdoors will also result in memories that will last a lifetime and will instill traditional conservation values in our next generation. Yet finding the time to spend with family becomes more difficult as the pace of everyday life becomes more hectic. Our changing recreational culture increasingly delegates parents as a source of transportation, ferrying our children from one organized activity to another; our participation relegated to that of spectator, cheering our children on from the sidelines.

Hunting and fishing can be family activities where we assume the role of participant, teacher and role model. No coach or spectators here. When it comes to hunting and fishing, all studies indicate the most

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MISSION

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

GOALS

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

NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife Telephone Directory

Internet Address	www.njfishandwildlife.com
Commercial Preserves & Semi-Wild Preserves	609-984-6211
Deer & Turkey Permit Hotline	609-292-9192
DEP ACTION LINE - 24 HOURS	609-292-7172
.	877-WARNDEP
Exotic & Nongame Captivity Permits	609-292-9591
Falconry Permit Information	908-735-8793
General Information	609-292-2965
Hunter Education	877-2HUNT NJ
Hunting, Fishing, & Duplicate Licenses	609-292-2965
Operation Game Thief	800-222-0456
Outstanding Deer Program	609-292-9450
Pheasant & Quail Stocking Information	609-984-0547
Rifle Permit Information	609-984-1400
Trout Stocking Hotline	609-633-6765
Wildlife Conservation Corps Information	609-633-3616
Wildlife Control	908-735-8793
Wildlife Management Area Information	609-984-0547

Trenton Office

501 E. State St., Station Plaza 5, 3rd Floor, PO Box 400, Trenton, NJ 08625-0400

Endangered and Nongame Species	609-292-9400
Freshwater Fisheries	609-292-1599
Land Management	609-984-0547
Law Enforcement	609-292-9430
Marine Fisheries	609-292-2083
Wildlife Education	609-292-9450
Wildlife Management	609-292-6685

Northern Region Office

26 Route 173 W., Hampton, NJ 08827

Wildlife Management	908-735-7040
Endangered and Nongame Species	908-735-8975
Hunter Education	877-2HUNT NJ
Wildlife Control	908-735-8793
Land Management	973-383-0918

Law Enforcement (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, and Warren Counties)	908-735-8240
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Pequest Trout Hatchery and Natural Resource Education Center

605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863	908-637-4125
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Freshwater Fisheries Lab

PO Box 394, Lebanon, NJ 08833	908-236-2118
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Central Region Office

386 Clarksburg-Robbinsville Rd., Robbinsville, NJ 08691

Land Management	609-259-2132
Hunter Education	877-2HUNT NJ
Wildlife Control	609-259-7955
Law Enforcement (Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, and Ocean Counties)	609-259-2120

Southern Region Office

220 Blue Anchor Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081

Information	856-629-0090
Hunter Education	877-2HUNT NJ
Land Management	856-629-5006
Freshwater Fisheries	856-629-4950
Wildlife Control	856-629-7224
Wildlife Education	856-629-7214
Law Enforcement (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties)	856-629-0555

Nacote Creek Research Station

PO Box 418, Port Republic, NJ 08241

Marine Fisheries	609-748-2020
Shellfisheries	609-748-2040
Marine Education	609-748-2031
Wildlife Management	609-748-2063
Marine Law Enforcement	609-748-2050

Bivalve Shellfish Office

PO Box 432, Port Norris, NJ 08349	856-785-0730
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License Information

2001–2002 License Fees

Firearm Licenses

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

Bow and Arrow Licenses

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

Trapping Licenses

Resident Trapping	32.50
Non-Resident Trapping	200.50

Permits

Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun or Muzzleloader	28.00
Youth Deer Permit	12.00
Turkey Season Permit	21.00
Rifle Permit (2-year Permit)	19.00
Youth Rifle Permit	10.00

Stamps

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

Miscellaneous Licenses

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

NOTE: License fees are subject to change.

[See this page for youth license information](#)

Disabled Veteran's Licenses & Permits

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

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

Disabled Veteran hunting licenses are available at the Division's Trenton office, as well as all Division field offices. For questions, call 609-292-2965.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of currently receiving benefits for a service connected disability must be presented to obtain a free license. Must first have a disabled veteran license to obtain a free disabled veteran deer permit.
2. Applicants must fill out one special 2001 Disabled Veteran Deer Permit Application only. Do not fill out the regular application found in this supplement.
3. Applicants are entitled to one free bow season permit and one free firearm (shotgun or muzzle-loader) season permit. Additional permits must be purchased at the regular price of \$28.

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

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Hunting & Trapping Licenses

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

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

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

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

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

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

Youth Licenses, Resident & Non-Resident In December 1999, the Legislature approved a new fee structure for sporting licenses. As part of that

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Director's Message

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effective instruction comes from mom or dad, brother or sister, aunt or uncle or close family friend. This interaction and shared learning experience is perhaps the most precious and long lasting benefit of our outdoor sports. It is up to us to take advantage of this opportunity not only to pass on hunting skills, but ethics and sportsmanship as well. This is a tremendous responsibility. Hunter behavior studies show that how we teach our children to hunt is the way they will hunt.

Although New Jersey has tremendous opportunities for children to hunt during the regular seasons, we are continuing to dedicate a special day reserved only for youth and their mentors to ensure a quality hunting experience. Past youth waterfowl and youth pheasant hunting days have been highly successful.

This year the Fish and Game Council has added youth deer hunting and youth turkey hunting days to the season calendar. Although the youth hunts are designed to enhance the chance of harvest, that is not the larger goal. We need to teach that hunting success is not measured by the harvest, it is measured by the experience. We need to provide the experience that will instill in our children that special attraction which keeps us coming back to the great outdoors. As you prepare for our youth hunting days, think about what gets you out of bed on a cold winter or spring morning while the rest of the world sleeps. In this age of high tech education, someone else will teach most of what your children will learn. Take advantage of these special opportunities to pass on the tradition of hunting, for you are the most important teacher.

Robert McDowell

Hunter's Responsibilities

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

All sports are played with established rules, procedures and referees. Hunting also has established rules for good conduct and sportsmanship; however, there are few referees. Hunters have the responsibility for self-enforcement.



Highlights of Important Changes in the 2001-2002 Hunting Regulations

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the state in order to minimize conflicts with motorists and farmers and enhance the quality of the whitetails in New Jersey.

Throughout the state, there are 260,675 acres of Wildlife Management Areas open to deer hunting, administered by New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. In addition to the Wildlife Management Areas open to deer hunting, some 255,883 acres of state parks and forests are open to hunting. This represents 74.4% of the total 343,997 acres administered by the Division of Parks and Forestry. With longer deer seasons and more land open to deer hunting, New Jersey's deer hunters should expect a successful 2001-02 deer season.

Outdoor Skills Workshop for Women



Outdoors-
Woman

These workshops are for you if you have never tried activities like birding, hunting, fishing, kayaking and more or if you are a beginner who hopes to improve your skills, you have some outdoor experience and would like to expand your abilities, and you are excited to meet other outdoor enthusiasts. While Becoming an Outdoors-Woman workshops are designed primarily for women, anyone over 18 years of age is welcome to participate.

For more information and to be placed on our mailing list, please fill out this coupon and mail to: NJF&W, 220 Blue Anchor Rd., Sicklerville, NJ 08081.

Outdoor Skills Workshop

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