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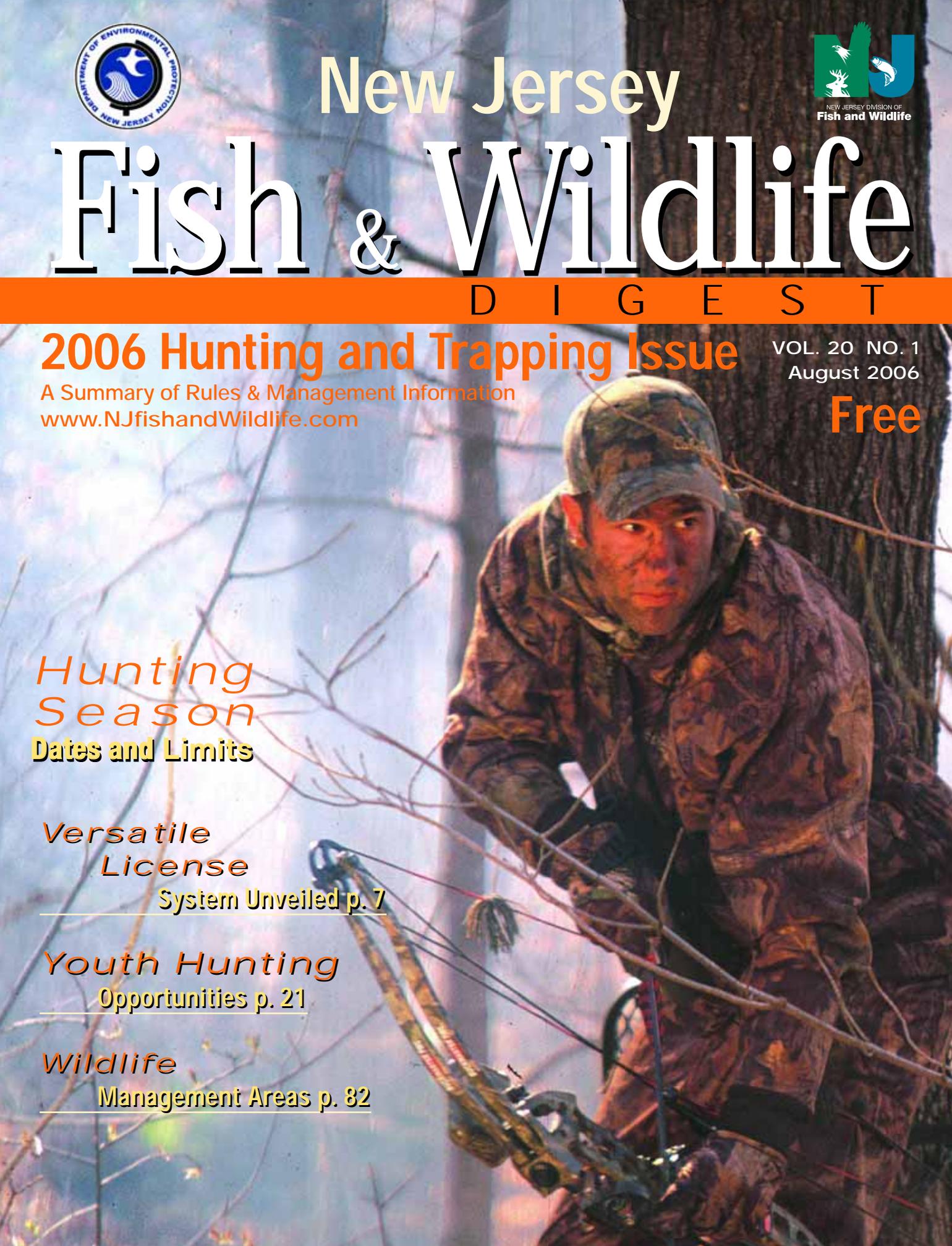
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## License Information & Fees 2006–07

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**See page 6 for additional license information.**

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# Commissioner's Message



BY LISA P. JACKSON

Year after year, hunters visit New Jersey state parks, forests and wildlife management areas to enjoy some of the best hunting in the state. As fans of our state's open spaces, hunters appreciate the importance of maintaining these lands.

Unfortunately, for far too long, regular maintenance and desperately needed capital improvements at our state parks, wildlife management areas and historic sites have been deferred in the state's annual budgeting. Today, the inventory of projects needing attention is estimated to cost approximately \$250 million. They include \$1.1 million in upgrades for range pens, an egg handling facility and storage buildings at Rockport State Game Farm and \$1.4 million in infrastructure and building repairs at Pequest State Trout Hatchery. In Warren County, the Hackettstown State Fish Hatchery has been closed to the public since 1985 because deferred maintenance has created safety concerns. In Belleplain State Forest, capital funds are needed to extend water lines to guarantee the future safety of the park's water supply.

This past July, Governor Corzine signed a budget, which provides a down payment of \$9 million to address the most egregious problems facing these lands we hold in public trust. Even more important, the legislature authorized a constitutional amendment that the Governor and I helped craft, which will appear on the ballot this November. If passed, this amendment will provide a dedicated source of funds for these maintenance and capital needs.

The amendment would rededicate environmental funds generated by the Corporate Business Tax. It would provide \$15 million a year until 2015 and \$32 million annually beginning in

2016. Because it is a rededication of existing revenues, it would supply this funding without any additional taxes.

New Jersey's Wildlife Management Area System, along with our state parks and forests, offer countless outdoor recreational opportunities for residents and visitors. The number of people taking advantage of these opportunities has grown significantly in the past 35 years. In 2001, more than 3.2 million people took part in wildlife-associated activities like hunting, fishing and wildlife watching in New Jersey, generating \$2.2 billion in revenue for our state.

While the popularity of these activities has grown immensely, our ability to keep our parks and wildlife management areas in top condition has not. Without a stable source of funding it is virtually impossible to effectively plan and implement long-range resource management or facility development projects. Years of neglect have led to a decline in the services provided at these locations, denying the public the enjoyment of all the opportunities our sites have to offer. This November's ballot question offers the opportunity to rectify this wrong, but, despite unanimous legislative support for placing this proposal before the voters, success cannot be taken for granted. The future of our parks and wildlife management areas will be in voters' hands. We need the public's support on this question to undertake urgently needed repairs and provide the public with open spaces that make our state proud.

New Jersey's sportsmen and women have always been strong advocates for our parks, forests and wildlife management areas. As we approach election day, I am counting on you, once again, to educate your friends and family about what is at stake with the parks ballot question and I thank you in advance for your anticipated support.

Lisa P. Jackson is Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

# Director's Message



BY DAVE CHANDA

The Division of Fish and Wildlife has a rich heritage dating back to 1892, when three commissioners were appointed, along with the first salaried Fish and Game Protector to oversee the conservation of the State's fish and wildlife resources. Today, the Division

of Fish and Wildlife employs approximately 270 people in 16 field locations and one main office in Trenton.

The Division has nine specific programs for the management of the State's marine fisheries, shellfisheries, and inland fish and wildlife species. All of these programs share the role of managing and protecting the nearly 800 species of fish and wildlife in this state—as well as the land and waters on which they depend—for the benefit of all citizens. This includes conserving the variety of fish and wildlife species at stable, healthy levels and educating the

public about the needs and values of these natural resources to foster a positive human/wildlife relationship.

Public support is a critical component of successful wildlife management programs.

In an effort to gauge public support for the initiatives and policies of State fish and wildlife agencies, the Northeast Conservation Information and Education Association recently conducted a study to determine public opinion on fish and wildlife management issues. The study also examined agency reputation and credibility in each of the 13 member states in the Northeast.

A statewide telephone survey showed that New Jerseyans have a high participation rate in outdoor recreation activities. Half of those surveyed had gone out to observe wildlife in New Jersey. Fishing and birdwatching were popular pursuits of the residents surveyed. Hiking was also a popular outdoor recreation activity.

In addition, the survey showed that New Jerseyans strongly support efforts to control sprawling development, protect open space, upgrade protection for high-quality waterways, increase pro-

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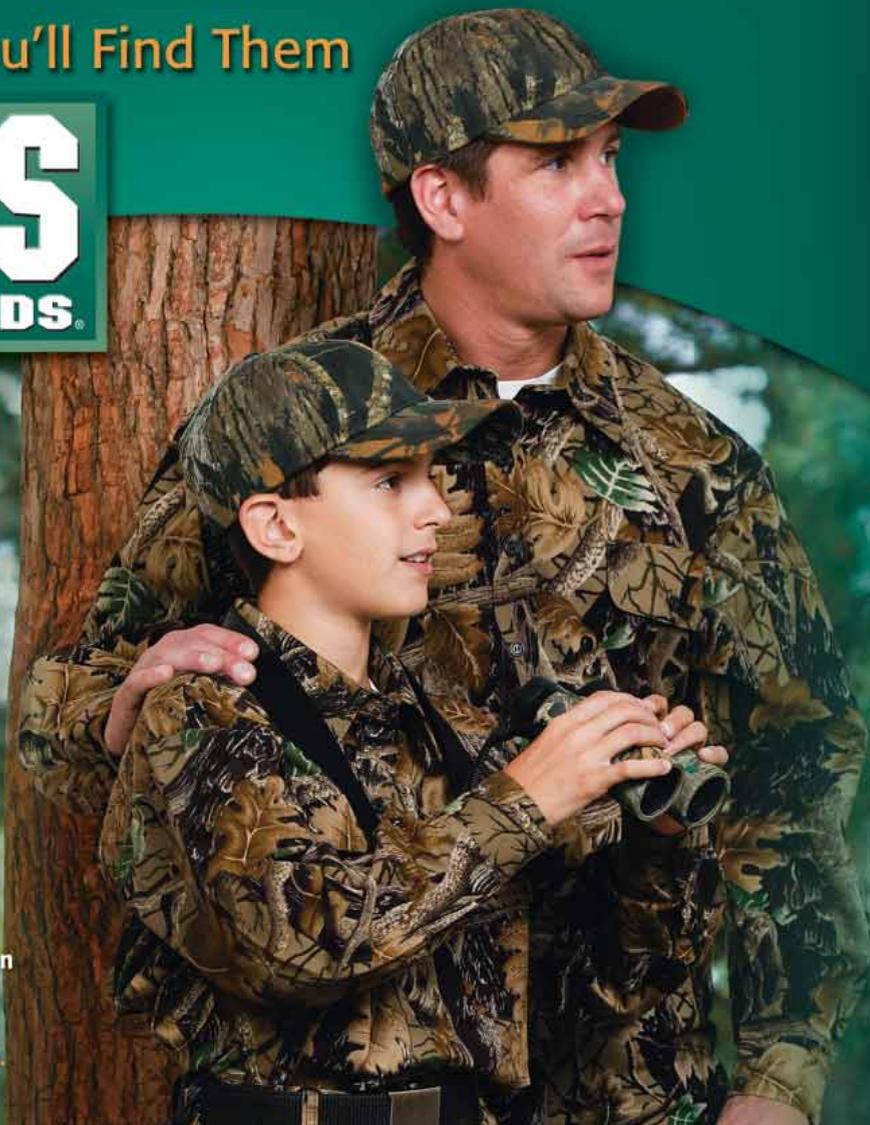


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tection for endangered and non-game species and protect and manage landscapes on a regional basis. Finally, the survey also revealed that residents strongly support the professional management of the state's fish and wildlife resources by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

There is no question that New Jerseyans enjoy the outdoors and what's more, have come to trust the Division as a credible source for information on fish and wildlife and outdoor recreation in our state. New Jersey conservation officers and biologists had the highest credibility rating of all wildlife-oriented organizations listed (83% and 82%, respectively). Furthermore, most residents agree that hunting and fishing activities are part of the scientific management of healthy fish and wildlife populations.

Being the primary stewards of New Jersey's fish and wildlife resources is an all-encompassing responsibility requiring the talents of the dedicated group of wildlife professionals that work for the NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife. I am very proud of that work and more importantly, so are the residents of New Jersey.

Dave Chanda is the Acting Director  
of the Division of Fish and Wildlife

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### Our Mission

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

### Our Goals

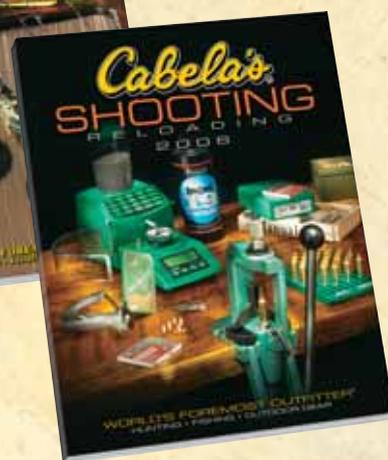
- To maintain New Jersey's rich variety of fish and wildlife species at stable, healthy levels and to protect and enhance the many habitats on which they depend.
- To educate New Jerseyans on the values and needs of our fish and wildlife and to foster a positive human/wildlife co-existence.
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