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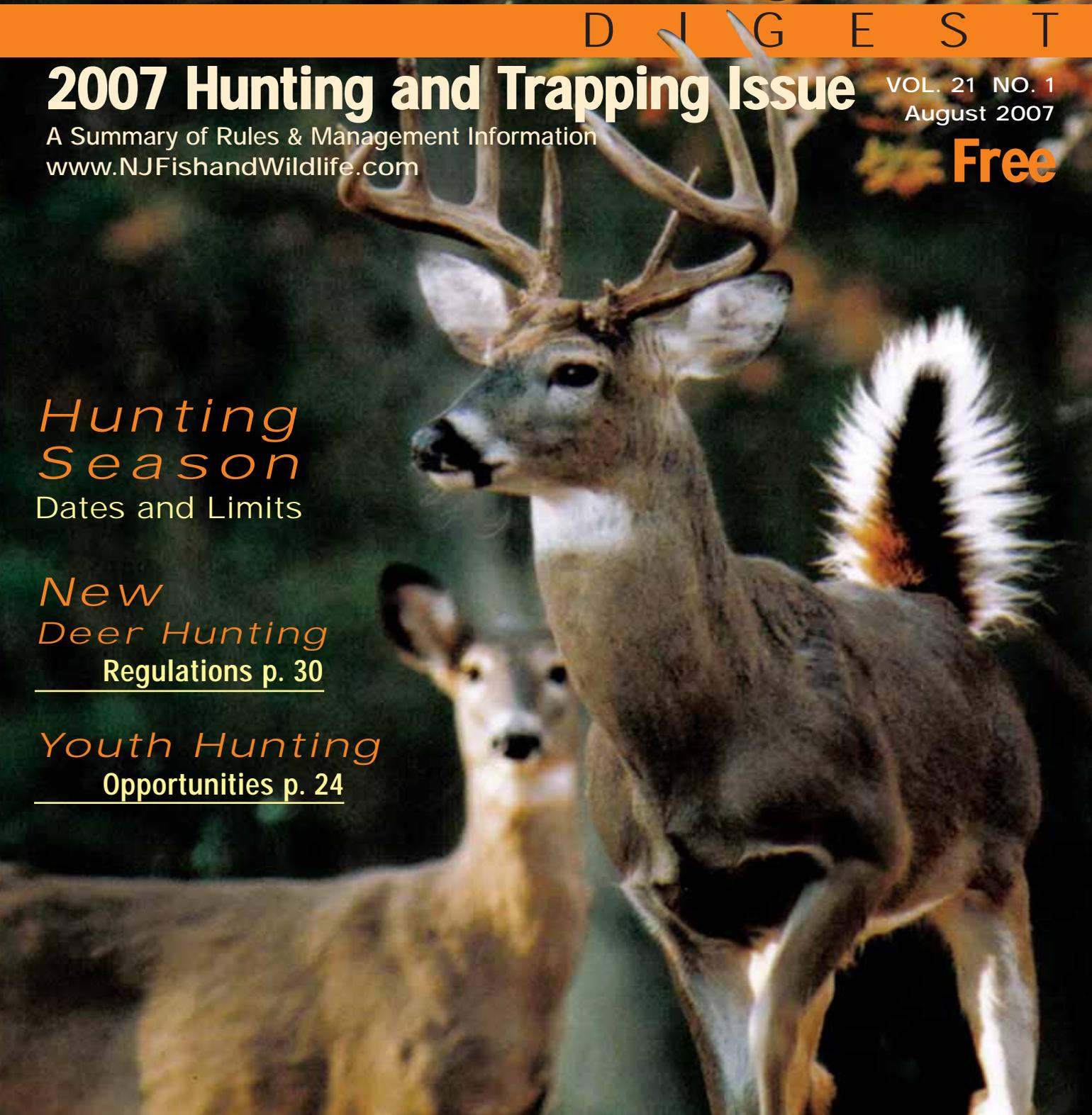
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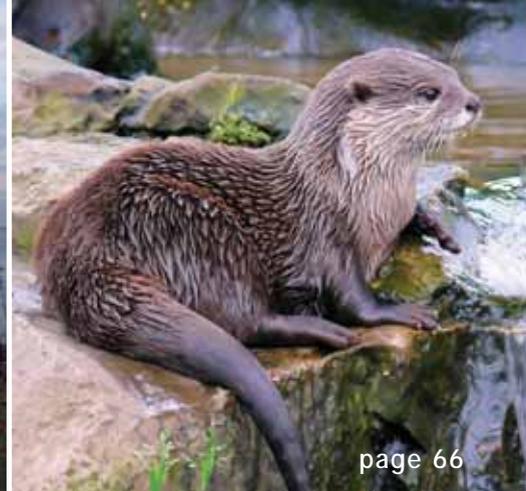
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## License Information & Fees 2007–08

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Beaver Trapping Permit	. . . . . \$17
Otter Trapping Permit	. . . . . \$2

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Resident Waterfowl Stamp	. . . . . \$5
Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp	. . . . . \$10

### Miscellaneous Licenses

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See page 8 for additional license information.

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# Commissioner's Message



BY LISA P. JACKSON

If you're looking for a world-class wildlife experience in New Jersey, you are in the right state.

Our forests, fields and marshes teem with abundant populations of game and a diversity of species virtually unmatched anywhere else on the East Coast. Indeed, the Garden State

boasts nearly 800,000 acres of state-owned public open space, including upward of 304,000 acres in 121 wildlife management areas. Amazingly, as the nation's most densely populated state and fifth smallest, New Jersey devotes more acreage to enhancing wildlife populations and offering wildlife-related recreational opportunities than New York and surpasses even Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont combined.

No wonder tens of thousands of sportsmen and sportswomen every year choose to spend their precious leisure time pursuing New Jersey's healthy herds of deer; bagging wild turkeys, snow geese, mallard ducks and ring-necked pheasants, harvesting geese, rabbits and squirrels, or trapping a wide variety of small game animals including coyotes, foxes and raccoons - just to name a few.

Such success is a testament to the solid partnership we've forged with the sporting community and an unwavering commitment to our shared goal of conserving the state's unique wildlife and their habitats, and preserving fast-dwindling open space.

We're proud of our ongoing work to inform and educate the sportsmen, sportswomen and other outdoor enthusiasts about New Jersey's wildlife and the recreational opportunities they provide. But we're learning that we need to significantly broaden our educational efforts and reach out to all New Jerseyans, particularly those seemingly unaware that our state is a veritable wildlife wonderland until various species turn up in their backyards.

More and more in New Jersey, suburbia has become the setting for incidents involving all manner of animals from troublesome wild turkeys and ornery squirrels to nuisance black bears and destructive deer.

This spring, events in Monmouth County's Middletown underscored the need for intensified public education; coyotes attacked and injured two children who were playing in their yards. The incidents triggered a barrage of unconfirmed reports of coyote sightings and attacks on domestic pets. Not only were Middletown residents understandably fearful, many New Jerseyans who read or heard accounts of the widely publicized incidents were surprised to learn coyotes live in New Jersey at all.

To help residents, we arranged a community-wide meeting, and our biologists did an exemplary job of quelling anxieties about coyotes by presenting detailed information about coyote behavior, their distinguishing characteristics and steps to take to avoid attracting the animals into neighborhoods.

Since coyotes are opportunistic feeders, we urged residents to avoid feeding the animals either deliberately or unintentionally by carelessly storing garbage. That key message also is the centerpiece of a statewide radio-advertisement campaign we launched this spring as part of an ongoing initiative to help New Jerseyans learn more about living with bears.

In the coming months, we'll be working even harder to inform and educate New Jerseyans about wildlife biology and behavior, to raise awareness that some animals cause problems when they adapt to suburban life and to take common-sense precautions to minimize the potential for interaction.

We encourage New Jersey's sportsmen and sportswomen to help our education efforts succeed by sharing their expertise and first-hand knowledge of wildlife with family, neighbors and friends and emphasize the importance of letting wildlife be wild.

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

# Director's Message



BY DAVE CHANDA

For hunters in New Jersey, times are changing and that is not necessarily a bad thing. Since 1999, the Earn-a-Buck rule adopted by the Fish and Game Council required deer hunters in agricultural and suburban deer management zones (Regulation Set 8) to take an antlerless deer before taking

an antlered buck. The results of this rule, along with extensions in season length and an unlimited bag for antlerless deer, have been dramatic. In just under a decade, these measures have proven - loud and clear - the value of using sport hunting as a viable management tool to gradually and effectively reduce heavily populated deer areas to more manageable levels; see Thank You Deer Hunters, page 6 for more details.

Not only does hunting play an integral role in professional management practices, it provides a major boost to the state's economy. Recreational hunting in New Jersey is responsible for

\$159 million dollars in retail sales of sporting goods and related services, plus \$7.7 million in sales and fuel taxes. The ripple effect of hunter expenditures on New Jersey's economy is an estimated \$299 million, but that is only part of the story.

As hunters, we save New Jersey taxpayers millions of dollars in deer population control. The Garden State is at the forefront of Community-Based Deer Management. For locations where recreational deer hunting may not be practical, and under a Community-Based Deer Management Permit approved by Council, some municipalities have paid as much as \$400 for each deer culled by hired agents! At that price, last year's harvest of 56,673 deer by New Jersey hunters' represents a tax saving of \$22.7 million for the citizens of New Jersey.

Hunters have historically and selflessly provided funding (through their license and permit fees) that supports many wildlife and habitat-related programs benefiting all New Jerseyans, not just hunters. Examples include the enforcement of endangered, nongame and marine fish regulations, wildlife education, wildlife control and the environmental review of thousands of potential development projects. For this fiscal year and the

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two preceding, with the spirit of fairness, good sense and generosity of Governor Corzine and Commissioner Jackson, more than \$4 million in general treasury funds have been provided to help pay for these activities. Indeed, these appropriations have offered tremendous assistance to Fish and Wildlife as we struggle to meet our growing responsibilities to the general public. We are grateful for this support.

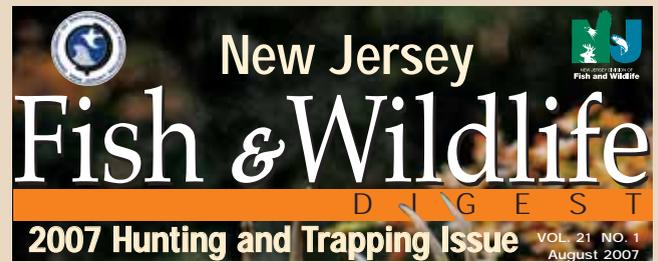
The Fish and Game Council recognized the need to increase Fish and Wildlife's revenue stream, which has declined steadily over the years. In response, Council recently adopted a change to the deer permit structure.

Beginning this year, an additional permit called the Antlered Buck Bonus Permit must be purchased for the opportunity to pursue and take an antlered buck in the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader or Permit Shotgun deer seasons. This modification, which received wide support during the Game Code adoption process, supports the goal of quality deer management while providing essential revenue to keep Fish and Wildlife's traditional programs afloat.

Once again, Garden State hunters are showing their conservation leadership by stepping up to the plate and providing funds for programs that will benefit all New Jerseyans.

Although hunters may be under-appreciated by some segments of society, as an agency we are indebted to each and every one of you as strong defenders of New Jersey's conservation ethic. I urge you to continue your efforts even more fervently. New Jersey is a leader among states on numerous wildlife issues ~ a direct result of your continued participation and support. Keep in mind that the entire nation is looking to you for encouragement and direction in keeping the torch of our hunting heritage burning bright in the midst of shifting modern attitudes and increased urbanization. This burden of responsibility and conviction is one worth bearing!

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



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## New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

### Our Mission

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

### Our Goals

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

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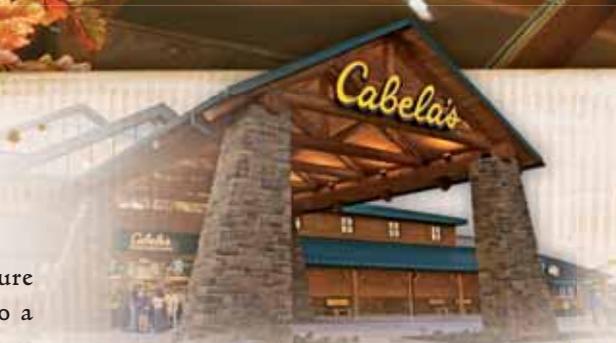
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