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License Information & Fees 2008–09

(Licenses are valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31 of each year.)

Firearm Licenses

Resident Firearm Hunting (16–64 years) . . .	\$27.50
Senior Resident Firearm Hunting (65 years & 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)	
Youth (10–15, <i>see page 12</i>)	FREE

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Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	\$31.50
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& Arrow Hunting (65 years & older) . . .	\$16.50
Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting . . .	\$135.50
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Trapping Licenses

Resident Trapping	\$32.50
Non-Resident Trapping	\$200.50
Youth (12–15) Trapping	FREE

Permits

Deer Permits for Bow, Shotgun, Muzzleloader or Bucks	\$28
Youth Deer and Turkey Permit	\$12
Turkey Season Permit	\$21
Rifle Permit (1-year permit, 16 years old and older)	\$10.50

Rifle Permit, Youth (1-year permit, under 16 only)	\$6
Beaver Trapping Permit	\$17
Otter Trapping Permit	\$2

Stamps

Pheasant & Quail Stamp	\$40
Resident Waterfowl Stamp	\$5
Non-Resident Waterfowl Stamp	\$10

Miscellaneous Licenses

All-Around Sportsman	\$72.25
(Includes Resident Firearm Hunting, Bow and Arrow Hunting and Fishing Licenses)	
Duplicate License	\$2

See page 10 for additional license information.

Do NOT heat laminate a new, durable license or permit. The high temperature will destroy these waterproof, heat sensitive documents.

Commissioner's Message



By LISA P. JACKSON

A bow hunter was perched in his tree stand near a wooded swamp in Passaic County last fall when he heard what he believed was rifle or pistol fire and saw two men ride by on an all-terrain vehicle. Immediately, he made a cell-phone call to conservation officers in the Department of

Environmental Protection's Division of Fish and Wildlife.

It was the right thing to do. The hunter's timely tip led to the conservation officers' apprehension of three men and launched an intensive investigation into the indiscriminate killing of wildlife and illegal firearms possession. Soon after, the trio was successfully prosecuted, and ordered to pay fines and surrender their hunting licenses.

Our conservation officers' impressive and well-publicized investigation is one of many examples of the fine work they're doing every day in New Jersey's fields, forests, back bays, rivers, ocean waters and even on our city streets. During the past 12 months alone, our conservation officers logged upward of 79,000 hours patrolling our land and waters, conducted more than 50,000 field inspections, signed nearly 4,300 complaints, wrote some 345 warnings and made more than two dozen criminal arrests.

But we point with pride to this particular poaching incident last season for a special reason. It underscores the value of the partnership forged between our conservation officers and the

sporting community. And it speaks volumes about the respect true sportsmen and sportswomen have for the law and for the wildlife that our laws conserve.

As uniformed employees of the DEP, our conservation officers are among our most visible professionals. Well-educated and highly trained, our officers not only uphold the lawful harvests of fish and game, they also safeguard our precious natural resources from abuse and protect the public's safety.

What's more, our conservation officers do the important work of educating residents and visitors about the oftentimes complex array of state wildlife laws and regulations. Indeed, conservation officers' role in public education is increasingly valued as they help New Jerseyans learn more about living with wildlife, encourage a deeper appreciation for our natural resources and spark interest in wildlife-conservation careers.

Elsewhere in this Digest, you can find a listing of telephone numbers that will put you in touch with our conservation officers should anything go amiss any time you go afield.

With leisure time seemingly so hard to come by these days, law-abiding hunters and anglers deserve a world-class experience when you choose to hunt, fish and enjoy the great outdoors here in New Jersey. We believe this hunting season will exceed your expectations – thanks in no small measure to the dedicated men and women in Fish and Wildlife's Bureau of Law Enforcement.

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

Director's Message



By DAVE CHANDA

This past year, the DEP's Division of Fish and Wildlife bid farewell to 13 valued employees through retirements. Although we wish them a happy and healthy retirement, the challenge of replacing the vast experience and institutional knowledge that each of these employees provided this Division is enormous. Together they represent nearly 300 years of service to the fish and wildlife resources of the state. On behalf of our entire agency, I would like to thank these professionals for a job well done. Acknowledging staffing and budget challenges, the Division must take a step back and weigh its program priorities. Difficult decisions need to be made in setting goals, while ensuring that we provide essential services to all of our constituents.

In the meantime, wildlife continues to thrive in New Jersey. Scientifically-based management and the wildlife

professionals who work for this agency continue to make the difference. Habitat protection continues to be a priority. The Division is actively collecting data necessary to ensure appropriate management decisions are made for all of our wildlife species, and that their populations and the values they offer are sustained. This is especially important as we consider changes in the Game Code, which take two years to enact and require significant staffing resources.

Hunters and anglers have responded by continuing to support the Division through the purchase of license and permits. Sportsmen and sportswomen contributed generously to the Division's revenue stream during the 2007-2008 deer seasons through the purchase of antlered buck permits. High participation in this program – 76 percent of permit bow hunters, 47 percent of permit shotgun hunters, and 69 percent of permit muzzleloader hunters – contributed more than \$1.25 million to the Division's coffers. This significant financial support demonstrates the sporting community's dedication to conserving wildlife in New Jersey.

The Division is also able to continue research on several

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priority species by partnering with both governmental and private partners. These partnerships will prove to be more and more important as a means to enhance traditional resources.

The 2008-2009 hunting seasons will see no change in regulations from the previous year, but there are some significant changes proposed for 2009-2010. Among these proposals are the addition of crossbows as a legal device for deer hunting, a Deer Management Assistance Program for landowners to better cope with problematic deer densities and changes to the Spring Turkey Season format. An article on page 6 contains more information on crossbows, and an article on page 80 has an overview of other significant proposals for amendments to the 2009-2010 Game Code.

The times ahead may be challenging. However, we will set our priorities wisely, and keep you informed about our ongoing work to offer sportsmen and sports-women a first-rate hunting experience in New Jersey. We thank you for your continued support.

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

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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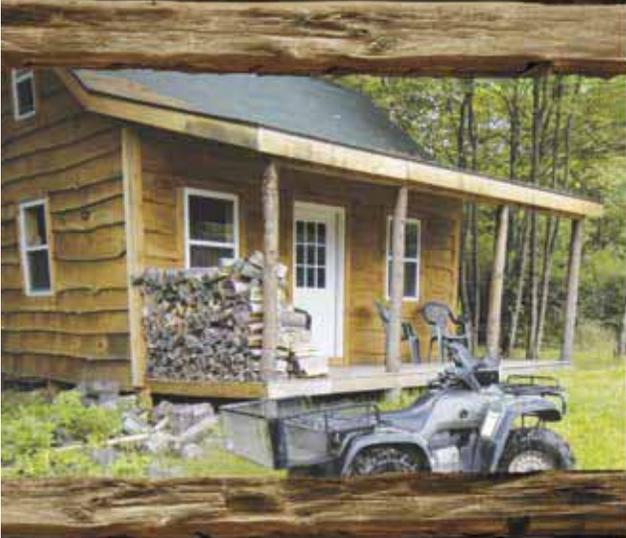
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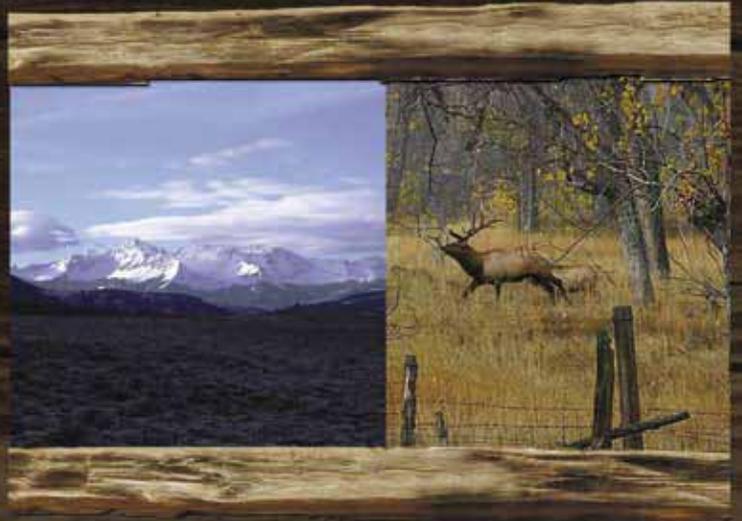
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