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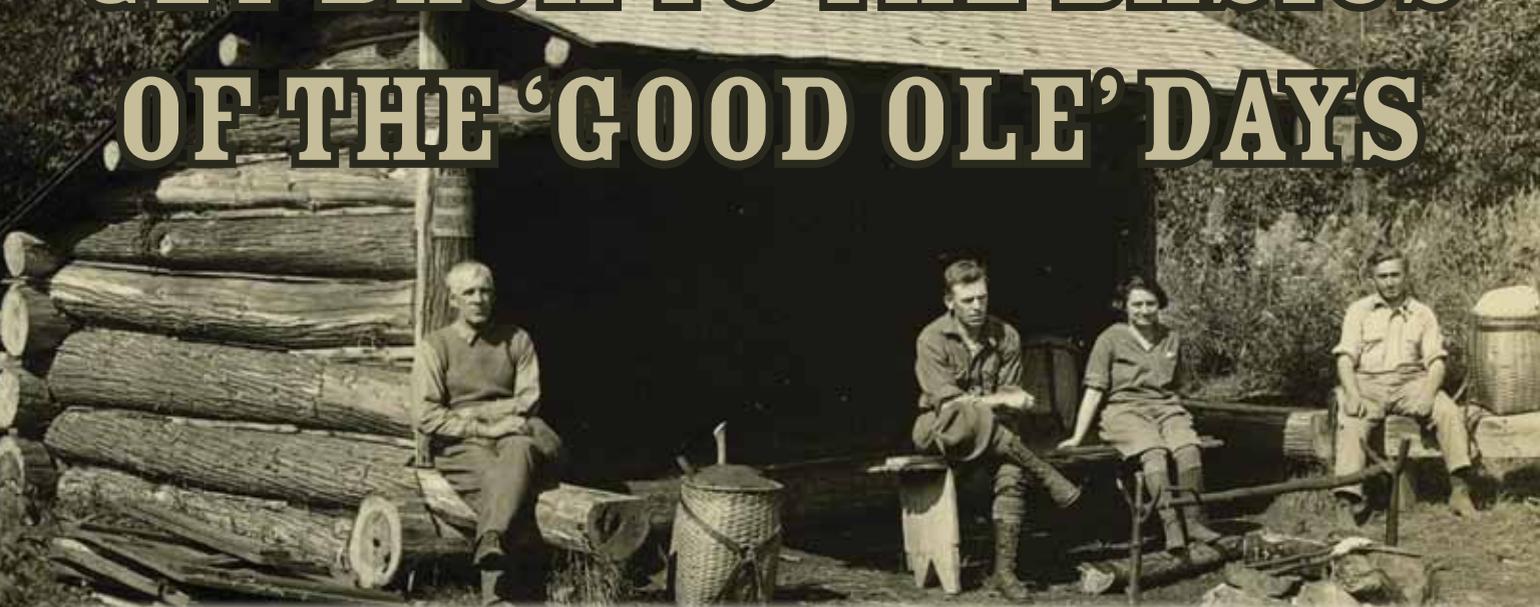


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License Information & Fees 2009–10

(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..... (On commercial preserves only)	\$12.50
Youth (10–15, see page 9).....	FREE

Bow and Arrow Licenses

Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting.....	\$31.50
Senior Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting (65 years & older).....	\$16.50
Non-Resident Bow & Arrow Hunting	\$135.50
Youth (10–15, see page 9).....	FREE

Trapping Licenses

Resident Trapping.....	\$32.50
Non-Resident Trapping.....	\$200.50
Youth (12–15) Trapping (see page 9).....	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

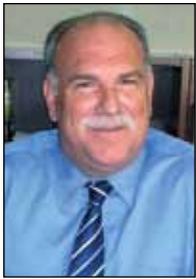
Stamps

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 8 for additional license information.

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Commissioner's Message



BY MARK N. MAURIELLO

As hunters and anglers, you appreciate the intrinsic value of protecting our precious open spaces as keenly as anyone.

You've experienced the excitement of pursuing whitetails across open meadows and through dense forests on New Jersey's diverse public hunting lands. You've drawn inspiration while fishing for trout and walleye on our beautiful lakes and rivers. You know the true joy that can be found in the solitude of hunting waterfowl on a vast, quiet marsh.

You've developed a special regard not only for New Jersey's surprisingly varied ecosystems but for the experiences and memories they have given you. And you have passed this appreciation down to your children and grandchildren, sharing your passion for our wild spaces and special places with them often.

On Nov. 3, you will have an opportunity to continue a proud tradition of conservation and environmental stewardship in New Jersey. Voters will be asked to approve a ballot initiative that authorizes \$400 million in bond funds to continue preserving and protecting our open spaces and to develop parks and other recreational opportunities.

The ballot initiative will provide \$90 million for state open-space acquisitions and park improvements. It will make another \$128 million available as grants and loans to fund local open-space purchases and park improvements.

The ballot initiative will provide \$146 million for protection of farmland that is so important to protecting our quality of life in the Garden State. And it will generate \$24 million to the state's Blue Acres program, which allows willing owners to sell flood- and storm-prone properties for conservation. Another \$12 million will fund preservation of historic sites.

Director's Message



BY DAVE CHANDA

Bow and arrow hunting opportunities in our state were greatly enhanced this year by the New Jersey Legislature and the Fish and Game Council. A bill allowing Sunday bow and arrow deer hunting on private property and Wildlife Management Areas was signed by Governor Jon S. Corzine after it was overwhelmingly approved in both the New Jersey Senate and Assembly. This was followed by the Fish and Game Council's adoption of a Game Code amendment allowing the use of crossbows

for hunting in New Jersey. These changes are effective for this year's bow and arrow hunting seasons and both have the potential to increase participation in archery hunting.

Sunday archery hunting is expected to appeal to hunters who no longer hunt due to lack of time and to prospective adolescent hunters with limited time. Since most hunters work Monday through Friday and many also work Saturday, Sunday may be the only day they have time to hunt. Sunday hunting also provides a better chance for parents to pass on the tradition of hunting to children whose Saturdays are increasingly occupied by school or athletic activities. Sunday hunting will likely attract more nonresident archery hunters, too, since the extra weekend hunting day will make trips to our state and higher nonresident license fees more feasible for out-of-state hunters.

Nationally, interest in crossbow use has grown rapidly. All but a few states now allow hunting with a crossbow. New Jersey hunter inquiries about crossbow use in our state prompted a Division of Fish and Wildlife

Living in the nation's most densely populated state, New Jersey residents understand better than anyone the importance of setting aside open space for future generations. Outdoors men and women have long been at the forefront.

For nearly three decades, New Jersey relied entirely on sales of fishing and hunting licenses to purchase land for wildlife management areas, a core component of New Jersey's inventory of protected lands. These forests, fields and marshes teem with a diversity of game species that make New Jersey one of the best places to hunt in the entire Northeast.

Because of your support, public hunting lands now span more than 750,000 acres, or nearly 1,200 square miles. Our wildlife management areas alone account for more than 324,000 acres. This is quite a testament to our commitment to preserving open space, protecting our wildlife and habitats, and providing countless recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

Since New Jersey held its first Green Acres bond referendum in 1961, voters have demonstrated unwavering support for open space preservation by approving a dozen bonds totaling more than \$2.1 billion. You have been a big part of this success, consistently backing up your outdoor ethic by providing strong support.

Preserving open space has long been recognized as one of the most effective ways to protect our environment and enhance our quality of life. It's an investment in our future. You can take pride in what you've accomplished toward this end—and know that what's important to you and your loved ones is important to all of us. ♡

Mark N. Mauriello is Acting Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection.

survey of both New Jersey gun and bow hunters. The survey revealed 73 percent of New Jersey hunters approved of crossbows for deer hunting. Although there was some opposition to approving the use of crossbows, it was far outweighed by those in favor of it.

Like Sunday hunting, crossbows open archery deer hunting to a wider pool of prospective, former and existing hunters. Many hunters and potential hunters have physical limitations, which make using conventional bows difficult for some and impossible for others. The crossbow eliminates many of the physical barriers to participation. Now, all hunters, including seniors, physically challenged, females and youths who choose to use a crossbow have an equal opportunity to participate in archery hunting in New Jersey.

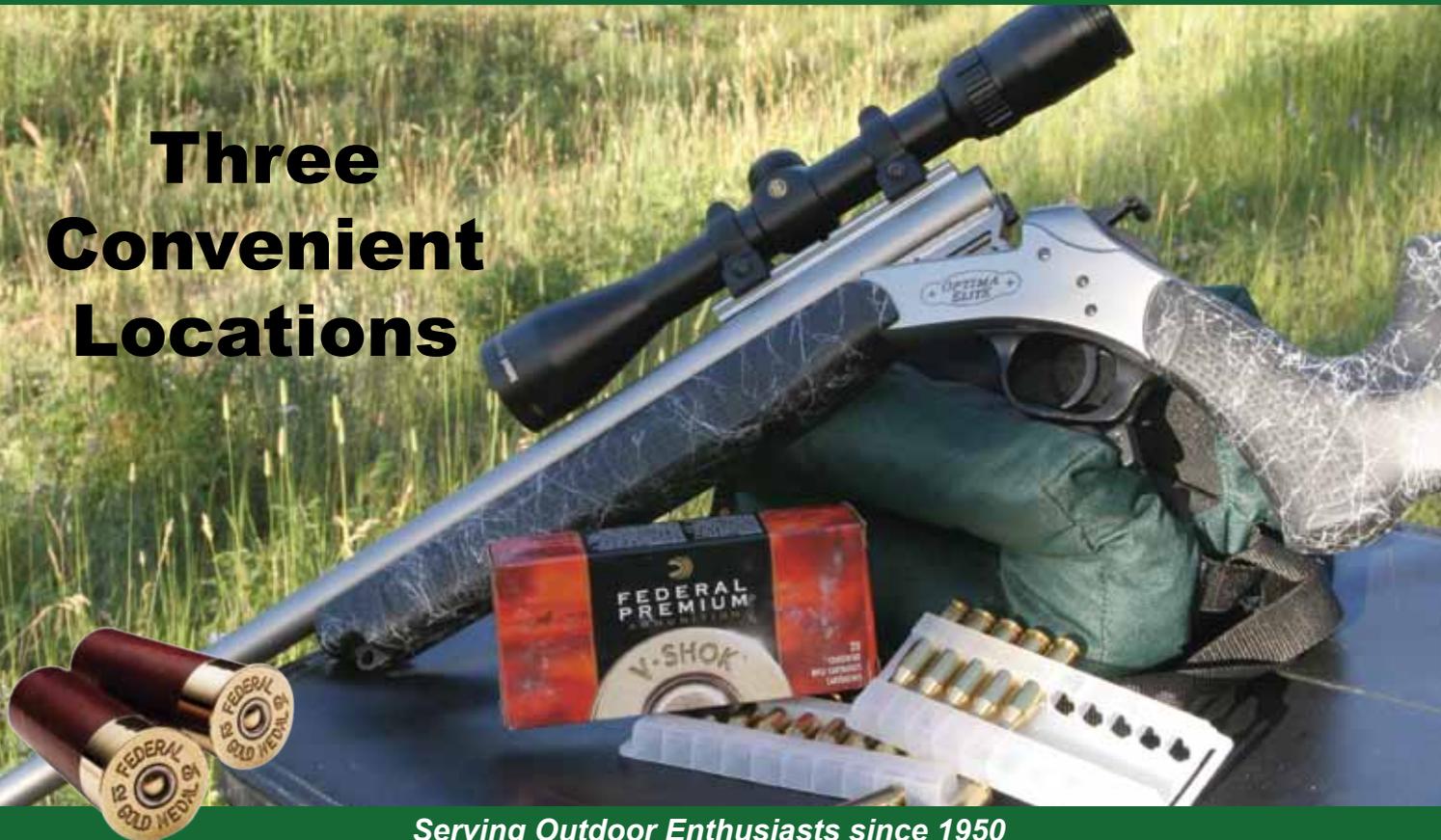
Sunday hunting and the crossbow are both excellent incentives for more hunters to hunt with archery equipment. These incentives create enormous potential for increasing the number of people who participate and the amount of time they spend enjoying the outdoor experience and our bountiful natural resources. Since archery hunting is an increasingly important deer management tool, more archery hunters will also help meet existing and future deer management goals, especially in urban and suburban areas where firearm hunting is limited.

If you are not currently archery hunting in New Jersey, Sunday hunting and the ability to use a crossbow are two big reasons you should choose to experience it soon. ♡

Dave Chanda is the Director of the Division of Fish & Wildlife.

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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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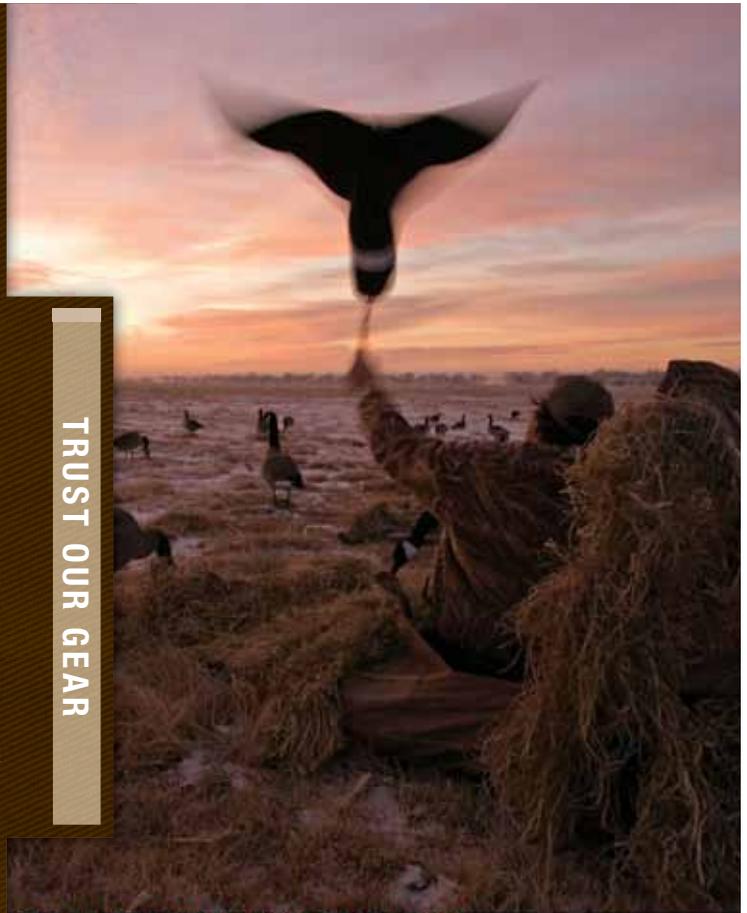
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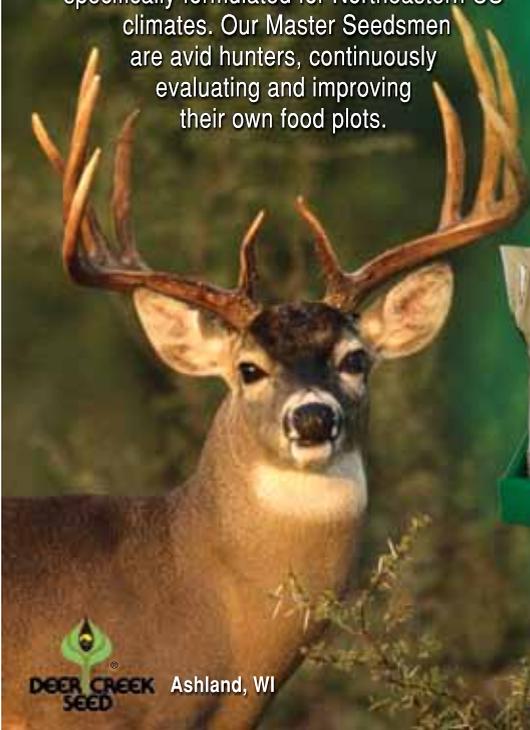
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