

Regulations in red are new this year.

DEER PERMITS ARE VALID for the 2020–2021 hunting season. New Jersey sporting licenses are valid for the calendar year and expire on Dec. 31. Beaver and river otter trapping permits are valid for the 2020–21 trapping season. For permit and license fees, see page 1.

Licenses

All persons hunting or trapping must be properly licensed. It is unlawful for any person age 10 or older to hunt without a hunting license. (See *Farmer License Exemption*, page 8.) It is unlawful for any person age 12 or older to trap without a trapping license. Hunting licenses are valid for the calendar year and expire on Dec. 31 regardless of the purchase date. See page 1 for license and permit fees. See page 10 for youth license information.

Do NOT heat laminate the durable license or permit. High temperature will destroy these waterproof, heat-sensitive documents.

First time customers can create their profile and establish their unique 9-digit Conservation ID Number on the Division's license website (www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com) from a computer or at a license agent (see agent list, page 16). This CID number will become the customer's permanent identification number and will be printed on each license, permit, or stamp purchase.

A first-time **hunting** license must be obtained at an agent by showing an appropriate Hunter Education course completion card or with a prior **resident** hunting license (firearm or bow and

arrow) from any state. All subsequent licenses can be purchased online or at any license agent. All hunters and trappers must openly display their license in the middle of the back on their outer clothing and must show their license to any law enforcement officer or any person requesting to see it. Farmers hunting their own land must also display any deer season permit.

Internet Sales Site

Go to www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com or purchase from a license agent listed on page 16. See also *Non-resident Licenses* and *Resident Licenses*, page 8.

Print Your Hunting License at Home for Immediate Use!

ALL online purchases:

- ♦ print from home on plain paper (credit card and convenience fees apply)
- ♦ valid immediately
- ♦ free unlimited home reprints
- ♦ order on green, durable stock, \$2

In one online visit, also purchase for family members or a hunting partner by using "Add a Profile" during your transaction. Added customer(s) must have already completed their child support certification.

Apprentice License

An Apprentice License allows a new hunter to participate in the sport but does not require completion of a hunter education course. Apprentice Hunters **MUST** hunt under the direct supervision and

guidance of a hunting mentor, hunting together as a unit in the same location. Mentors must be 21 years of age or older and must possess a valid NJ Hunting License for the hunting method (bow or firearm) being used.

Both residents and non-residents are eligible. Individuals are limited to two apprentice licenses per type per lifetime. The Apprentice License **cannot** be used as proof of the hunter education requirement for purchasing a regular license. Due to N.J. Firearm ID Card regulations, Firearm Apprentice Licenses are limited to individuals 18 years of age and older. An archery Apprentice License holder must be 14 years of age or older.

There are no free youth apprentice licenses. Apprentice license holders are **NOT** eligible for a Bear Permit, coyote permit, Rifle Permit or Muzzleloader Deer Permit and may not hunt with any type of rifle. An air gun is not considered a rifle. See *Firearms and Missiles* beginning on page 21.

Apprentice hunters must **ALWAYS** hunt under the direct supervision of a licensed hunter and cannot hunt at night nor hunt for coyote, fox or black bear. **Apprentice hunters must adhere to hunting laws, regulations and must purchase all hunting permits, stamps or the HIP certification, as required.**

Apprentice Licenses are available at License Agents and online.

Child Support Certification

The "Child Support Program Improvement Act" requires Fish and Wildlife to collect and maintain

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Disabled Veteran Licenses, Stamps & Permits

Free hunting and fishing licenses, stamps and permits are available for resident disabled veterans.

For the purposes of this program, legislation defines eligible disabled veterans as "...any resident of New Jersey who has been honorably discharged or released under honorable circumstances from active service from 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..."

New applicant disabled veterans may obtain their hunting and fishing licenses and stamps by mailing their application to the address listed. Fish and Wildlife offices will no longer accept Disabled Veteran Certifications in person. For more information and updates, go to www.njfishandwildlife.com/dvinfo.htm.

Applications for disabled veteran certification and your first disabled veteran license may be made via the mail by sending the application and all required documentation to:

NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife
Attn: Disabled Veteran Licensing
MC 501-03
PO Box 420
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

All licenses, stamps and permits for which the veteran is eligible will be free of charge. Disabled Vet status does not give preferential treatment in any lottery. For questions call (609) 292-2965.

Disabled Veteran Applicants:

1. Documentation of current benefits for a service-connected disability and proof of honorable discharge (such as a copy of your DD-214, VA card or monthly check stub) must be presented to be certified for disabled veteran status in our license system.
2. Applicant must provide a hunter education (archery, firearm, shotgun or rifle) course certificate applicable to the license for which he or she is applying or a previously issued resident archery or firearm license or Rifle Permit. Resident licenses from other states issued to hunters in New Jersey will be accepted if the license indicates the sporting arm for which it was valid. Non-resident licenses from other states are not acceptable.
3. To obtain the free disabled veteran deer/turkey permits one must *first* have a **free** disabled veteran hunting license.

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Social Security Numbers and child support obligation certification for all sporting license applications.

Certifications must be completed prior to a customer's first purchase each license year regardless of whether the purchase is made online or at a license agent. The online child support certification allows an individual to complete the form from the privacy of their home. Once completed—the certification remains valid for the calendar year in which the certification was completed.

Farmer License Exemption

See farmer and hunting permit information, page 24.

All farmers must have a Conservation Identification Number (CID#). Register online now for a free CID# at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. No purchase is required.

Hunter and Trapper Education Requirements

New Jersey requires that everyone, age 10 and above, applying to hunt with a firearm or bow must show a previous resident license of the appropriate type from this or any state, or a course completion card from the appropriate hunter education course to obtain a regular license, see *Apprentice License*, page 7. Anyone, age 12 and above, applying to trap furbearing animals must show a previous resident trapping license from this or any state, or a trapper education course completion card. See also *Youth Licenses*, this page.

NEW: All hunter education students must first complete the HunterCourse.com online program, which covers both firearm and bow, then pass the 100-question test. Print your completion voucher. (The New Jersey Study Guide/Workbook will NOT be accepted.)

Next, students must register for a specific date/time at one of the mandatory live-fire sessions listed on this [Hunter Education Registration Site](http://HunterEducationRegistrationSite) (a registration code is not required): <https://he.aspirafocus.com/huntersafety/Account/Register?controllingSpc=38>.

Students must register for each discipline (firearm or bow) separately and for different times. **Do not register for two sessions in the same time slot.**

Students must bring their completion voucher to the live-fire session.

For more information, visit NJFishandWildlife.com/hunted.htm. For questions, email NJHunterEd@dep.nj.gov or call the Hunter Education office at (856) 629-0552.

Trapper Education courses are offered once in the spring and four times in the months of September and October. To enroll in a trapper education course, go to the Fish and Wildlife website or call (856) 629-0552 to register.

Lost Licenses

A license, permit or stamp can be replaced at any license agent or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site, www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com. A \$2 fee is charged for each duplicate license/permit.

The new Electronic License System offers more convenience. When purchased at a license agent, hunters may request an emailed PDF license copy. When purchased online and home-printed, hunters may also purchase a duplicate durable license which will be mailed. Duplicate, home-printed licenses are free.

New Jersey National Guard Licenses

New Jersey National Guard personnel in good standing are entitled to free sporting licenses, permits and stamps. These privileges are available at all license agents, however hunters and anglers should first confirm with the DMVA office to ensure they are certified in the system. Call (609) 530-6866, e-mail or write to: MSG (Ret.) Robert Greco, NJ DMVA, 101 Eggert Crossing Rd., Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

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. See *Apprentice License*, page 7). (See *License Information and Fees*, page 1 for license types and also *Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-resident*, this page.) Non-immigrant aliens who temporarily import firearms to the United States must first obtain an application for the permit from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF). For importation of firearms, use form ATF Form 5330.3A. The approval may take up to 12 weeks. Contact ATF's New Jersey field office at (609) 989-2142 or download forms from their website at www.atf.gov/firearms/firearms-forms.

Non-resident hunters: For more information on non-resident hunting, go to NJFishandWildlife.com/nonrshnt.htm.

Military Licenses, Active Duty

Any person on active duty in the armed services, regardless of their current residency, may buy a New Jersey resident hunting license. Obtain an Apprentice License (page 7) or present a previous resident license (from this or any other state) of the appropriate type or show proof to the license agent of successful completion of the appropriate hunter education course along with proof of your current active duty status in the armed services.

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.

Resident Licenses

A resident license may be purchased if one has maintained their domicile in New Jersey for at least six months prior to the purchase.

Revocation of Licenses

Anyone convicted of a second fish and game violation, in this or any other state, within a period of five years will have their New Jersey hunting and fishing privileges revoked for a minimum of two

years. Certain violations carry greater periods of revocation, ranging from three years to lifetime revocation. Two convictions of any wildlife management area regulation will result in a five-year revocation of all sporting privileges. 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. Fish and Wildlife may revoke any special use permit or other authorization granted by N.J. Division of Fish and Wildlife (excluding hunting or fishing licenses, which are revoked under statutory authority) for violation or due cause. See page 13 for New Jersey's participation in the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact.

Youth Licenses, Resident and Non-Resident

A Youth Firearm or Youth Bow and Arrow License is valid from 10 years of age (or age when purchased) through Dec. 31 of the year when the youth turns 16. A Youth Trapping License is valid from 12 years of age through Dec. 31 of the year the youth turns 16. Note that properly licensed youth hunters age 10–13 may hunt only when under the direct supervision of a properly licensed adult hunter age 21 or older. See also *Youth Hunters*, page 23. **Youth licenses are available free to youths who have completed the hunter or trapper education course; see this page for course information.** See also *Take a Kid Hunting* pages 18–19.

Permits for Hunters and Trappers

Lottery Permit Application Process

Specific permit information for hunting wild turkey, beaver or otter is now located *with the regulations* for each species. For permit and license fees, see page 1.

Lotteries are conducted to allocate spring turkey, beaver and otter hunting or trapping permits. **There is no lottery for fall turkey permits.** To receive high-demand permits, you should first apply in the lottery. Apply at license agents or online. Be sure to have your Driver License or Social Security number on hand. A non-refundable \$2 application fee is charged for each lottery application.

Hunters or trappers will have three choices in each of two lotteries. If you will accept a permit only for one particular zone (and/or period), complete only a first choice selection. There is no obligation to select a second or third choice; these are optional. When an applicant's first choice cannot be filled, the computer will check for the second choice listed. If this selection is also sold out, the computer will check for your third choice. Each lottery is completely random and awards only ONE permit — not three. Your chance of winning a permit in the lottery depends on the number of applicants and the permit quota (allocation) which is available on our website.

Application via the Internet—*Before You Start*

Have ready your:

- ♦ Driver License or Social Security number
- ♦ Hunting zone number with season/time period

- ♦ Payment as credit card or e-check with checkbook and bank routing number
- ♦ Enter information carefully. Each step allows for making corrections. **Once a transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** Permit applicants will have the opportunity to edit their application at any time during the permit application period. Applicants are responsible to make application carefully. When the process is complete, print the confirmation page or note the transaction number for your records.

Application at License Agent Locations—*Know Before You Go*

- ♦ Know your Driver License number or Social Security Number and date of birth (DOB).
- ♦ Know your desired permit zone and, if applicable time period. The store proprietor or clerk is not responsible to know the zone/area of your hunting/trapping property. Be sure to review the map and zone descriptions at home before you arrive at the license agent.
- ♦ To speed your transaction, write down your information (DOB, first, second and third choices) and hand it to the license agent.
- ♦ NOTE: Agents are not able to print a receipt. It's important to have the clerk orally verify your application choices and to provide your transaction number. Keep this transaction number; it can be helpful should a problem occur with your application.

Know the Deadline to Claim Your Permit!

Claim your permit by 11:59 p.m. on these dates:

- Beaver/otter permit claim deadline: Nov. 30, 2020
- Spring turkey permit claim deadline: March 24, 2021

IMPORTANT: Check your permit award status in your customer profile; don't rely on e-mail or postcard notification. There is only a short window to claim the awarded permit(s). You MUST claim your permit BEFORE the claim period has ended! Unclaimed permits become available for over-the-counter sales. NO EXCEPTIONS! Check your application status online at www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com.

- ♦ Each agent decides what types of payment to accept. Learn this in advance, then have the correct payment ready when you arrive.

Notification of Lottery Results (Did you win a permit?)

Once the lottery is complete, applicants will be notified of their results. Those who select email notification are reminded to set your junk/spam folder to accept this notification. **IMPORTANT:** the notification may fail to arrive due to email issues (email filters, data storage capacity) or postcard delivery delays. **It is the customer's responsibility to know the deadlines and check their profile or**

contact the Division if they are unsure of their award status.

Claiming Your Permit

Lottery permit winners may claim their permit(s) at any license agent or online. See the lottery permit claim dates in the callout box above for beaver/otter and spring turkey permits. At the time of application, the hunter paid only the non-refundable \$2 application fee; the balance of the actual permit fee must still be paid. Internet-claimed permits are subject to an additional convenience fee.

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Purchasing Non-lottery and Unclaimed Lottery Permits

Leftover (unclaimed) lottery permits and non-lottery permits are available at license agents and online. During every transaction there are several opportunities to review your information for accuracy. A complete review at each step will allow you to make corrections, if necessary. **Note: Once a purchase transaction is complete there will be NO refunds or exchanges.** When purchasing permits at a license agent, speed your transaction by presenting to the agent a written note with your Driver

License or Social Security number and DOB, plus the season and zone of your permit choices.

Deer Hunting Permits

Permits are required to hunt during the Permit Bow, Permit Muzzleloader and Permit Shotgun deer seasons. There is no lottery for deer permits. See *Special Areas*, page 38, for specific deer permit requirements on those properties.

For details, see *Deer Season Permits*, page 14. See page 1 for fees.

Farmer Permits

See farmer hunting and permit information, page 24.

Falconry Permits

Hunting with raptors (birds of prey) is allowed only with both a falconry permit and a hunting license. For information see *Falconry*, page 20.

Rifle Permits

All persons in possession of a rifle (modern or muzzleloading rifle including a smoothbore muzzleloader firing a single projectile) while hunting or trapping must have a valid Rifle Permit. See the specific regulations for each game or furbearing animal for the specific rifles allowed. A Rifle Permit is not required for hunting with an air gun. Initial Rifle Permit applicants must be at least 10 years old and have successfully completed the Firearms or discontinued Rifle Hunter Education

Course, or have a resident license or Hunter Education card from any state which includes use of a rifle. See page 1 for Rifle Permit fees.

- ♦ Rifle Permits may be purchased at license agents or at Fish and Wildlife's Internet license sales site. Rifle Permits are valid for all ages of permit holders.
- ♦ Rifle Permits are valid from July 1–June 30.

Permits for Hunters with Disabling Conditions

A permit to use alternative methods/equipment for taking game during the prescribed seasons for certain physically challenged persons may be issued. The application period is Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 of each year.

Permits to Shoot from a Standing Vehicle

A permit to hunt or shoot on private property from a standing vehicle that is parked off the road may be issued to licensed hunters who:

1. have a permanent or irreversible physical disability that limits their ambulatory ability,
2. suffer from cardiovascular disease and are classified as Class 3 or 4 heart patients according to American Heart Association standards, or
3. suffer from chronic lung disease. This permit will be issued if the need is certified by a licensed physician or chiropractor.

Individuals hunting with a permit to hunt or shoot from a motor vehicle must mark the vehicle from which they are hunting either with handicapped license plates issued by the Motor Vehicle Commission or by displaying a sign provided by Fish and Wildlife in the rear window of this vehicle.

For more information on these permits, call (609) 292-1473 or write: NJ Division of Fish and Wildlife, Handicapped Permits, MC501-03, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 or downloaded directly from our website: NJFishandWildlife.com/disinfo.htm.

Permits, Other

Captive Wildlife Permits

The possession, ownership and release of wildlife is strictly regulated and allowed only for limited purposes. Information and permit applications may be obtained online or by calling:

- ♦ Nongame and exotics permits at NJFishandWildlife.com/exotic_apps.htm;
- ♦ Game birds and mammals: (609) 984-0530, NJFishandWildlife.com/captpermits.htm.

Deer Road-kill Permits

Deer accidentally killed by motor vehicles may be possessed only for private consumption by obtaining a free permit from the local police department or from a Fish and Wildlife regional law enforcement office. The permit authorizes only possession of the meat for consumption and is valid only for 90 days. The possession of all other parts such as antlers, under terms of this permit, are expressly prohibited. Wrapped venison packages must be labeled with the permit number.

Check Your Lottery Application and Status Online!

Review, change or check your lottery application:

Go to: www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com



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Tracking Dog Permits, Certification

Fish and Wildlife may issue permits to dog handlers who possess a certified tracking dog for the daytime or nighttime search and recovery of deer lost by a hunter during any deer hunting season prescribed by the Game Code. **Minimum certification:** UBT-1 from United Blood Trackers, Inc., or the equivalent from another recognized tracking dog organization. A photo of each certified dog must accompany the application. *Each handler must possess a valid New Jersey hunting license for the current year.* For more information on obtaining a permit, go to: www.NJFishandWildlife.com/deer_trackingdog.htm. See also *Dogs, Hunting and Training*, page 20 and the tracking dog feature on page 31.

Stamps

Stamps (such as federal migratory bird stamps) are not transferable to another person and are not valid unless signed across the face in ink. Stamps need not be affixed to the license. State waterfowl "stamps" and Pheasant and Quail stamps now print either directly on your hunting license or as a separate stub, replacing the former paper stamp for these privileges.

Pheasant and Quail Stamp

Anyone aged 16 and over (except 16 year olds who are still eligible to use their youth firearm license) hunting or possessing pheasant (or quail only on Greenwood Forest or Peaslee WMAs) on the following designated wildlife management areas must have in possession a current Pheasant and Quail Stamp: ♦ Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Dix, Flatbrook, Glassboro, Greenwood Forest, Howardsville, Heislerville, Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Millville (Bevan), Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Rockport, Stafford Forge, Tuckahoe (MacNamara), Walpack, Whittingham and Winslow. The Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area is also a designated pheasant and quail stamp area. Pheasant and quail stamps are valid for the calendar year, January–December. **Quail may be hunted or possessed ONLY on Peaslee or Greenwood WMAs.**

New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp

Anyone 16 or older who hunts waterfowl must possess a New Jersey Waterfowl Stamp in addition to the Federal Migratory Bird Stamp. Both stamps are valid for the fiscal year, July 1–June 30. A Harvest Information Program (HIP) certification is also required. For HIP details, see *Migratory Bird Regulations*, page 59. ♪



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For more information, contest rules or past winners please visit www.OceanCountyParks.org or call Wells Mills County Park 609-971-3085





Lt. Shannon-Marrick, NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Lt. Mascio and CPO Riviello posting **Restricted Area** signs in Greenwood WMA, Lacey Twp.

Law Enforcement and Regulation Information



For regulation questions, contact a New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office that serves the county where you hunt or fish.

- **Northern Region — (908) 735-8240**
(Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties)
- **Central Region — (609) 259-2120**
(Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Ocean counties)
- **Southern Region — (856) 629-0555**
(Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem counties)
- **Marine Region — (609) 748-2050**
(coastal and bay areas)
- **To report violations anonymously call Operation Game Thief — (855) OGT-TIPS**
After business hours, contact the 24-hour DEP Action Line at (877) WARN-DEP or (877) 927-6337.

Are You Being Watched?



CPO Adam Merritt

A report of possible night deer poaching to Fish and Wildlife Conservation Police Officer Adam Merritt resulted in the successful prosecution of two poachers in Wantage Township, Sussex County.

Evidence was found in December leading to an investigation that continued for weeks.

On January 31, the same witness notified CPO Merritt of two people entering the woods, one carrying a crossbow, just an hour before sunset — not the time when most would begin a hunt. Within minutes after legal hunting hours ended, Conservation Police Lt. Sutton arrived to the area. The permit bow deer season in DMZ 2 was now officially closed.

Watching through binoculars, a person in a tree stand was observed with a crossbow across his lap, shining a red light onto a nearby tripod feeder. Another red light was observed in the woods nearby.

CPO Merritt arrived as backup shortly before the individuals left their stands — 2 1/2 hours after dark. When the officers made contact, one person's crossbow was still cocked with a bolt on the rail.

The crossbows of both individuals had mounted lights. One individual had a loaded pistol in a belt holster. Cellular trail cameras and remote motion sensors were also found in the area.

Upon conviction, the violators, one from Garfield, the other from Lodi, were assessed \$4,234 and \$2,234 in penalties and court costs.

Fish and Wildlife Director Dave Golden said, "Practices like those employed by these two violators are unacceptable to legal hunters and to the non-hunting public alike. I thank the witness who first observed this suspicious activity and reported it to our Conservation Police."

All wildlife law violations and other environmental concerns such as illegal dumping can be reported to the DEP's emergency response line at 1-877-WARN-DEP (877-927-6337).

HUNTERS: Know Before You Go!

Two separate fish and wildlife convictions for violating any New Jersey saltwater, freshwater, trapping or hunting law within a five-year period will cause you to lose your hunting and fishing privileges for two-to five-years! This means convictions for taking under-sized or over limit striped bass in Marine waters can prevent you from hunting!

Wildlife management area violations such as possession of alcohol, swimming, ATV use and illegal dumping also fall under fish and wildlife offenses and can result in license revocation.

Don't take a chance on losing your license because you heard the wrong information! If you have any questions regarding hunting or fishing regulations, please call your regional Fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement office before going in the field.

The overwhelming majority of New Jersey hunters, trappers and anglers are ethical, law abiding citizens with a low tolerance for those not willing to follow the laws. If you see a violation occurring, report it immediately by calling 1-(877) WARN-DEP.



CPO Lt. Shamon Martiak/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Police Officers Riviello, Garofalo and Lt. Mascio conducting off-road vehicle patrol at Colliers Mills WMA, Jackson Township.

Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact

New Jersey is member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, a multi-state agreement designed to 1. enhance protection of wildlife resources in member states, 2. provide equal treatment of non-resident hunters/anglers/trappers, and 3. improve compliance with citations or summonses issued for wildlife violations.

Responsible hunters and anglers want wildlife violators removed from the population of ethical sporting enthusiasts.

Under the Compact, information about suspension of sporting license privileges for people convicted of wildlife violations in New Jersey will be shared with participating Compact states. The other Compact member states determine if the individual would also be suspended according to their own state laws.

Similarly, New Jersey will be provided with information on individuals suspended for convictions under the law of all Compact states. When reviewed, if the violation(s) would lead to suspension under New Jersey's laws, that individual's privileges will also be suspended in New Jersey.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If an individual has a wildlife license or privilege suspension in any Compact state, **it is the individual's responsibility to first contact the licensing authority in the state where they intend to hunt, fish, trap, harvest shellfish or otherwise take or possess wildlife to determine their eligibility before purchasing any license or engaging in those activities.**

Under New Jersey law, two convictions of any violation of the fish and game laws of this **or any other state** within five years will result in a two-year hunting and fishing license suspension.

Individuals with wildlife violation convictions or license suspensions received outside of New Jersey may call the Compact Administrator at (609) 259-3347 to determine his or her license eligibility in New Jersey.

For more information on the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact, including which states are members, consult the Fish and Wildlife's website at www.NJFishandWildlife.com/violators_compact.htm



CPO Jordan Holmes/NJ Div. Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Police Officers enforce wildlife laws throughout the year. Here, CPO Adam Merritt patrols Spruce Run Reservoir. Violations, whether for fishing or for hunting, can lead to a loss of hunting license privileges.