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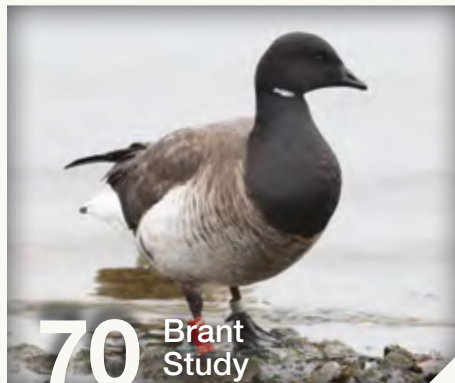
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## License Information & Fees 2020-21\*

Licenses are valid from date of purchase to Dec. 31 of each year. For internet license sales go to [www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com](http://www.NJ.WildlifeLicense.com). See also pages 16-17 for license agent listings.

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Rifle Permit (Valid from July 1-June 30, 16 years old and older) .....	\$10.50
Rifle Permit, Youth (Valid from July 1-June 30, under 16 only) .....	\$6
Beaver Trapping Permit.....	\$17
Coyote/Fox Permit.....	\$2
Otter Trapping Permit .....	\$2

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Pheasant & Quail Stamp .....	\$40
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Duplicate License, Permit or Stamp .....	\$2

\* New licenses become available on Dec. 15 annually. See page 7 for additional license information.

\* Apprentice hunters must purchase any related stamp, permit or HIP certification as required of all hunters.

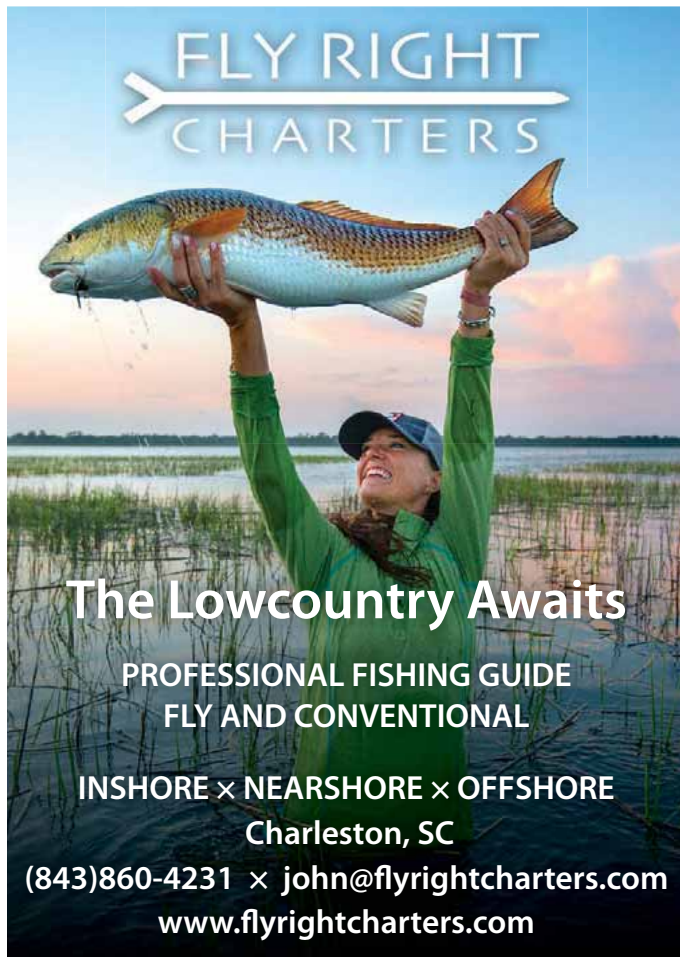


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**Our Mission**

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.
- To maximize the recreational and commercial use of New Jersey's fish and wildlife for both present and future generations.



Hunters and target shooters purchase firearms and ammunition.

Manufacturers pay federal excise taxes on firearms and ammunition.

Revenue from these federal excise taxes is distributed to state fish and wildlife agencies.

State fish and wildlife agencies receive federal funds to implement programs and projects.

Better hunting and associated recreation increase the public's understanding of wildlife conservation.

## Your Dollars Make a Difference!

When you purchase hunting and shooting equipment in New Jersey, excise tax dollars – paid by manufacturers of ammunition, firearms, and archery equipment – come back to New Jersey to support wildlife conservation!

This is the federal **Wildlife Restoration Program**.

**Your** license fees and federal Wildlife Restoration dollars produce the following benefits:

- Management and restoration of wildlife species throughout the state
- Acquisition of suitable wildlife habitat and/or public access for hunting or other wildlife-oriented recreation.
- Development, maintenance and restoration of Wildlife Management Areas throughout the state for the benefit of the public
- NJ's pheasant hunting program
- Creation of hunter education and R3 programs



# Director's Message

DAVE GOLDEN



Over the course of the past year, so much in our world has changed. As our society adapts to new and unfamiliar social norms, a renewed interest in the outdoors has emerged. Visitation to our wildlife management areas reached record numbers during the summer of 2020 as people left the confinement of their homes to seek solace in the natural world. The comfort and rejuvenation that nature provides has long been recognized by the readers of the *New Jersey Hunting & Trapping Digest*. After all, hunters are well known as the country's "original conservationists." It is your license purchases that fund the management of wildlife and wildlife management areas in New Jersey. We appreciate the continued support you show to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. We work hard to provide safe and abundant wildlife and open space opportunities.

During the most challenging periods of 2020, the men and women of Fish and Wildlife worked

through mounting obstacles to deliver on our agency's commitment of maintaining abundant wildlife and quality public lands for all New Jerseyans. Our conservation police officers have been in the field and on the waters each day throughout the COVID-19 crisis, enforcing hunting and fishing regulations while upholding order and public safety on our wildlife management areas.

With a continued focus on early successional habitats, our Land Management staff also has been in the field throughout this crisis, maintaining and creating field and young forest habitats across the state. Look for evidence of their hard work when visiting our Stafford Forge, Winslow, Sparta Mountain, South Branch and Flatbrook wildlife management areas, just to name a few.

Speaking of fields, who's ready for some pheasant hunting? This year the Division of Fish and Wildlife will be providing additional opportunities on wildlife management areas for the pheasant hunting season, as part of its Recruitment, Retention and Reactivation or R3 program. Pheasant & Quail Stamp buyers can look forward to additional pheasants getting stocked this season. Check the stocking schedule on page 50 to know when the birds are going out and where they are going.

Visitors to some of Fish and Wildlife's outdoor shooting ranges are already enjoying the new, safe, high-quality renovation projects on which our staff worked industriously during the first half of 2020. Renovations are complete at our Clinton and Millville muzzleloader ranges. These renovated ranges have new benches and covered shooting stations to provide comfort and safety for range users. More range projects like this are on the way. Similar renovations should be completed soon at the Colliers Mills and Stafford Forge ranges. Sight in your firearm at one of these free outdoor ranges before heading into the field this season! Additional details about our ranges are found on page 65.

While our ranges were being renovated, many of our online services continued to be innovated. Fish and Wildlife's new Electronic License System provides easy access for purchasing licenses and permits from the comfort of your home. Our convenient Automated Harvest Reporting System now allows you to report your turkey harvest. Another new online offering this season is zone maps for deer, bear, waterfowl, turkey, beaver/otter plus other species. Having an accurate understanding of the zone boundaries where you hunt or trap is a critical component of your legal participation in these activities. Online maps are found on our website ([www.njfishandwildlife.com/hunt-trap\\_zones.htm](http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/hunt-trap_zones.htm)) and are meant to help you *know before you go*.

As you page through this year's *Digest*, you may notice several simpler, more straightforward regulation tables. The new archery and firearm deer tables (pages 33 and 34) consolidate New Jersey's deer regulations into an easy-to-read format. The deer license/permit table on page 27 provides new and returning hunters with a quick understanding of what's needed for each season while the Take a Kid Hunting Youth Hunt table spells out dedicated youth hunt days at-a-glance on page 18. The new formats are designed to better deliver information to keep you safe and legal in the field. Look for additional design changes in upcoming editions of the *Digest*.

By all accounts, 2020 has been an incredibly unique year. We're all looking forward to the familiar feel of fall and getting back into the woods for the start of our hunting and trapping seasons. Time afield — with friends or by yourself — is one of the best remedies to relieve stress and soothe the soul. The outdoors awaits, so know the regulations, grab your gear and go have fun! 🍂

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This nationwide initiative is generating new participation in hunting and the shooting sports, welcoming new and former hunters while addressing the declining numbers as many older participants leave the activity. The R3 effort will help create the next generation of conservationists while stabilizing critical wildlife conservation funding.

**Will you be part of the solution?**

### Mentored Hunting Program

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is actively seeking volunteer hunting mentors. Mentors must show safe, ethical and responsible use of archery and firearm equipment in the pursuit of game species.

#### Mentor roles include:

- ♦ Assisting one-on-one with prospective novice hunters and target shooters.
- ♦ Sharing knowledge and experience at skill-based clinics, seminars, and workshops.
- ♦ Participating at field-to-fork style programming.

Questions about the **Mentored Hunting Program** and application requests can be directed to [r3mentoredhunt@dep.nj.gov](mailto:r3mentoredhunt@dep.nj.gov) or (856) 629-1014.



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