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# Message to the Constituents of New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

From John Bradway Sr., Chair  
Fish and Game Council

The Fish and Game Council of the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife presents the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 1999. Members of the Fish and Game Council are appointed by the Governor and function as unpaid volunteers who act in the best interest of New Jersey's fish and wildlife resources on behalf of the public. The Council helps to create and finalize each year's hunting and fishing regulations and enables the professional and scientific management of our resources.

This year's Annual Report provides an overview of the responsibilities of each bureau or office within the division, then selects highlights from the many fish and wildlife related program accomplishments during Fiscal Year 1999. Each of the agency's bureaus are intimately connected with maintaining or enhancing the quality of fish and wildlife resources as we respond to New Jersey's changing demographics.

The division continues to be unique in state government in that it is funded primarily by you, the constituents it most directly serves—those who hunt, fish, check-off for wildlife or buy Conserve Wildlife license plates—rather than by general tax revenues.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife remains dedicated to providing sound management programs for our fish and wildlife resources and to preserving the essential aesthetic, recreational, economic and ecological values beneficial to everyone.

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## New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

### Mission

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

### Goals

1. 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.
2. To educate New Jerseyans on the values and needs of our fish and wildlife and to foster a positive human/wildlife co-existence.
3. To maximize the recreational and commercial use of New Jersey's fish and wildlife for both present and future generations.

*New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife is a professional, environmental organization dedicated to the protection, management and wise use of the state's fish and wildlife resources.*

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