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Congratulations on successfully receiving a special permit for trapping beaver and / or river otter during the 2024-25 trapping season! The following is some important information that you need to be aware of, including data form completion, pelt registration, season dates, permit quotas and zone boundary descriptions. Please take a few minutes and review this information (at least those portions that pertain to your specific zone permit).

This informational packet also includes the appropriate harvest forms for your convenience and must be supplied when registering your harvest. Completing the information before coming to the check station will save you valuable time! **Please complete the top section of the forms even if you didn't actively trap, or did trap but were unsuccessful in capturing any beaver or otter (for otter please also indicate the Management Zone for which you had a permit).** Obviously, if you did harvest beaver and/or otter, the entire form(s) need to be completed except where indicated for **Division Use Only**.

Please note that the forms have been modified to include # of Days Trapped and # Traps Used per Day. This was done in an effort to improve the Division's knowledge of trapper effort for beaver and otter normally estimated from the annual Trapper Harvest Survey. Since not every trapper returns the annual survey and the number of permit holders is small, the Division feels it important to increase our data collection efforts.

If you weren't successful in capturing beaver and/or otter, you may either drop off the form at any check-in station listed below or return them to the Upland Project as follows:

Return to:	Mailing Address	Fax Number	Scan and Email to:
Peter Stark Joseph Garris	Northern Region Office 26 Route 173 West Hampton NJ 08827	(908) 735-5689	Peter.Stark@dep.nj.gov Joseph.Garris@dep.nj.gov

The Division considers this information very important, so you will be contacted if we do not receive your harvest form(s)!

ATTENTION OTTER TRAPPERS!

Regarding the selling of otter pelts:

1. You can sell directly to a fur buyer in New Jersey or another state as soon as the pelt has been tagged with the possession seal by the check station operator. No other permit or tag is necessary for sale within the United States.

If you decide to sell to a foreign buyer (in Canada, etc.), you must first apply to the Federal Wildlife Permit Office for a permit to do so. A \$25 fee is involved. (Obviously, selling to buyer within the continental United States is a better choice.)

2. **All otter carcasses will be collected at all check stations.** *Failure to comply is a violation of the NJ Game Code and citations will be issued by the Division's Bureau of Law Enforcement.* If you successfully harvest an otter, but can not store the carcass until February 22, please contact Joe Garris or Peter Stark at (908) 735-7040 **before February 17** and arrangements will be made to pick up the carcass.
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PELT REGISTRATION

The current Game Code requires trappers to affix transportation tags to all harvested beaver and otter immediately upon taking possession. The Division recommends and would greatly appreciate trappers taking the extra time to also report their harvests via the Automated Harvest Report System (AHRS) via mobile phone or computer at <https://nj.aspirafocus.com/internetsales> or by calling 1-855-I HUNT NJ (1-855-448-6865). Reporting your harvest via the AHRS will enable the Division to more accurately assess harvests in real time and make a determination as to whether the trapping season should be extended to meet statewide management objectives.

If you have difficulty with the AHRS, you may call-in and leave a message about the number of beaver or otter taken daily and management zone to Joseph Garriss at (908) 735-7040, extension 215. Beaver Example: 2 beaver, Zone 1. Otter Example: otter, Zone 1.

All beaver / otter pelts *and otter carcasses* must be taken to one of the following six check station on February 22, 2025, between the hours of **9 a.m. and 12 noon**. Please make every effort to flesh out your pelts before the check date – the Division can not obtain age/condition information from whole, frozen animals. **NOTE:** These are the only dates check stations will be in operation.

- A. Flatbrook Wildlife Mgt. Area, Rt. 615, Layton, Sussex Co.
- B. Assunpink Wildlife Mgt. Area, 1 Eldridge Rd., Upper Freehold Township, Monmouth Co.
- C. Winslow Wildlife Mgt. Area, 220 Blue Anchor Rd., Sicklerville, Camden Co.
- D. Tuckahoe Wildlife Mgt. Area, Rt. 631, Petersburg, Cape May Co.
- E. Clinton Wildlife Mgt. Area, 141 Van Syckle Rd., Clinton, Hunterdon Co.
- F. Newfoundland Community Fire Company, Fairplace and Rt. 23, Newfoundland, Passaic Co.

Successful trappers who cannot attend the scheduled dates may contact Joe Garriss or Peter Stark at (908) 735-7040 before **February 17** to schedule a pelt examination.

It is also permissible to have someone else bring your pelts and/or carcass to the check-in, provided that all data forms have been completed to the fullest extent possible (i.e., everything except where indicated “Division Use Only”).

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PERTINENT GAME CODE REGULATIONS

7:25-5.9 Beaver (*Castor canadensis*) trapping

- (a) Beaver may only be taken by means of a trap approved by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.
- (b) The annual beaver trapping season shall begin 6:00 A.M. EST on December 26 and conclude the following February 9, 11:59 P.M. EST, inclusive, except on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas enumerated in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.33(a)2. On State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas enumerated in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.33(a)2, the trapping season for beaver shall begin 6:00 A.M. EST on January 1 and conclude February 9, 11:59 P.M. EST, inclusive. If the anticipated harvest of beaver has not been accomplished during this season, up to 14 additional days may be authorized by the Director.
- (c) Special Permit: A special permit obtained from the Division of Fish and Wildlife shall be required to trap beaver. If the number of applications received exceeds the quotas listed, a random drawing will be held to determine permit holders. Application for special permits shall be made via the Division's ELS or, in the event of ELS operating difficulties, by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division during the period October 1-31, annually. Unclaimed beaver permits may be issued over-the-counter. Applicants may apply for only one beaver trapping permit and shall provide their Conservation ID Number, or name, age, address, and any other information requested thereon. Successful applicants must trap with a valid, current trapping license. The annual Special Beaver Trapping Permit quota is as follows:

ANNUAL SPECIAL BEAVER PERMIT QUOTAS	
Beaver Management Zone Number*	Annual Portions of Counties Involved Permit Quota
1	8 Sussex
2	17 Sussex
3	9 Bergen, Morris, Passaic, Sussex
4	7 Sussex, Warren
5	12 Sussex, Warren
6	22 Morris, Passaic, Sussex, Warren
7	10 Essex, Morris, Passaic
8	8 Ocean
9	7 Burlington, Ocean
10	8 Atlantic, Burlington, Camden
11	6 Atlantic, Burlington, Ocean
12	3 Atlantic, Camden, Gloucester
13	7 Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland
14	2 Atlantic, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem
15	2 Cumberland, Salem
16	6 Atlantic, Burlington
17	5 Atlantic
18	3 Atlantic, Cape May
19	3 Hunterdon, Morris, Warren
20	7 Hunterdon, Morris
21	1 Hunterdon, Morris, Somerset
22	1 Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Union

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Beaver Management Zone Number*	Annual Permit Quota	Portions of Counties Involved
23	1	Bergen, Hudson, Passaic
24	3	Hunterdon, Mercer, Somerset
25	6	Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Somerset
26	3	Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth
27	2	Monmouth, Ocean
28	11	Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth
29	12	Burlington, Camden, Gloucester
30	8	Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem
Total	200	

*Beaver and otter management zones are described in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.10(h)1 through 30.

(d) Beaver Damage Control Permit: Special permits, known as Beaver Damage Control Permits, may be issued by the Director, in his or her discretion, for the control of beavers. These permits may be issued to the owner or lessee of any land to control beavers that are causing damage on that land.

1. The permittee and their agents shall conform to all Federal, State, and local statutes, rules, codes, and ordinances pertaining to the use and discharge of firearms, and the setting of traps.

2. The permittee and their agents shall comply with the means, methods of take, hours, recordkeeping requirements, and other conditions prescribed by the Division and listed on the Beaver Damage Control Permit.

3. The conditions set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.32(b)3 through 6, 8, 9, 10, and 12 through 15 apply to Beaver Damage Control Permits.

4. For Beaver Damage Control Permits issued during the dates of the annual beaver trapping season, the trapper must have first applied for a special permit for the current beaver trapping season. Beaver taken outside the recreational trapping season cannot be possessed or sold by the damage control trapper. Permit conditions for a Beaver Damage Control Permit issued during the annual season may include provisions for possession of beavers caught under the permit, in which case the beavers must be tagged and checked in accordance with (f) below. A valid trapping license is required for trapping under a Beaver Damage Control Permit issued during the annual trapping season.

(e) The season limit for beaver trapping is eight beaver per special permit.

(f) A "beaver transportation tag" provided by the Division shall be affixed to each beaver taken immediately upon taking possession of the beaver or any part thereof, and all beaver pelts shall be taken to a designated beaver checking station at the times and dates specified on the beaver permit and, in any case, no later than 20 days after the close of the season.

(g) Each beaver trapper shall be restricted to a maximum of **five traps daily in any given management zone**. Each trap shall be tagged pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.12 with the tag clearly visible above the level of the water or ice. The Division, in its discretion, may designate and suitably post certain beaver colonies and prohibit all trapping within their dams, or within 500 feet thereof, during the beaver trapping season as indicated in this section.

(h) Special Beaver Permits and Beaver Damage Control Permits are valid only in the zone or site designated and are not transferable from person to person.

(i) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:3-1, 23:4-1, 23:4-22.2, 23:4-27, 23:4-37, 23:4-38.2, 23:4-38.3, 23:4-39, 23:4-40, 23:4-41, 23:4-55 and other applicable statutes.

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7:25-5.10 River otter (*Lontra canadensis*) trapping

(a) Otter may only be taken under special permit by means of a trap approved by the Division of Fish and Wildlife.

(b) The annual river otter trapping season shall begin 6:00 A.M. EST on December 26 and conclude the following February 9, 11:59 P.M. EST, inclusive, except on State Fish and Wildlife Management Areas enumerated in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.33(a)2. On State Wildlife Management Areas enumerated in N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.33(a)2, the trapping season for otter shall begin 6:00 A.M. EST on January 1 and conclude February 9, 11:59 P.M. EST, inclusive. If the anticipated harvest of otter has not been accomplished, up to 14 additional days may be authorized by the Director.

(c) Special Permit: A special permit obtained from the Division of Fish and Wildlife shall be required to trap otter. If the number of applications received exceeds the quotas listed, a random drawing will be held to determine permit holders. Beaver permit holders will be given first opportunity for otter permits in their respective zones. Applications shall be submitted via the Division's ELS or, in the event of ELS operating difficulties, by providing the same information at ELS locations through such alternate system as may be designated by the Division during the period October 1-31, annually. Unclaimed otter permits may be issued over-the-counter. Only one application per person may be submitted for trapping otter and applicants shall provide their Conservation ID Number, or name, age, address, and any other information requested thereon. Permits will be allotted on a zone basis as follows: Zone 1-4, Zone 2-4, Zone 3-3, Zone 4-3, Zone 5-5, Zone 6-5, Zone 7-4, Zone 8-8, Zone 9-6, Zone 10-2, Zone 11-6, Zone 12-2, Zone 13-7, Zone 14-6, Zone 15-15, Zone 16-5, Zone 17-2, Zone 18-6, Zone 19-3, Zone 20-7, Zone 21-1, Zone 22-1, Zone 23-1, Zone 24-3, Zone 25-6, Zone 26-3, Zone 27-2, Zone 28-11, Zone 29-6, and Zone 30-9. Total: 146. Successful applicants must trap with a valid, current trapping license.

(d) The season limit for otter trapping is one otter.

(e) The "otter transportation tag" provided by the Division must be affixed to each otter taken immediately upon taking possession of the otter or any part thereof. All otter pelts and carcasses shall be taken to a beaver-otter check station at dates specified on the otter permit and, in any case, no later than 20 days after the close of the season, where a pelt tag will be affixed and the carcass surrendered.

(f) Each otter trapper is restricted to a maximum of **three traps daily** and each trap must be tagged pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:25-5.12 with the tag clearly visible above the level of the water or ice.

(g) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 23:3-1, 23:4-1, 23:4-37, 23:4-22.2, 23:4-27, 23:4-38.2, 23:4-38.3, 23:4-39, 23:4-40, 23:4-41, and 23:4-55 and other applicable statutes.

(h) Beaver and Otter Management Zones are described as follows:

1. Zone 1: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New York-New Jersey state line with Rt. 519, then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 23, then south on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Colesville, then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with County Rt. 636 above Branchville, then west on Rt. 636 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 521, then southwest on Rt. 521 to its intersection with County Rt. 617, then south on Rt. 617 to its intersection with Rt. 624 near Fairview Lake, then northwest on Rt. 624 to its intersection with Big Flatbrook River; then southwest along the southern bank of the Big Flatbrook River to its confluence with the Delaware River, then north along the Delaware River to the New York-New Jersey state line, then south along the New York-New Jersey state line to Rt. 519, the point of beginning.

2. Zone 2: That portion of Sussex County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the New York-New Jersey state line with Rt. 519, then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with Rt. 23, then south

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on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 519 at Colesville, then south on Rt. 519 to its intersection with County Rt. 636 above Branchville, then west on County Rt. 636 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then southeast on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 15 at Ross Corner, then south on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Sparta, then north on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23, then east on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 515 at Stockholm, then north on Rt. 515 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Vernon, then north on Rt. 94 to the state line, then west along the state line to its intersection with Rt. 519, the point of beginning.

3. Zone 3: That portion of Sussex, Passaic, Morris and Bergen Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the state line and Rt. 94; then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 515 at Vernon; then south on Rt. 515 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Stockholm then east on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 202 near Wayne; then north on Rt. 202 to the state line at Suffern; then west along the state line to its intersection with Rt. 94, the point of beginning.

4. Zone 4: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the confluence of the Delaware and Big Flatbrook River; then northeast along the southern bank of Big Flatbrook River to its intersection with Rt. 624, then south on Rt. 624 to its intersection with Rt. 617, then north on Rt. 617 to its intersection with Rt. 521, then northeast on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Newton, then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 608 at Marksboro, then south on Rt. 608 to its intersection with Rt. 521, then south on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 80 near Hope, then west on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Columbia, then south on Rt. 94 to its intersection with the Delaware River, then north and northeast along the Delaware River to its confluence with the Big Flatbrook River, the point of beginning.

5. Zone 5: That portion of Sussex and Warren Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River and Rt. 94 at Columbia, then north on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 80, then east on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 521 near Hope, then north on Rt. 521 to its intersection with Rt. 608, then northeast on Rt. 608 to its intersection with Rt. 94 at Marksboro, then north and east on Rt. 94 to its intersection with Rt. 206 at Newton, then north on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 15 at Ross Corner, then south on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Sparta, then southwest on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 46 at Hackettstown, then west on Rt. 46 to its intersection with Water Street in Belvidere, then south along Water Street to its intersection with the Delaware River, then north on the Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 94, the point of beginning.

6. Zone 6: That portion of Warren, Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 46 and Rt. 517 in Hackettstown, then north on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Franklin, then south on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 699 (Berkshire Valley Rd.) at Oak Ridge, then south on Rt. 699 to its intersection with Rt. 15, then south on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 80, then west on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 10 near Ledgewood, then east on Rt. 10 to its intersection with Rt. 513, then west on Rt. 513 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Long Valley, then north on Rt. 517 to its intersection with Rt. 182, then north on Rt. 182 to its intersection with Rt. 46, then northwest on Rt. 46 to its intersection with Rt. 517 at Hackettstown, the point of beginning.

7. Zone 7: That portion of Morris, Passaic and Essex Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 699 (Berkshire Valley Rd.) and Rt. 23 at Oak Ridge, then southeast on Rt. 23 to its intersection with Rt. 80 near Singac, then west on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 287, then south on Rt. 287 to its intersection with Rt. 10 near Whippany, then west on Rt. 10 to its intersection with Rt. 80 at Ledgewood, then east on Rt. 80 to its intersection with Rt. 15, then north on Rt. 15 to its intersection with Rt. 699 at Mt. Hope, then north on Rt. 699 to its intersection with Rt. 23 at Oak Ridge, the point of beginning.

8. Zone 8: That portion of Ocean County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 537 and Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, then south on Rt. 539 to its intersection with Rt. 72 near Howardsville, then east on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532, then east on Rt. 532 to its termination at Barnegat Bay, then

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continuing eastward across Barnegat Bay and through Barnegat Inlet to the Atlantic Ocean, then north along the Atlantic Ocean to its intersection with Rt. 528 at Mantoloking, then west along Rt. 528 (527/528) to its intersection with Rt. 195 near Jackson Mills, then west along Rt. 195 to its intersection with Rt. 537 near Holmeson, then southwest along Rt. 537 to its intersection with Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, the point of beginning.

9. Zone 9: That portion of Ocean and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 537 and Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, then south on Rt. 539 to its intersection with Rt. 72 near Howardsville, then northwest on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532, then west on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 206 near Tabernacle, then north on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 537 at Chambers Corner, then east on Rt. 537 to its intersection with Rt. 539 at Hornerstown, the point of beginning.

10. Zone 10: That portion of Burlington, Camden and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 73 and Rt. 561 near Blue Anchor, then north on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 70 at Marlton, then east on Rt. 70 to its intersection with Rt. 541 at Medford, then southeast on Rt. 541 to its intersection with Rt. 532 at Medford Lakes, then east on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then south on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 54, then southwest on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 561 near Hammonton, then northwest on Rt. 561 to its intersection with Rt. 73 near Blue Anchor, the point of beginning.

11. Zone 11: That portion of Ocean, Burlington and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 563 and Rt. 532 at Chatsworth, then east on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 72, then southeast on Rt. 72 to its intersection with Rt. 532 near Howardsville, then east on Rt. 532 to its termination at Barnegat Bay; then continuing eastward across Barnegat Bay and through Barnegat Inlet to the Atlantic Ocean, then south along the Atlantic Ocean to the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City, then northwest on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 563 in Egg Harbor, then north on Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 532 at Chatsworth, the point of beginning.

12. Zone 12: That portion of Atlantic, Gloucester and Camden Counties lying in a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 322 and Spur 536 Williamstown, then northeast on Spur 536 to its intersection with Rt. 73 near Tansboro, then south on Rt. 73 to its intersection with Rt. 561 at Blue Anchor, then southeast on Rt. 561 to its intersection with Rt. 54 near Hammonton, then southwest on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 557 at Buena, then northwest on Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 322/536 near Williamstown, then east on Rt. 322/536 to its intersection with Spur 536 Williamstown, the point of beginning.

13. Zone 13: That portion of Cape May, Atlantic and Cumberland Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 557 and County Rt. 671 at Buena, then southeast on Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 50 near Buck Hill, then south on Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 9 at Seaville, and south on Rt. 9 to its intersection with Sea Isle Boulevard (Rt. 625) at Ocean View, then east on Sea Isle Boulevard to the Atlantic Ocean, then south along the Atlantic Ocean to the Delaware Bay, then north along the Delaware Bay to its intersection with East Point Rd. in Heislerville Wildlife Management Area, then north on East Point Rd. to its intersection with Rt. 616 (Dorchester-Heislerville Rd.), then north on Rt. 616 to its intersection with Rt. 740, then northeast on Rt. 740 to its intersection with Rt. 47, then north on Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Rd.) near Port Elizabeth, then north on Rt. 646 to its intersection with Rt. 49 near Cumberland, then west on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 671 (Union Rd.), then north on Rt. 671/71 to its intersection with Rt. 557 near Buena, the point of beginning.

14. Zone 14: That portion of Cumberland, Salem, Gloucester and Atlantic Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Delaware Bay and the west bank of the Maurice River, then north along the west bank of the Maurice River to Rt. 631, then north along Rt. 631 to its intersection with Rt. 553, then north along Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 536/322 at Glassboro, then east along Rt. 322/536 to its intersection with Rt. 555 near Williamstown, then south along Rt. 555/557 to its intersection with Rt. 671 (Union Rd.) near Buena, then south on Rt. 671 to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Cumberland, then east on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Rt. 646 (Cumberland-Port Elizabeth Rd.), then south on Rt. 646 to its intersection with

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Rt. 47 at Port Elizabeth, then south on Rt. 47 to its intersection with Rt. 740, then southwest on Rt. 740 to its intersection with Rt. 616 (Dorchester-Heislerville Rd.), then south on Rt. 616 to its intersection with East Point Rd. in Heislerville Wildlife Management Area, then south on East Point Rd. to the Delaware Bay, then west along the Delaware Bay to its intersection with the west bank of the Maurice River, the point of beginning.

15. Zone 15: That portion of Salem and Cumberland Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River at Rt. 625 at Oakwood Beach, then east on Rt. 625 to its intersection with Rt. 49 at Salem, then southeast on Rt. 49 to its intersection with Pecks Corner-Cohansey Road, then east on Pecks Corner-Cohansey Road to its intersection with Rt. 540, then east on Rt. 540 to its intersection with Rt. 553, at Centerton, then south on Rt. 553 to its intersection with Rt. 631 near Port Norris, then south on Rt. 631 to the Delaware Bay, then northwest along the Delaware Bay and Delaware River to its intersection with Rt. 625 at Oakwood Beach, the point of beginning.

16. Zone 16: That portion of Burlington and Atlantic Counties lying with a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 206 and Rt. 532 near Tabernacle, then southeast on Rt. 532 to its intersection with Rt. 563 at Chatsworth, then south on Rt. 563 to its intersection with Rt. 30 at Egg Harbor, then northwest on Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 206, then north on Rt. 206 to its intersection with Rt. 532 near Tabernacle, the point of beginning.

17. Zone 17: That portion of Atlantic County lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 557 and Rt. 54 at Buena, then northeast on Rt. 54 to its intersection with Rt. 30 at Hammonton, then southeast along Rt. 30 to its intersection with Rt. 50 at Egg Harbor, then southeast along Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 557 near Buck Hill, then northwest on Rt. 557 to its intersection with Rt. 54 at Buena, the point of beginning.

18. Zone 18: That portion of Atlantic and Cape May Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Rt. 50 and Rt. 557 near Buck Hill, then northeast along Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 30/563 at Egg Harbor, then southeast on Rt. 30/563 to the Absecon Lighthouse in Atlantic City, then south along the Atlantic Ocean to Sea Isle Boulevard (Rt. 625) in Sea Isle, then west on Sea Isle Boulevard to its intersection with Rt. 9, then north on Rt. 9 to its intersection with Rt. 50 at Seaville, then northwest on Rt. 50 to its intersection with Rt. 557 near Buck Hill, the point of beginning.

19. Zone 19: That portion of Warren, Morris and Hunterdon Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Water Street and the Delaware River; then north on Water Street to its intersection with Route 46 and continuing east on Route 46 to its intersection with Route 182 at Hackettstown; then south on Route 182 to its intersection with Route 517; then south along Route 517 (517/24) to Schooleys Mountain; then south on Pleasant Grove Road to Pleasant Grove; then southeast on Califon Road to its intersection with Sliker Road; then southeast on Sliker Road to its intersection with East Hill Road; then south on East Hill Road to its intersection with Route 628 at Woodglen; then southwest on Route 628 to its intersection with Route 645 at Glen Gardner; then northwest on Route 645 to its intersection with Route 635 at Hampton; then south on Route 635 (Charlestown Road) to its intersection with Route 78/22; then west on Route 78/22 to its intersection with Route 614 near Perryville; then southwest on Route 614 to its intersection with Route 519 at Spring Mills; then south on Route 519 to the Delaware River at Milford; then northward along the Delaware River to its intersection with Water Street in Belvidere, the point of beginning.

20. Zone 20: That portion of Morris and Hunterdon Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 517 (517/124) and Pleasant Grove Road at Schooleys Mountain; then south on Pleasant Grove Road to Pleasant Grove; then southeast on Califon Road to its intersection with Sliker Road; then southeast on Sliker Road to its intersection with East Hill Road; then south on East Hill Road to its intersection with Route 628 at Woodglen; then southwest on Route 628 to its intersection with Route 645 at Glen Gardner; then northwest on Route 645 to its intersection with Route 635 at Hampton; then south on Route 635 (Charlestown Road) to its intersection with Route 78/22; then west on Route 78/22 to its intersection with Route

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614 near Perryville; then southwest on Route 614 to its intersection with Route 519 at Spring Mills; then south on Route 519 to the Delaware River at Milford; then south on the Delaware River to the intersection of Route 29 and Route 523 at Stockton; then northeast on Route 523 to its intersection with Route 517 near Oldwick; then north on Route 517 to its intersection with Route 513 (513/24) at Long Valley; then northwest on Route 517 (517/124) to Schooleys Mountain, the point of beginning.

21. Zone 21: That portion of Hunterdon, Somerset and Morris Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 517 and Route 513 at Long Valley; then north and east along Route 513 to its intersection with Route 10; then east along Route 10 to its intersection with Route 287 at Malapardis; then southwest along Route 287 to its intersection with Route 525 (Mt. Airy Road); then south along Route 525 to its intersection with Route 22 near Bound Brook; then west along Route 22 to its intersection with Route 523 at Whitehouse; then north along Route 523 to its intersection with Route 517 near Oldwick; then north along Route 517 to Long Valley, the point of beginning.

22. Zone 22: That portion of Somerset, Union, Essex, Hudson, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic and Bergen Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the north shore of the Raritan River and the Garden State Parkway; then north on the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Route 440; then west on Route 440 to Route 287; then west on Route 287 to its intersection with Route 22; then east on Route 22 to its intersection with Route 525 (Thompson Avenue) near Bound Brook; then north on Route 525 to its intersection with Route 287; then north on Route 287 to its intersection with Route 80; then east along Route 80 to Exit 53 and its intersection with Route 46; then east on Route 46 to its intersection with Route 3; then southeast on Route 3 to the Hudson River at the Lincoln Tunnel; then south along the New Jersey shore of the Hudson River to the Kill Van Kull; then west along the New Jersey shore of the Kill Van Kull to Newark Bay; then west following the New Jersey boundary along Newark Bay; then south along the Arthur Kill following the New Jersey boundary to Raritan Bay; then west along the north shore of the Raritan River to the point of beginning at the Garden State Parkway.

23. Zone 23: That portion of Bergen, Passaic and Hudson Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of Route 202 and the New York/New Jersey border; then southwest on Route 202 to its intersection with Route 23; then south on Route 23 to its intersection with Route 46 at Route 80 Exit 53; then east on Route 46 to its intersection with Route 3; then southeast on Route 3 to the Hudson River at the Lincoln Tunnel; then north along the Hudson River to the New York/New Jersey border; then northwest along the New York/New Jersey border to Route 202, the point of beginning.

24. Zone 24: That portion of Hunterdon, Mercer and Somerset Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River near the intersection of Route 29 and Route 523 at Stockton; then northeast on Route 523 to its intersection with Route 22; then east on Route 22 to its intersection with Route 206; then south on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 295 near Lawrenceville; then west on Route 295 to Route 95; then west on Route 95 to the Delaware River; then north along the Delaware River to Stockton, the point of beginning.

25. Zone 25: That portion of Somerset, Middlesex, Mercer and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at the confluence of Black Creek at Bordentown; then eastward along Black Creek to the point at which Black Creek intersects Route 130; then northeast on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 1; then northeast on Route 1 to its intersection with Route with Route 287; then west on Route 287 to its intersection with Route 22; then west on Route 22 to its intersection with Route 206; then south on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 295 near Lawrenceville; then west on Route 295 to Route 95; then west on Route 95 to the Delaware River; then south along the Delaware River to Bordentown, the point of beginning.

26. Zone 26: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex and Monmouth Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the north shore of the Raritan River and the Garden State Parkway; then north

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on the Garden State Parkway to its intersection with Route 440; then west on Route 440 to Route 287; then west on Route 287 to its intersection with Route 1; then southwest on Route 1 to its intersection with Route 130; then south on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 33 at Hightstown; then east on Route 33 to its intersection with Route 537; then northeast on Route 537 to its intersection with Route 79 at Freehold; then north on Route 79 to its intersection with Lloyd Road at Morganville; then north on Lloyd Road to Broadway in Keyport; then north on Broadway to the Matawan Creek confluence with the Raritan Bay; then northwest along the New Jersey shoreline to the Raritan River intersection with the Garden State Parkway, the point of beginning.

27. Zone 27: That portion of Monmouth and Ocean Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Atlantic Ocean at Route 528 at Mantoloking; then west on Route 528 (527/528) to its intersection with Route 195 near Jackson Mills; then west on Route 195 to its intersection with Route 537 near Holmeson; then northeast on Route 537 to its intersection with Route 79 at Freehold; then north on Route 79 to its intersection with Lloyd Road at Morganville; then north on Lloyd Road to Broadway in Keyport; then north on Broadway to the Matawan Creek confluence with the Raritan Bay; then southeast along the New Jersey coastline of the Atlantic Ocean at Raritan Bay; then south along the New Jersey coastline of the Atlantic Ocean to Mantoloking, the point of beginning.

28. Zone 28: That portion of Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth and Burlington Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at the confluence of Black Creek at Bordentown; then eastward along Black Creek to the point at which Black Creek intersects Route 130; then northeast on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 33 at Hightstown; then east on Route 33 to its intersection with Route 537; then south on Route 537 to its intersection with Route 206 at Chambers Corner; then south on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 530 (Pemberton Road); then northwest on Route 530 to its intersection with Route 541 at Mt. Holly; then north on Route 541 to the Delaware River at Burlington; then north on the Delaware River to Bordentown, the point of beginning.

29. Zone 29: That portion of Burlington, Camden and Gloucester Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the Delaware River at Route 541 in Burlington; then southward along the Delaware River to Route 30 at Camden; then east along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 130; then south along Route 130 to its intersection with Interstate 76; then south along Interstate 76 to its intersection with Route 42; then southeast along Route 42 to its intersection with Spur 536 (Williamstown-Mt. Freedom Road) at Williamstown; then northeast along Spur 536 to its intersection with Route 73 near Berlin; then north along Route 73 to its intersection with Route 70 at Marlton; then east on Route 70 to its intersection with Route 541 at Medford; then southeast on Route 541 to its intersection with Route 532 at Medford Lakes; then east on Route 532 to its intersection with Route 206; then north on Route 206 to its intersection with Route 530 (Pemberton Road); then northwest along Route 530 to its intersection with Route 541 at Mt. Holly; then north along Route 541 to the Delaware River at Burlington, the point of beginning.

30. Zone 30: That portion of Camden, Cumberland, Gloucester and Salem Counties lying within a continuous line beginning at the intersection of the Delaware River and Route 30 at Camden; then east along Route 30 to its intersection with Route 130; then south on Route 130 to its intersection with Route 76; then south on Route 76 to its intersection with Route 42; then southeast on Route 42 to its intersection with Spur 536 near Williamstown; then south on Spur 536 to its intersection with Route 322 (322/536) at Williamstown; then west on Route 322/536 to its intersection with Route 553 at Glassboro; then south on Route 553 to its intersection with Route 540 at Centerton; then west on Route 540 to its intersection with Pecks Corner-Cohansey Road; then west on Pecks Corner-Cohansey Road to its intersection with Route 49; then northwest along Route 49 to its intersection with Route 625 at Salem; then west on Route 625 to its intersection with the Delaware River at Oakwood Beach; then northward along the Delaware River to Route 30 at Camden, the point of beginning.

(i) Special otter permits are valid only in the zone designated and are not transferable from person to person.

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7:25-5.32 Special Wildlife Management Permits

(a) Special permits, known as special wildlife management permits, may be issued by the Director, in his or her discretion for the taking of any game species, indigenous animal, exotic animal, potentially dangerous indigenous animal, or potentially dangerous exotic animal by any lawful manner and means and at any time subject to the requirements of this section. Such permits shall be valid for the times, conditions and areas or installations indicated thereon and need not conform to the provisions applicable to general permits.

(b) In granting this special wildlife management permit, the Director shall consider any data available to him including, but not limited to, damage being done to crops or property, the hazard posed to safe airport operations, the biological condition of the animal or any other special management problem. The permittee and their agent(s) shall adhere to the following conditions:

1. The permittee and their agents shall conform to applicable Federal, State, and local statutes, rules, codes, and ordinances pertaining to the use and discharge of firearms, and the setting of traps.
2. The permittee and their agents shall comply with the means, methods of take, dates, hours, recordkeeping requirements and other conditions prescribed by the Division and listed on the special wildlife management permit. Failure to comply with any of the conditions or requirements of the permit or the provisions of this subchapter may be cause for revocation of the permit and may cause denial of issuance of subsequent permits.
3. Only firearms prescribed by the Division may be used to kill wild deer, wild turkey, black bear, coyote, woodchuck, fox, raccoon, opossum, skunk or other wildlife listed on the permit. For situations involving the use of a firearm, the permit will not be issued until a field investigation is performed by Division personnel. Under exigent circumstances, the Division may issue a permit for one day only without prior confirmation of necessity by field investigation; provided that a field investigation can be performed by Division personnel within seven days.
4. Firearms shall not be discharged from any vehicle.
5. No loaded firearm shall be possessed and no firearm may be discharged within 450 feet of an occupied building or school playground unless the permittee or their agent has written authorization in hand from the owners or lessees of said building(s).
6. The permit is valid only for the lands, species, times and dates specified on the permit.
7. Permits issued to airports to control wildlife on or near runways will be valid only during the hours in which the airport runway(s) is/are operational, unless otherwise specified on the permit.
8. Permits must be made available for visual inspection to any interested party.
9. Division representatives must have access to lands listed on the permit at any reasonable time.
10. Permittees must keep written daily records of all shooting activity and mortality, including the date, species and sex of any animal killed. Said records must be available to the Division for inspection at any time.
11. Wildlife killed pursuant to the permit must be disposed of as prescribed by the permit. No wildlife killed under a permit may be sold or bartered; however, the Division may authorize the permittee to annually keep for consumption of meat only up to ten deer or five wild turkey or one black bear shot under a permit and/or may designate a not for profit or non-commercial organization that may receive deer killed under the permit. Wildlife taken on the permit and designated for consumption shall be tagged immediately with possession seals provided by the Division. A written record including the date, possession seal number and person or organization receiving wildlife shall be made and provided to the Division within two weeks of the expiration of the permit. Deer antlers, turkey feathers, skins and other inedible parts must be disposed of and may not be kept by the permittee or their agents.

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12. Wildlife carcass disposal shall be the responsibility of the permittee and shall be in compliance with State and local statutes, rules, codes, ordinances and the conditions of the permit. Transportation of wildlife carcasses for disposal shall be as directed by the Division.

13. All agents listed on the permit who are involved in the handling or shooting of firearms under the permit must have a valid New Jersey firearm license and a valid State of New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card. Persons listed on the permit that do not have a valid New Jersey Firearm License and a valid State of New Jersey Firearms Purchaser Identification Card may assist by holding lights, driving a vehicle, or other ways, but are prohibited from handling or shooting of firearms.

14. Within two weeks of the expiration of the permit, the permittee shall file a written report of activities. The report shall include the date, species and number of wildlife taken; the sex of any deer, black bear or turkey killed; and any additional information that may be required.

15. Failure to comply with any of the provisions of the subchapter or requirements of the permit may be reason to cause revocation of the permit or denial of subsequent permits.

(e) Authority: The authority for the adoption of the foregoing section is found in N.J.S.A. 13:1B-27 et seq., 13:1B-30, 23:4-1 et seq., 23:4-42, 23:4-43, 23:4-44, 23:4-45, 23:4-47, 23:4-52, 23:4-63.3 and other applicable statutes.