

New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife

**2011 Black Bear Season Harvest Information**

The 2011 Black Bear Season was held December 5-10, 2011. A total of 469 bears were harvested. Summaries of the harvest by Bear Hunting Area and by Bear Check Station are provided below.

**Black Bear Harvest by Bear Hunting Area**

Bear Hunting Area	Bears Harvested in 2011						
	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	12/9	12/10	Totals
Area 1	104	30	7	10	15	20	<b>186</b>
Area 2	76	10	9	9	16	19	<b>139</b>
Area 3	56	11	1	20	7	16	<b>111</b>
Area 4	21	1	0	4	3	4	<b>33</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>469</b>

**2011 Bear Harvest by Check-in Station**

	Flatbrook	Whittingham	Franklin	Pequest	Black River	Total
<b>12/5</b>	79	63	73	35	7	<b>257</b>
<b>12/6</b>	11	10	27	4	Closed	<b>52</b>
<b>12/7</b>	5	5	6	1	Closed	<b>17</b>
<b>12/8</b>	9	7	21	6	Closed	<b>43</b>
<b>12/9</b>	7	13	17	4	Closed	<b>41</b>
<b>12/10</b>	9	19	19	8	4	<b>59</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>469</b>

**2011 Bear Season Harvest Data** (Bear's sex, age and weight)

The 2011 Black Bear Hunting Season, held December 5-10, 2011, resulted in a total legal harvest of 469 black bears. The season was held concurrently with the 6-Day Firearm Deer Season and was open in the area north of Rt. I-78 and west of Rt. I-287.

Hunters were required to check all harvested bears at check stations staffed by Fish and Wildlife personnel. Data, including sex, weight and size were collected, and a tooth was extracted for aging by Matson's Lab, a wildlife laboratory offering cementum (tooth) aging.

The document linked below provides sex, age and weight information on harvested bears. The bears are listed according to the number on the Possession Seal attached to each bear's ear at the check station. The seal numbers are listed numerically.

Several of the listed animals currently do not have ages associated with them. These teeth may have failed to provide sufficient age information, were lost, or are still at our lab being analyzed - if hunters have the skull and can provide another tooth, they can contact us and we will re-submit a tooth. The table may be updated should we receive any new age data from Matson's Lab. Some animals also do not have their weight listed for one of a variety of reasons; "N/A" indicates the data is not available.

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