

New Jersey DEP Fish and Wildlife

2012 Black Bear Season Harvest Information

The 2012 Black Bear Season was held December 3-8, 2012. A total of 287 bears were harvested. Summaries of the harvest by Bear Hunting Area, county and bear check station are provided below.

2012 Black Bear Harvest by Bear Hunting Area

Bear Hunting Area	Bears Harvested in 2012						
	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	Total
Area 1	43	11	7	10	8	9	88
Area 2	31	15	15	11	14	12	98
Area 3	37	11	8	14	3	10	83
Area 4	11	4	0	0	2	1	18
Total	122	41	30	35	27	32	287

2012 Bear Harvest by County

County	Bears Harvested						
	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	Total
Sussex	73	27	23	24	21	21	189
Warren	19	6	1	2	4	0	32
Morris	19	4	5	7	0	8	43
Passaic	11	4	1	2	2	3	23
Total	122	41	30	35	27	32	287

2012 Bear Check-in Station Totals

Check Station Location	Bears Checked In						
	12/3	12/4	12/5	12/6	12/7	12/8	Total*
Flatbrook WMA	41	9	2	9	7	7	75
Whittingham WMA	31	14	13	10	14	10	92
Green Pond Golf Course	30	12	14	15	3	8	82

Pequest WMA	15	6	1	1	3	2	28
Black River WMA	5	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	3	8
Total*	122	41	30	35	27	30	285*

* Two bears harvested on Saturday were checked in by biologists on Sunday.

2012 Bear Season Harvest Data (sex, age and weight)

The 2012 Black Bear Hunting Season, held December 3-8, 2012, resulted in a total legal harvest of 287 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 Division of 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 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.

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