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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** 

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

**Notice of Readoption** 

**Conserve Wildlife Matching Grants Program** 

Readoption: N.J.A.C. 7:5

Authority: N.J.S.A. 39:3-33.11

Authorized by: Bob Martin, Commissioner

Department of Environmental Protection

Effective Date: February 10, 2014

New Expiration Date: February 10, 2021

Take notice that, pursuant to the provisions of N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Conserve Wildlife Matching Grants Program rules at N.J.A.C. 7:5 are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on March 14, 2014. The Department of Environmental Protection has reviewed these rules and has determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable and proper for the purpose for which they were originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1(c), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

The rules establish the Conserve Wildlife Grants program which awards matching grants between \$1,000 and \$3,500 to eligible non-profit organizations to provide education, outreach, research, conservation, species protection, or habitat protection projects that benefit New

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Jersey's nongame wildlife. The rules also establish the requirements that applicants must meet in order to qualify for grants, and the requirements grantees must meet once they have been awarded grants.