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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Notice of Readoption

Division of Fish & Wildlife Rules

Readoption: **N.J.A.C. 7:25**

Authority: N.J.S.A. 13:1B-30 et seq., 13:1D-9, 23:1-1 et seq.,
and 50:1-5 et seq.

Authorized by: Bob Martin, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Protection and
David Burke, Acting Chair
Fish and Game Council.

Effective Date: July 7, 2014

New Expiration Date: July 7, 2021

Take Notice that, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1, the Division of Fish and Wildlife Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:25 are readopted and shall continue in effect for a seven-year period. The rules had been scheduled to expire on July 13, 2014. The Department of Environmental Protection and the New Jersey Fish and Game Council (which promulgates the Game Code and the Fish Code, codified as part of the Division of Fish and Wildlife Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:25-5 and N.J.A.C. 7:25-6, respectively) have reviewed these rules and determined that the rules should be readopted because they are necessary, reasonable and proper for the purpose for which they were

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originally promulgated. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1.c(1), timely filing of this notice extended the expiration date of the chapter seven years from the date of filing.

The Division of Fish and Wildlife Rules govern the management and harvest of fish and wildlife within the State. The rules regulate the activities in Wildlife Management Areas by restricting certain activities such as swimming and camping while promoting wildlife related activities. The rules outline the procedure to obtain a permit to use devices for non-lethal control of depredating wildlife and outline the procedures for obtaining permits to take depredating wildlife in order to protect crops and property. The seasons, times, manner, and means (equipment, quantity, etc.) for the taking of game are regulated by the rules as well as the seasons, times, manner and means for harvesting freshwater fish, marine fish and shellfish for both recreational and commercial purposes. The rules also classify wildlife as game, food fish, nongame, threatened, endangered, or exotic, and regulate the collecting and possession of certain wildlife as pets, or for scientific, zoological or commercial purposes.