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1976-77

HUNTING REGULATIONS SUMMARY

Effective through August 1977 or until replaced

Regulations on trapping and guiding are in a separate publication available on request.

Migratory bird hunting regulations will be published in September.

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HUNTING AND TRAPPING LICENSE FEES

Maine law does not permit refunds on licenses.

Nonresident Citizen Big Game Hunting — 10 yrs. and over	\$ 60.50
Alien Big Game Hunting (new license in 1976)	100.00
Nonresident Small Game Hunting — 16 yrs. and over	30.50
Nonresident Junior Small Game Hunting — 10-15 yrs. inc.	15.50
Nonresident Archery Deer Hunting — 12 yrs. and over	60.50
Nonresident Trapping	250.00
Nonresident Guide — 18 yrs. and over	125.00
Alien Guide (new license in 1976)	150.00
Resident Junior Hunting — 10-15 yrs. inc.	1.50
Resident Hunting — 16 yrs. and over	7.50
Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing — Over age 70	free
Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing — 16 yrs. and over	12.50
Resident Serviceman Combination	3.50
Resident Archery Hunting — 10 yrs. and over	7.50
Resident Trapping (Statewide)	13.00
Resident Guide — 18 yrs. and over	32.00
Resident Deer Transportation License	40.50
Duplicate License (See note below)	1.00
Pheasant hunting stamp	3.25

All resident duplicate licenses are to be obtained from the clerk who issued the original license. Nonresident duplicates must be obtained from the Department office in Augusta.

Note: All licenses shall expire at midnight of December 31st of the year of issue.

NOTES ON THIS REVISION

As the need for trapping and guiding regulations is very small, they now appear in a separate folder. The saving in printing costs allows production of hunting regulations in a booklet form again.

An index to this booklet begins on page 32.

TO LOCATE YOUR WARDEN

Because of changing locations, telephone numbers, and so on, printing a list of wardens is not feasible. To locate the warden in your area, we suggest you inquire of police or town offices, guides or camp owners, or if convenient, phoning the Department office in Augusta or other areas.

HUNTING AND TRAPPING DEFINITIONS

[Sec. 1901.] [These definitions apply to chapters 301-337 of Title 12, Maine Revised Statutes.]

1. **ALIENS.** Any alien who has resided in this state continuously for 1 year and in addition thereto is assessed and pays taxes on real estate in the municipality in which he resides, or any alien who has resided in this state continuously for five years, may purchase any resident license issued under these chapters. All other aliens are classed as non-residents.
2. **RESIDENTS.** Any citizen of the United States shall be eligible for any resident license required under the provisions of these chapters, providing such person is domiciled in Maine with the intention to reside here and who has resided in this state during the 3 months next prior to the date an application is filed for any license under chapters 301 to 337.
4. **FIREARM** shall include all instruments used in the propulsion of pellets, shot, shell or bullets by the action of gunpowder or compressed air or gas exploded or released within them.
9. **HUNT** means to hunt for, pursue, molest, catch, take, kill, wound or destroy wild birds and wild animals.
11. **JACK-LIGHT** means any artificial light used while hunting, except lights used and permitted under the provisions pertaining to raccoon hunting.
15. **SUNRISE AND SUNSET.** The time of sunrise and sunset shall be determined by reference to such times as computed and established for Augusta, Maine, by the Nautical Almanac Office of the United States Naval Observatory, converted to the legal standard of time in force in this state on that day. A table is printed in this booklet.
16. **TO TRAP** means to trap for wild animals, or the act of trapping or attending to traps.
19. **WILD BIRD** means a species of bird wild by nature, whether or not bred or reared in captivity, as distinguished from common domestic bird. **WILD ANIMAL** is defined similarly.

FIRE PERMITS

Using fire outdoors often requires a permit. Check with town fire wardens in organized towns and with forest rangers in unorganized territory.

GENERAL HUNTING LAWS

It Is Unlawful To:

1. Discharge a firearm within 100 feet of a residential dwelling without the permission of the owner, or, in his absence, of an adult occupant of that dwelling (Sec. 2469.)
2. Take loaded firearms onto public school grounds or discharge them within 500 feet of any public school property, except as used in any supervised educational program or by law enforcement officials. (Title 20, Sec. 1015.)
3. Hunt from any paved public way. (See Sec. 2455-A.) ("Public way" shall mean any road with a bituminous surface.)
4. Hunt on Sunday or at night (except for raccoons: Section 1960-A). (See sec. 2454, 2455.)
5. Hunt wild animals earlier than $\frac{1}{2}$ - hour before sunrise or later than $\frac{1}{2}$ - hour after sunset, except that during deer season, all hunting must stop at sunset (except for raccoons, as in Section 1960-A). (See Sec. 2455.) See time tables in this booklet.
6. Hunt any wild birds earlier than $\frac{1}{2}$ - hour before sunrise or after sunset; there may be federal regulations making hours more restrictive on migratory game birds. (See Sec. 2455.) See the time tables in this booklet.
7. Use artificial lights between $\frac{1}{2}$ - hour after sunset and $\frac{1}{2}$ - hour before sunrise to illuminate or attempt to illuminate any wild birds or animals from Sept. 1 — Dec. 15 (except raccoons as specified in Sec. 1960-A). (Sec. 2465.)
8. Hunt with firearms during the open firearm season on deer, except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys, unless wearing an article of fluorescent orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which shall be visible from all sides. (Sec. 2468.)
9. Hunt from or molest any wild bird or animal from any motor vehicle, trailer, aircraft, snowmobile, railway car or vehicle, or a motorboat (a motorboat may be used for hunting migratory waterfowl in accordance with federal regulations). Paraplegics, single or double amputees of the legs may hunt from a motor vehicle not in motion. (Sec. 2456, 2457.)
10. Carry loaded firearms in or on any of the vehicles listed except as prescribed by law. Law enforcement officials in the line of duty and persons with valid permits to carry concealed weapons are not bound by this restriction. (Sec. 2457). It is permitted to carry a loaded clip or magazine in a vehicle, but it must not be inserted in a firearm.
11. Hunt without being accompanied at all times by parent or guardian or an adult (18 or older) approved by parent or guardian, if you are under 16 years of age. (Sec. 2401.)
12. Hunt at any time if you are under 10 years of age. (Sec. 2401.)
13. Hunt or trap any wild animals except as provided in chapters 301-337; other than as provided therein, there shall be a perpetual closed season.
14. Hunt while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. (See Sec. 2453.)
15. Hunt, kill or possess any moose or caribou unless taken lawfully out of state or kept alive under a menagerie license. (See Sec. 1904, 2467.)
16. Hunt, kill, trap, chase, catch or destroy any wild bird or wild animal or have firearms in possession on a state game farm or licensed menagerie or on a game preserve or sanctuary, or on any area properly posted by the State of Maine. (Sec. 2101, 2103, 2107.)

METHODS & IMPLEMENTS ALLOWED IN HUNTING

[Any NOT Mentioned are UNLAWFUL]

Shooting with a long bow and arrow or shooting in the usual way with a firearm not larger than 10 gauge or taking by means of falconry [See sec. 2466-B, condensed]. Handguns may be used, subject to general regulations for "firearms" and to any relating specifically to handguns. [Sec. 2459.]

(SEE SPECIFIC RESTRICTIONS BELOW)

Some unlawful hunting methods about which questions are asked: pole traps; deadfalls; pit traps; crossbows; snares. There are others. As stated above, methods and implements not specifically allowed are unlawful. (See sec. 2451, 2459, 2460.)

It is unlawful to drive deer or to take part in a drive. (See sec. 2462.)

It is unlawful to use dogs, lights, etc., in hunting deer. (See sec. 2464, 2465.)

In deer hunting, the .22 caliber rim fire magnum cartridge may be used but not the ordinary .22 rim fire. (Sec. 2458-A.)

Firearms that can operate automatically are unlawful. (Automatic means that the firearm continues to fire as long as the trigger is held back.) (Auto-loading or semi-automatic firearms are permissible; these reload themselves after each shot and require a separate trigger pull for each shot.) (Sec. 2458.)

It is unlawful to hunt with or possess in the fields or forests any automatic firearms, or any auto-loading firearms whose magazine will hold more than five cartridges. Larger capacity magazines must be permanently altered to restrict capacity to five. (This paragraph does not apply to .22 caliber rim fire cartridge guns or to any auto-loading pistol with barrel less than 8 inches long.) (Sec. 2458.)

Silencers may not be used. (See sec. 2458.)

Tracer or explosive bullets are unlawful. (Sec. 2458)

DEER AND BEAR, GENERAL

It Is Unlawful To:

1. Hunt deer after having killed or registered one in open season of that year. (Sec. 2353.)
2. Possess deer or deer parts not lawfully registered. (See sec. 2353.)
3. Transport a deer except in open view and tagged with license tag, registration seal, and/or transportation tag. You must accompany your deer or make other approved arrangements. (See sec. 2355.)
4. Attempt to register a deer you did not kill, or allow a deer you did not kill to be registered in your name. (Sec. 2355.)
5. Place salt or any bait to entice deer. (Sec. 2354.)
6. Shoot, trap, take, kill or possess more than one bear in any year. (Sec. 2355-B.)
7. Keep a live bear in captivity without a menagerie license. (Sec. 2355-A.)
8. Use more than 4 dogs at any one time in hunting bear. (See sec. 2355-D.)
9. Hunt bear within 200 feet of any dumping area in unorganized territories and plantations

OTHER PROVISIONS

It Is Unlawful To:

1. Kill or take any wild animal except by authorized firearms or authorized traps, by falconry, or by long bow and arrow. (Sec. 2459.)
2. Set or tend a snare, or a swivel, pivot, or set gun, or use any poisonous or stupefying substance to kill, take, harm or molest any wild animal or bird, except as in Section 2451.
3. Destroy a fence or wall or crop, or leave open any gate or bars; penalty may include license revocation. (Sec. 1902.)
4. Guide without a guide's license. (Sec. 2053.)
5. Assist another person in trapping or tending traps unless you have a trapper's license. (Sec. 2402.)
6. Have traps set in any organized place without visiting them at least once each day, except beaver sets, and removing any animal trapped. (Sec. 2351.)
7. Have in possession any wild animal or part thereof, taken in violation of law. (See sec. 2455.)
8. Hunt or trap without being properly licensed, or to hunt or trap or buy another license after a license has been suspended, or to possess a license which has been altered. (Sec. 2302.)
9. Keep game and fur-bearing animals alive into or during closed season after taking them in open season, except per Section 2106 (game breeder's license). (Sec. 2402.)
10. To disturb any trap or take any fur-bearing animal from a trap other than your own without consent of the trap owner. (A landowner or legal occupant may remove a trap which has been set without his permission.) (Sec. 2451.)

ON BEING LOST

First of all, don't get lost. Get a good map of the country you will be in and STUDY it. If you don't know how to use it, and a compass, do not go into the deep woods except with a guide or companion who does know these details.

Secondly, take time to notify a game warden of your planned destination. He is your friend. Get his name and phone number and post them in camp. If a companion is lost, notify the warden immediately.

If you become lost: Don't rush. Sit down and think it over. If still confused and you have been out but a short time, remain there, especially if others know your approximate location.

If you have been out a long time, look for an open space. Lake-shores, big meadows and hilltops are good, in the order given.

No healthy animal in the Maine woods will harm you, but rabies exists and should be kept in mind.

Build a fire, collect lots of dry wood, keep the fire going. Pile green boughs on it to make a smoke signal. Wear some hunter orange clothing — easiest to spot from an aircraft.

You can live for days without food if you conserve your energy.

Keep warm, keep calm. Make the woods work for you. Keep that smoke signal going. Our warden planes will spot it and find you.

**THE POACHER IS STEALING FROM YOU.
HELP US CATCH HIM.**

ABSTRACTS OF LAWS

[Sec. 1904 & 1905 condensed.] **Wild birds and animals in captivity.** It is unlawful to import into Maine or keep in captivity any wild bird or animal except in accordance with Section 1904, 1905, 2106 and Title 7 Section 1809. Copies of these sections available on request from the Department office in Augusta.

[Sec. 1960-A condensed.] **Upland game and fur-bearing animals.**

1. The following shall be considered upland game:

Cottontail rabbit and snowshoe hare	Ruffed and spruce grouse
Gray and red squirrel	Wild turkey
Ring necked pheasant	Crow
	Woodchuck

2. The following shall be considered fur-bearing animals:

Bear			
Beaver	Fisher	Muskrat	Skunk
Bobcat	Fox	Opossum	Weasel
Canada lynx	Marten (sable)	Otter	Wolf
Coyote	Mink	Raccoon	Other nongame wildlife

3. **Regulations establishing open seasons for hunting and trapping of upland game and fur-bearing animals.** The commissioner, with the advice and approval of the advisory council, shall, by regulations, establish open seasons for the hunting or trapping of upland game and fur-bearing animals, and make other regulations, including bag limits.

RULES & REGULATIONS UNDER SECTION 1960-A

A. No one shall hunt or trap upland game or fur-bearing animals except during open season on the species concerned nor have in possession at one time more than the numerical limits as set forth in these regulations.

D. Raccoons may be hunted at night during open season only when the hunter (1) is accompanied by a dog, (2) uses an electric flashlight, and (3) is in possession of and uses only a pistol or revolver of no greater power or caliber than one which uses .22 caliber long rifle ammunition.

F. No person except an agent of the commissioner shall damage, destroy or molest any beaver house, beaver dam, muskrat house or muskrat den.

G. There shall be no open season for hunting or trapping of Canada lynx, wild turkey, or any other wild bird or wild animal for which an open season is not specifically provided.

H. At no time may anyone hunt or trap gray squirrels on any lands which are dedicated as a public or private park or which are within the limits of compact or built-up portions of any city or town.

I. No one shall have in possession at any time any wild bird or wild animal or part thereof taken in violation of regulations.

BIG BUCK CLUB

Maine has a club for deer hunters, called "The Biggest Bucks in Maine Club." To qualify, a hunter must shoot a buck deer weighing at least 200 pounds dressed weight. Application blanks are available from game wardens.

GENERAL HUNTING SEASONS

Some important changes have been made since the 1975-76 booklet was published. The shaded areas on this chart indicate major changes.

MANAGEMENT UNITS are shown on the foldout map in center of this booklet.

TRAPPING seasons are listed in a separate publication which also carries information for guides.

NOTE: SPECIAL LICENSE IS REQUIRED for the special archery season on deer, and special registration is required for deer taken during this season. See Sec. 2501-2505.

DEER: Firearms season, Management Unit 1
 Firearms season, Units 3,4,5,6,7,8
 Special archery season, Units 1 & 2
 Special archery season, Units 3,4,5,6,7,8 ..

BEAR:***

GROUSE, RUFFED:

GROUSE, SPRUCE:

PHEASANT: Management Units 1,2,3.....

Management Units 4,5,6,7,8.....

CROW:.....

BOBCAT:.....

COYOTE:.....

FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BASIC LIMITS	
		DAILY	POSSESSION
1 Nov.	27 Nov.	ONE DEER, EITHER SEX**	
8 Nov.	27 Nov.		
4 Oct.	30 Oct.		
4 Oct.	6 Nov.		
1 May*	27 Nov.	ONE BEAR, EITHER SEX**	
1 Oct.	15 Nov.	4	8
NO OPEN SEASON			
25 Sept.	30 Nov.	2	4
1 Oct.	30 Nov.	2	4
1 Sept.	2 Jan.	—	—
20 Oct.	28 Feb.	—	—
NO CLOSED SEASON			

*Actual date falls on a Sunday, but Sunday hunting is unlawful in Maine.

**All deer and bear must be registered at a registration station.

***No bear hunting with more than 4 dogs. No bear hunting with dogs during May, June, July, and during regular firearms season on deer in that area.

FOX:.....	20 Oct.	15 Feb.	—	—
PORCUPINE:.....	NO CLOSED SEASON			
RABBIT (cottontail) and HARE (snowshoe):†.....	1 Oct.	31 Mar.	4	8
RACCOON:††.....	20 Oct.	15 Dec.	††	††
SKUNK:.....	20 Oct.	15 Dec.	—	—
SQUIRREL, GRAY.....	1 Oct.	30 Nov.	4	8
SQUIRREL, RED.....	NO CLOSED SEASON			
WOODCHUCK:.....	NO CLOSED SEASON			

There is NO OPEN SEASON for hunting any species of wildlife not mentioned in this chart, except for migratory game birds (regulations are published each year in September) and certain species in special circumstances that may be covered by the issuing of special regulations.

To clarify questions that arise frequently, we list the following species on which there is NO OPEN SEASON FOR HUNTING. This list is only a partial list but includes species which are most often asked about.

Beaver	Mink
Birds not named above	Muskrat
(except migratory game birds)	Opossum
Canada lynx	Otter
Fisher	Weasel
Marten (sable)	Wild turkey
	Wolf

†No rabbit hunting with dogs during firearms season on deer in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and Washington counties.

††No person, or persons hunting together, may take or have in possession more than two raccoons between sunset and sunrise the following morning.

NOTE: Federal and state regulations on migratory birds are set after this booklet goes to press. They are available in printed form in September at the Fish and Wildlife Dept. office in Augusta.

[Sec. 2001 condensed.] It shall be the duty of the inland fish and game wardens to enforce all laws relating to inland fisheries and game and all rules and regulations pertaining thereto.

In addition to their specified duties and powers, the wardens are vested with the same powers and duties throughout the several counties of the state as sheriffs have in their respective counties.

[Sec. 2004 condensed.] Any fish and game warden making arrest in violations of Chapters 301-337; Title 38 Chapter 1, Subchapter VI; and Title 17 Chapter 80, more than 50 miles from the nearest district court having jurisdiction, may accept personal recognizance of the prisoner in the sum of not more than \$250 for his appearance in the nearest district court on a specified date. The warden shall report such recognizances at once and forward all such deposits to the proper court. If the person does not appear in court on the specified date, either in person or by counsel, the recognizance and deposit shall be forfeited, and this shall be considered a conviction for purposes of revocation of licenses.

Sec. 2101. Game sanctuaries. No person shall except as herein provided, at any time, trap, hunt, pursue, shoot at or kill any wild animal or any game or other wild birds within the following described territories:

Back Bay Sanctuary, Portland
Baxter State Park closed to all hunting with the following exceptions: The area north of Trout Brook and Wadleigh Brook in T6 R9; in T6 R10 or T2 R9 where hunting under General Law is allowed.

Beauchamp Sanctuary
Carver's Pond Waterfowl Sanctuary
Drake's Island Game Sanctuary
Dry Pond Sanctuary
Fairfield Sanctuary
Glencove Sanctuary
Gray Game Sanctuary
Hog Island Game Sanctuary
Jefferson and Whitefield Sanctuary
Kineo Point Sanctuary
Limington, Hollis, and Waterboro Sanctuary
Megunticook Lake and Vicinity Sanctuary
Merrymeeting Bay Sanctuary
Monroe Island Game Sanctuary
Moosehead Lake Game Sanctuary

Moosehorn Game Sanctuary
Narragansett Game Sanctuary
Ocean Park Game and Bird Sanctuary
Orrington Game Sanctuary
Pittston Farm Sanctuary
Prout's Neck; Richmond's Island; Cape Elizabeth Sanctuary
Rangeley Game Sanctuary in the County of Franklin
Rangeley Lake Sanctuary
Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary
Readfield and Winthrop Sanctuary
Salmon Pond Sanctuary
Somerset Game Sanctuary
Standish Sanctuary
Thorncrag-Stanton Bird Sanctuary
Tomhegan Game Sanctuary
Wells Sanctuary
Wells and York Game Sanctuary
Willow Water Game Sanctuary
York Game Sanctuary in the County of Franklin

Any violations of the provisions of this section relating to wildlife sanctuaries shall be punishable in accordance with the provisions of section 3060.

[Sec. 2106 condensed.] **Game breeders licensed.** The commissioner may issue permits to any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of propagating game or wild animals, or wild rabbits on islands surrounded by open salt water or on any designated area all year, under such regulations as he shall establish.

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to engage in the business of propagating or rearing whitetailed deer at any time.

[A complete copy of Section 2106 is available by writing to the Department office, Augusta.]

Sec. 2252. Lumber camps not to use certain game as food. No owner, keeper or employee thereof or any other person shall have in possession

any protected game bird or game animals, or parts thereof, at any time for the purpose of serving or consuming the same in any camp, house or other building used partly or wholly in lumbering operations, log driving or construction of any kind.

[Sec. 2302 condensed.] The commissioner has the authority to revoke licenses for up to two years for conviction of certain violations. Revocation for one or more years shall become effective the next January 1st following date of final disposition. Anyone whose license has been revoked may request a hearing by the commissioner.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any license issued under chapters 301 to 337 or Title 32, Chapter 65, which has been altered, tampered with or mutilated in any manner.

Sec. 2304. Information on licenses. The commissioner may require an identification number and any other pertinent information, on any or all licenses issued by the Department, as he deems necessary.

HUNTING ON LANDS UNDER JURISDICTION OF THE BUREAU OF PARKS & RECREATION

1. Hunting in conformity with the laws of Maine and the regulations of the Fish and Game Dept. will be allowed between October 1 and May 1 on lands under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation with the following exceptions:
 - a. Hunting is not allowed in any Memorial.
 - b. Hunting will not be allowed in Cobscook Bay, Crescent Beach, Reid, Sebago Lake, Two Lights and Wolf Neck state parks; and Holbrook Island Sanctuary.
 - c. From time to time, work areas and areas developed for public use will be posted and closed to hunting when it is deemed to be in the best interest for public safety.
 2. Violations will be prosecuted under provisions of 12 Maine Revised Statutes Annotated, Section 606 (providing for a fine of up to \$50 and costs or imprisonment for up to 30 days or by both).
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HUNTER CHECK STATIONS

We suggest that whether you are successful or not, you stop in at one of the Department's deer hunter check stations (which are not registration stations). Our wildlife biologists collect information which is valuable in determining regional deer herd productivity, condition and sex and age ratios. You will receive facts and figures from last year's season, and the information you provide will be a basis for management decisions to be made next year.

A WARNING ABOUT HUNTING ACCIDENTS

Fatal accidents frequently involve experienced hunters, who may be overanxious to bag their deer or other game. These accidents are classified under the heading "Mistaken Identity." There isn't any need for them to occur if every hunter will wait until he is sure of his target. Experienced hunters usually hit what they aim at, and when human lives are at stake, they should be absolutely certain they are shooting only at game.

The "Ten Commandments of Hunting Safety" point out the pitfalls which cause accidents. Memorize them and live by them in the woods and fields of Maine.

Proper color of hunting clothes can play an important part of a safe hunt. Scientific tests, plus our own accident records, show fluorescent hunter orange to be the most protective.

[Sec. 2352 condensed.] **Regulations on migratory game birds.** It is unlawful to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, transport, buy, or sell any

migratory game bird except as specified in regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

No one shall hunt, molest, shoot, or kill any waterfowl on Haley Pond in the Town of Rangeley and Dallas Plantation, Franklin County.

Penalty for violating any provisions of this section: fine of not less than \$50, plus a fine of \$25 for each bird illegally taken, killed, or possessed — such fines not to be suspended — or by imprisonment for not less than 30 nor more than 90 days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

[Sec. 2353 condensed.] **Closed time on deer. Possession.** There shall be a continuous closed season on deer as follows: In Hancock County — on Mt. Desert Island, all of Swan Island in the town of Swan's Island, the whole of Long Island in Long Island Plantation, and the whole of Cranberry Isles; Cross and Scotch islands in Washington County; in the town of Isle au Haut and on the islands in that town, Knox County; and in game sanctuaries established by law.

In the town of Islesboro, Waldo County, it shall be lawful to hunt deer with bow and arrow in accordance with sections 2501 to 2505 during October and November each year.

Open season on deer in the town of Vinalhaven and the islands within it, and in the town of Southport and the islands within it, shall conform to the season for Knox County and Lincoln County respectively; no firearms except shotguns may be used.

During the closed seasons, except as otherwise provided, it shall be unlawful to hunt any deer or have in possession any part thereof; and except as otherwise provided, no person shall have in possession more than one deer or part thereof during any open season.

No person shall have in possession at any time any parts of a deer which has not been legally registered as provided in section 2355, except in accordance with sections 2354 and 2951.

A person lawfully killing a deer during the open season may have the same in his possession during a closed season provided the deer has been properly registered.

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished in accordance with the penalty provided in section 2455.

The commissioner is authorized to shorten the open season on deer in any area of the state, providing such determination is made and published prior to September 1st of any year.

If in the opinion of the commissioner an immediate emergency action is necessary due to adverse weather conditions or severe hunting pressure, he may terminate the open season on deer at any time in any area.

Sec. 2354. Crop and orchard damage; baiting for deer.

1. The cultivator, owner, mortgagee or keeper of any orchard or growing crop, except grass, clover and grain fields, or the owner or occupier of land whereon said crops or orchards are located, may take or kill deer or other protected wild animals, except beaver or birds, night or day, on said land where substantial damage is being done by said deer or other protected wild animals to said orchard or crop. No person shall be authorized to kill deer on blueberry lands unless written permission is first given by a fish and game warden for a stated period of three days. This section shall in no way prohibit taking or killing of bear found doing damage to blueberry land. Such person may authorize a member of his immediate family or someone employed by him to take or kill said deer or other protected wild animal. Such person, whenever he employs someone not domiciled on said land where the damage is being done to take or kill said deer or other protected wild animal, shall apply to the game warden in charge of the district in which the crops or orchard is located for permission to employ such person or persons and shall receive permission from said game warden in writing.

A person by whom, or under whose direction, such deer or other protected wild animal is wounded or killed shall within 12 hours report all the facts relative to such act to a fish and game warden, stating the time and place of such wounding or killing. Such person who kills such deer or other protected wild animal shall immediately

properly dress the carcass or carcasses and care for the meat. The fish and game warden shall immediately investigate the case, and if he is satisfied that the deer or other protected wild animal was taken as provided in this subsection, he shall give such person a certificate of his finding in the matter. Such certificate shall entitle such person to the ownership of the carcass or carcasses, to be possessed and consumed only within the immediate family of the person to whom certificate was given.

2. It shall be unlawful to place salt or any other bait or food in any place for the purpose of enticing deer thereto.
3. Whenever deer are doing damage to orchards and crops, including legumes, except grass, the Department shall furnish to the owner or agent of such orchards and crops suitable repellants without cost to such owner or agent; and the commissioner may follow such other good conservation practice as will alleviate such damage. No claims for crop or orchard damage by deer or other protected animals or birds shall be paid by the state from any source or fund.
4. Whenever the commissioner deems it impossible to keep deer from doing damage to young orchards, he may enter into an agreement with the owner of such orchard whereby the Department will assume $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of fencing such orchard.
7. **Destruction of property.** Any person may lawfully kill any wild animal, excepting beaver, or any wild bird, except a bald eagle, found in the act of destroying that person's property.

[Sec. 2355 condensed.] **Registration and transportation of deer and bear.**

1. Agents appointed by the commissioner shall register every deer and bear legally presented for registration and shall attach an official metal seal to each deer and bear; a registration fee of 25¢ shall be paid the agent by each person registering a deer or bear.
- 2A. It is unlawful to move or transport any deer or part thereof unless open to view and there is securely attached the deer tag portion of the hunting license bearing the name and address of the person who killed the deer and who must accompany the deer except as otherwise provided in these chapters.
- 2B. All deer and bear must be presented for registration at the first open deer or bear registration station on the route taken by the person who killed the deer or bear.
- 2C. No one shall present for registration or allow to be registered in his name any deer or bear he himself did not lawfully kill.
3. **Deer at home or left in woods.**
 - A. No person shall keep a deer at his home, or at any place of storage, except a deer registration station, more than 12 hours unless said deer has been legally registered.
 - B. Prior to presenting a deer for registration it shall be unlawful for any person to possess or to leave in the fields or forests a deer which he has killed, which does not have securely attached thereto, and plainly visible, the deer tag portion of his hunting license bearing his full name and address.
5. No person shall have in his possession any part or parts of a deer unless each separate part is plainly labelled with the name and address of the person who registered the deer, the name and address of the person to whom it was given, and if it was transported by a third party (except lawfully by a common carrier), the name and address of the third party.
6. **Transportation within state.** Any resident of this state who has legally killed and registered a deer may have said deer transported within the state, without accompanying the same, by purchasing a deer transportation tag which shall be attached to said deer while being transported. This deer transportation tag shall cost \$3.00, 50¢ to be retained by the issuing agent.
7. **Transportation beyond state.** Any resident of this state who has legally killed and registered a deer may transport said deer or have the same

transported beyond the boundaries of this state by purchasing a deer transportation tag which shall be attached to said deer while being transported. This deer transportation tag shall cost \$40.50, 50¢ to be retained by the issuing agent, except that no fee shall be required of any resident of this state who is serving in the armed forces of the United States.

8. **Nonresident.** Any nonresident who has legally killed and registered a deer may have said deer transported beyond the boundaries of this state under the following condition:

A. Said deer or parts thereof may be transported by a Maine licensed transportation company, including common carriers.

B. Said deer or parts thereof may be transported by other than a Maine licensed transportation company, including common carriers, when accompanied by a nonresident transportation permit which may be obtained by the licensee from an inland fish and game warden in whose district the deer was killed, or from any inland fish and game warden supervisor.

10. **Application.** Except as provided in this section, no person shall transport or attempt to transport any deer or parts thereof beyond the limits of this state.

[Sec. 2355-A condensed.] **Closed time on bear.** There shall be a closed season on bear from the first Monday following Thanksgiving Day to the next May 1.

It is unlawful to use dogs in bear hunting from May 1 to August 1 and during the regular firearms season on deer.

Sec. 2355-B. Bag limit on bear. It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, trap, take, or kill, or have in possession more than one bear in any calendar year, except the commissioner may authorize the taking of nuisance bear.

[Sec. 2355-C condensed.] **Registration of bear.** If any person leaves the woods without taking with him a bear which he has killed, he shall notify a warden within 12 hours as to the location of the bear and the circumstances necessitating his leaving the same in the woods.

No person shall keep a bear at his home, or at any place of storage except a bear registration station, more than 12 hours unless said bear has been legally registered.

No person shall have in possession at any time any parts of a bear which has not been legally registered as provided in this section, except in accordance with section 2354.

Sec. 2355-D. Hunting bear with dogs. It shall be unlawful for any person, or persons hunting together, to use more than four dogs at any one time for the purpose of hunting bear.

LICENSES

Sec. 2401. Hunting; residents and nonresidents; fees. No person shall hunt or have in possession wild birds, or parts thereof, or wild animals, or parts thereof, except in accordance with the following provisions:

1. **Resident to hunt without license in certain cases.** Any resident over 10 years of age and members of his immediate family over 10 years of age may hunt without a license on any single plot of land in excess of 10 acres to which they are legally entitled to possession, and on which they are actually domiciled and which land is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.
2. **Resident and nonresident license.** Any resident domiciled in this state and over 10 years of age and any nonresident over 10 years of age may hunt wild birds and animals provided he has a written license which shall be kept on the person while hunting or transporting birds and animals, or parts thereof, and which shall be exhibited to any warden, employee of the Department, guide or landowner, upon request.

3. **License fees. agents.** The commissioner may appoint town clerks or other agents to issue licenses. They shall receive a fee of 50¢ for each license issued. Residents shall procure licenses from the clerk or agent in their town of residence or, if domiciled in an unorganized territory, by the clerk or agent in the nearest town.

A junior hunting license shall be considered valid through the year in which the holder becomes 16.

4. **Hunters between ages of 10 and 16 to be accompanied.** Any resident or nonresident hunter between the ages of 10 and 16 may hunt with firearms only if accompanied at all times while hunting by parent or guardian or by an adult person approved by parent or guardian.

No resident or nonresident under the age of 10 may hunt wild birds or animals with firearms at any time.

5. **Mentally ill individuals.** No license specified in this section shall be issued to any person who is a mentally ill individual as defined in Title 34, section 2251, or has a mental deficiency or mental illness as those terms are defined in Title 34, section 2562.
6. **Pheasant hunting stamp.** It is unlawful for any person 16 or older to hunt or possess any pheasant unless he has on his person an unexpired Maine pheasant hunting stamp, validated by his signature across the face of the stamp in ink. Fee for the stamp is \$3.25, 25¢ of which shall be retained by the agent.
17. **Servicemen permanently stationed in Maine.** Any person serving in the Armed Forces of the United States who is permanently stationed at a military or naval post, station or base in the State, that person's spouse and that person's children, provided that the spouse and children permanently reside with that person, shall be eligible for any fishing or hunting license, or combination fishing and hunting license, at the resident fee.

[Sec. 2401-B condensed.] Licenses.

7. **Licenses for Indians.** Free hunting, fishing, and trapping license is issued to any Indian over the age of 10 of the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet, or Micmac tribes who presents a certificate from the commissioner of Indian affairs stating that the person described is an Indian and a member of that tribe. For this purpose, an Indian shall be any member on tribal lists of the Penobscot and Passamaquoddy tribes, or a person on the membership list of the Association of Aroostook Indians and who has resided in Maine for at least five years.
 - A. Nothing in said chapters shall be construed to encroach upon the right of said Indians to take wildlife for their own sustenance on their own reservation lands.

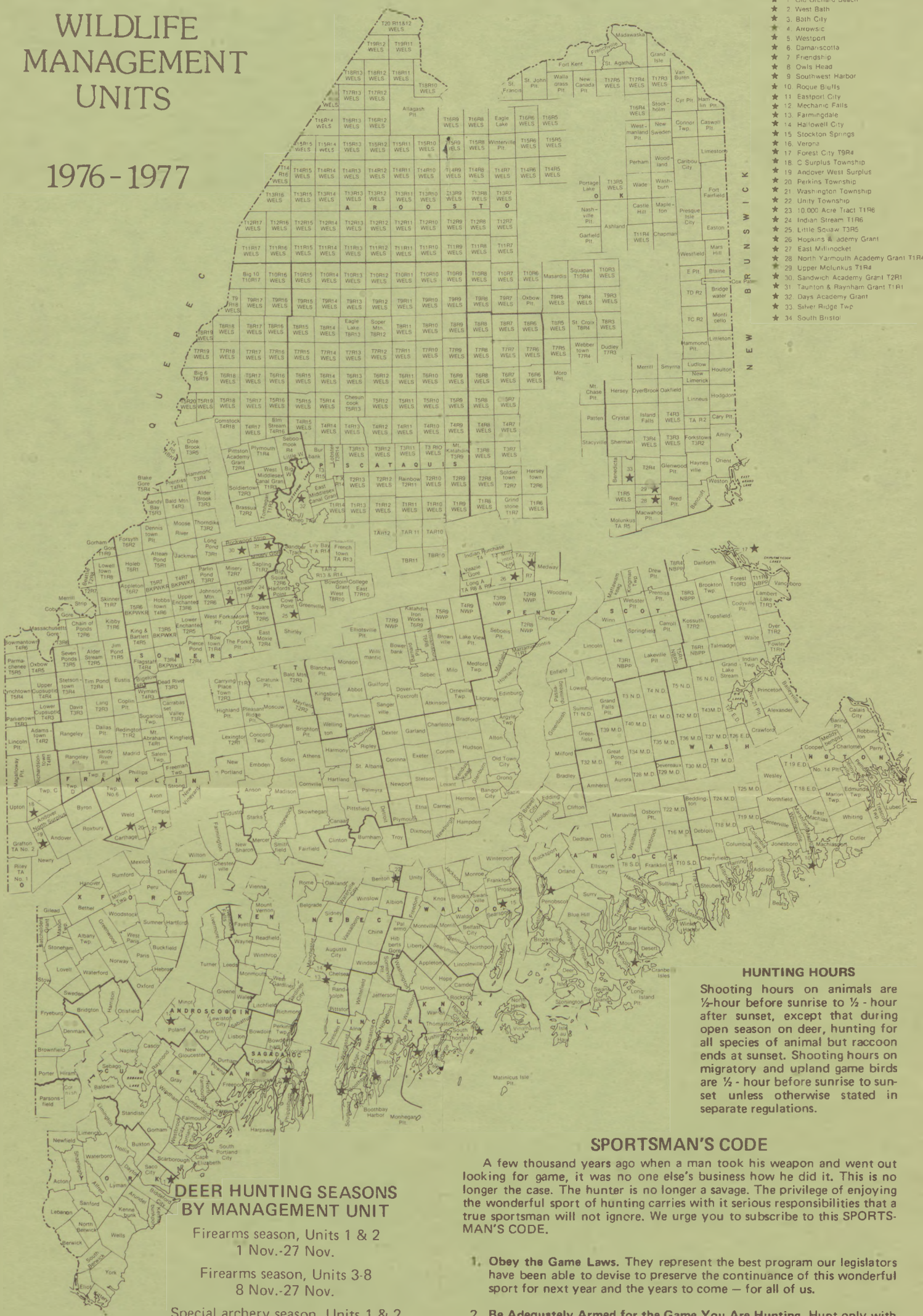
After having had full consultation with and the consent of the commissioner of inland fisheries and wildlife, the tribal governor and council of each reservation shall have the right to govern by tribal ordinance hunting, fishing, and trapping on their respective reservation lands. Copies of the text of any ordinances adopted shall be filed with the commissioner of inland fisheries and wildlife, and in any and all instances not covered by tribal ordinance the inland fish and game laws of Maine shall apply.

B. It shall be unlawful for any person, except Penobscot Indians as defined in Title 22, chapter 1353, to hunt or trap on the Penobscot Indian lands, except by permission of landowners. Whoever violates this paragraph shall be punished by a fine of \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

C. It shall be unlawful for any person, except members of the Passamaquoddy Tribe of Indians as defined in Title 22, sections 4701 and 4832, to hunt, trap or fish on any reservation lands of said tribe without written permission from the governor and council of the appropriate Passamaquoddy reservation. Whoever violates this paragraph shall be punished by a fine of \$100 or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or by both.

MAINE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UNITS

1976-1977



HUNTING HOURS

Shooting hours on animals are ½-hour before sunrise to ½-hour after sunset, except that during open season on deer, hunting for all species of animal but raccoon ends at sunset. Shooting hours on migratory and upland game birds are ½-hour before sunrise to sunset unless otherwise stated in separate regulations.

SPORTSMAN'S CODE

A few thousand years ago when a man took his weapon and went out looking for game, it was no one else's business how he did it. This is no longer the case. The hunter is no longer a savage. The privilege of enjoying the wonderful sport of hunting carries with it serious responsibilities that a true sportsman will not ignore. We urge you to subscribe to this SPORTSMAN'S CODE.

1. **Obey the Game Laws.** They represent the best program our legislators have been able to devise to preserve the continuance of this wonderful sport for next year and the years to come — for all of us.
2. **Be Adequately Armed for the Game You Are Hunting.** Hunt only with a mechanically safe firearm of sufficient power for the use intended. Then bear in mind the ability of that gun to inflict injury to others and yourself.
3. **Respect the Rights of Property Owners.** All your hunting will probably be done on someone else's land. Put yourself in the landowner's position: wouldn't you like to be asked if it's all right to hunt on your land? A few destructive hunters can spoil a fine privilege for everyone else. Stay clear of farm buildings, farm animals, farm children. Lumbermen and woodcutters have a right to be in the woods, too.
4. **Extend Courtesy to Your Fellow Hunters.** You've probably watched a good hunting dog honor another's point. A good hunter should surely be at least as courteous. Give the other fellow plenty of room to work in.
5. **Aim Only for a Clean Kill.** A deer is a beautiful, sensitive animal as well as a wary, intelligent prize. Never shoot at a deer unless enough of the animal is clearly exposed so that you can hit a vital spot. A snap shot at a distant flash of a deer's tail will probably result in either a miss or a wounded deer wandering off to die a slow, wasted, agonizing death. Or you may find you've shot another hunter. Don't have either on your conscience.
6. **Never Forget — Guns Don't Kill by Themselves. Always Remember — Practice Hunter Safety.**

PHEASANT HUNTING SEASONS BY MANAGEMENT UNIT

Units 1, 2, & 3
25 Sept.-30 Nov.

Units 4-8
1 Oct.-30 Nov.

NOTE: A pheasant stamp is required to hunt or possess pheasants.

FLUORESCENT COLOR

Anyone hunting with a firearm during the open firearms season on deer must wear an article of fluorescent orange clothing which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides — except waterfowl hunters hunting from a boat, blind, or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys.

DEER HUNTING SEASONS BY MANAGEMENT UNIT

Firearms season, Units 1 & 2
1 Nov.-27 Nov.

Firearms season, Units 3-8
8 Nov.-27 Nov.

Special archery season, Units 1 & 2
4 Oct.-30 Oct.


Special archery season, Units 3-8
4 Oct.-6 Nov.

MANAGEMENT UNIT BOUNDARIES

To help make clear the boundary lines between the units, here is a listing of towns for the three northern units, which are used in describing seasons in this booklet.

The following towns, from west to east, are included in Units 1 and 2: T.5,R.20; T.5,R.19; T.4,R.18; T.2,R.4; T.2,R.3; T.2,R.2 (Brassua); T.1,R.2 (Tomhegan); Kineo; Day's Academy Grant; T.1,R.14; T.1,R.13; T.A,R.12; T.B,R.11; T.B,R.10; T.A,R.10; T.1,R.9; T.1,R.8; T.1,R.7; T.1,R.6; T.A,R.5 (Molunkus); Macwahoc; Reed; Bancroft; Weston.

The following towns, from west to east, form the southern boundary of Unit 3: Riley; Newry; Andover; Roxbury; Carthage; Washington; Temple; Strong; New Vineyard; Freeman; Kingfield; Carrabasset Valley; Dead River; T.3,R.4; Pierce Pond; Bowtown; The Forks; East Moxie; Shirley; Greenville; T.8,R.10; T.7,R.10.



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SUNRISE AND SUNSET AT AUGUSTA, MAINE

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DAY	JAN.		FEB.		MAR.		APR.		MAY		JUNE	
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13. Complimentary licenses to persons over 70 years of age. A complimentary license to hunt or fish, or a combination hunting and fishing license, shall be issued to any resident of Maine who is over 70 years of age and applies therefor to the commissioner. Such application shall be accompanied by a birth certificate or other certified evidence of the applicant's date of birth and residency. Each such license shall remain valid for 3 calendar years from date of issue. Any such application for a license to hunt shall be accompanied by certified evidence that the applicant has eyesight of at least 20/60 vision, with or without correction, in one eye.

16. Application. The following provisions shall apply to section 2401 and this section.

B. Willful issuing of resident license to nonresident. It shall be unlawful for a town clerk or agent to willfully issue any resident license to a person not a resident of the municipality in which the license is issued. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to submit proof of residency.

EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Add one hour for Daylight Saving Time, when in effect. It usually begins the last Sunday in April and ends the last Sunday in October, each year.

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C. **License illegally obtained.** Any person obtaining any license authorized in chapters 301 to 337 through fraud, misstatement or misrepresentation shall be subject to the penalties set forth in section 3060.

F. **Failure to produce license.** Failure to produce such license with a reasonable time when requested by any authorized person shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

H. **Duplicates; fees.** Residents may obtain duplicate licenses to replace any accidentally lost or destroyed, at a fee of \$1 each, all of which shall be retained by the clerk or agent. All resident duplicate licenses must be issued by the agent who issued the original license.

Duplicates for nonresidents who have accidentally lost or destroyed their licenses shall be issued by the Department office in Augusta, at a fee of \$1 each.

Sec. 2403. Issuance of license to persons convicted of certain offenses prohibited. Any person who has been found guilty of breaking and entering a building located within the unorganized territories, or of larceny of any equipment used for trapping or hunting or of any animal

or parts of animals which have been obtained by trapping or hunting which were in the possession or control of the person who trapped or hunted those animals, shall not be eligible thereafter to obtain any license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, unless the conviction for breaking and entering or larceny was a first conviction, in which case the person convicted shall not be eligible to obtain any license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife within 2 years of the date of that first conviction.

Sec. 2452. Use of poisons. It shall be unlawful to use poisons to kill foxes, dogs or other vertebrate land animals except vermin within a building.

The commissioner may grant certain permits for rodent control. (Sec. 2452. Copy available on request.)

Sec. 2453. Hunting while intoxicated or under the influence of drugs; prima facie evidence of hunting in violation of law. No person shall hunt wild birds or wild animals while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. The possession of any firearms in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice in the state by any person while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs shall be prima facie evidence that the possessor was hunting in violation of law.

Sec. 2454. Hunting on Sunday. It shall be unlawful to hunt wild birds or wild animals on Sunday. Possession of firearms in the fields and forests or on the waters or ice of this state or in a motor vehicle being operated on an unpaved highway or road located in an unorganized township on Sunday shall be prima facie evidence of such hunting unless such firearm is carried, securely wrapped in a complete cover, fastened in a case, or carried in at least 2 separate pieces in such a manner that it cannot be fired unless the separate pieces are joined together again. For the purpose of this section a clip, magazine, or cylinder of a firearm shall not be considered a piece of such firearm.

Sec. 2455. Night hunting. It shall be unlawful to hunt wild birds in this state from sunset to ½ - hour before sunrise of the following morning.

It shall be unlawful to hunt wild animals from ½ - hour after sunset until ½ - hour before sunrise of the following morning, except raccoons as provided in chapters 301 to 337. For the purpose of this section, the time shall be that which is recognized as legal in the State of Maine. It shall be unlawful to hunt wild animals in the state from sunset to ½ - hour before sunrise of the following morning, except raccoons, during the open season on deer hunting with firearms each year. Any person convicted of hunting wild animals between sunset and ½ - hour after sunset, during the open season on deer, shall be subject to the penalties as provided in section 3060.

No person shall have in his possession at any time any wild animals, or part thereof, taken in violation of this section except as otherwise provided in these chapters. Any person convicted of a violation under this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment of not less than 3 nor more than 5 days for the first offense, and by a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000 and by imprisonment of not less than 10 nor more than 15 days for each succeeding offense. No punishment under this section shall be suspended. Any firearms seized in connection with a violation of this section shall be retained by the State pending disposition of criminal proceedings and sold at public auction by the State upon conviction.

Sec. 2455-A. Hunting from public ways. It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any wild birds or wild animals from any paved public way within the state. Possession of a loaded firearm within the limits of any public way, except as herein provided, shall be prima facie evidence of hunting. For the purposes of this section "public way" shall mean any road treated with bituminous material. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a law enforcement officer from carrying out his official duties. Nothing in this section shall prohibit a person who has a valid permit to carry a

concealed weapon to possess such weapon providing it is not used for hunting wild birds or wild animals.

[Sec. 2456 condensed.] **Hunting from vehicles, aircraft, boats, and snowmobiles.** (See General Hunting Laws in front of booklet.) Any person convicted of violating any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

[Sec. 2458 condensed.] No person shall use, sell or possess any firearms fitted or contrived with a silencer to deaden the sound of explosion.

[Sec. 2459 condensed.] **Nets, traps, crossbows, snares, and guns larger than 10-gauge not used.** No person shall hunt with a net, trap, crossbow, snare, or contrivance other than the usual method of shooting with a firearm not larger than number 10-gauge, with a long bow and arrow, or by means of falconry, any wild bird or animal of any species protected by law. It is unlawful to hunt or kill any wild bird or animal with a crossbow.

[Handguns may be used for hunting, subject to regulation according to these chapters.]

Sec. 2460. Use of pole traps. It shall be unlawful for any person to set or use any steel trap on the top of a pole, constituting a device commonly known as a "pole trap," for the purpose of catching any wild birds, without a written permit from the commissioner.

Sec. 2462. Driving deer. It shall be unlawful to participate in a joint hunt for deer, wherein an effort is made to drive deer. "Driving deer" is defined to mean the intentional act of pursuing, driving, chasing, or otherwise frightening or causing deer to move in the direction of any person or persons known to be waiting for the deer so pursued, driven, or chased.

Sec. 2464. Use of dogs, lights, snares, traps, etc. It shall be unlawful to use a dog for the hunting of deer, caribou, or moose. It shall be unlawful to use an artificial light, snare, trap, swivel, pivot, or set gun for the hunting and killing of any deer, caribou, or moose.

Nothing in this section shall be construed as affecting or restricting the legitimate possession and sale of flashlights.

Sec. 2465. Use of artificial lights for lighting game. The use of artificial lights between ½ - hour after sunset and ½ - hour before sunrise to illuminate, jack, locate, attempt to locate, or show up wild birds or wild animals shall be unlawful from Sept. 1 to Dec. 15 each calendar year, except as provided in section 2354 and section 1960-A.

Sec. 2466. Other than game birds protected; "game birds" and "migratory game birds" defined. No person shall hunt or have in his possession any eagle.

No person shall hunt, kill or have in his possession, living or dead, any wild bird, including turkeys, except as provided in chapters 301 to 337. No part of the plumage, skin or body of any bird protected by this section shall be sold or had in possession for sale; nor shall any person take or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any wild bird nor have such nest or eggs in possession. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to make it unlawful for the owner or occupant of land to kill hawks or owls when in the act of destroying poultry; and for the purpose of this chapter the ruffed grouse (partridge) and pheasant only, shall be considered game birds, and the following only shall be considered migratory game birds; anatidae or waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, geese and swans; gruidae or cranes, including little brown, sandhill and whooping cranes; rallidae or rails, including coots, gallinules and sora and other rails; limicolae or shorebirds, including avocets, curlew, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catchers, phalaropes, plover, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf

birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellowlegs; columbidae or pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons. Nothing in this section, however shall be construed to affect in any way the protection of migratory game birds as provided in section 2352.

[Sec. 2466-B condensed.] **Protection of raptors; falconry.** "Raptor" as used in this section means all birds commonly called buteos, accipiters, falcons and owls. Permittees may take, possess and use all raptors except golden eagles, bald eagles, ospreys, peregrine falcons, red-shouldered hawks and those classified as "endangered" by the U.S. Department of the Interior. No one may at any time possess, capture, transport, train or use for hunting more than two raptors except as provided for by rules and regulations. The commissioner may promulgate specific regulations regarding falconry and may issue licenses for practicing falconry. The license will not be issued unless all requirements of the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife have been met.

License fee is \$13.

Properly licensed persons engaged in falconry must also have a valid hunting license and are subject to all regulations regarding seasons and bag limits. The commissioner shall revoke the falconry license of any person convicted of violating any provisions of chapters 301-335.

[Sec. 2467 condensed.] **Hunting of moose and caribou.** No person shall hunt, kill or have in his possession any caribou or moose, or parts thereof; no person who has legally killed a caribou or moose beyond the limits of this state shall have in his possession or import such animal or parts thereof, into this state, unless he has obtained a permit from the commissioner to import for the purpose of consumption or for mounting, but not for sale.

Possession of caribou or moose, or parts thereof, without a permit as set out in this section, or after such permit has expired, shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

HUNTING WITH BOW AND ARROW [Chapter 321]

[Sec. 2501 condensed.] **Open season.** There shall be an open season from the first Monday in October to the beginning of the regular deer season for the purpose of hunting deer with bow and arrow only, except that on the Island of Islesboro in Waldo County there shall be an open season for hunting deer with bow and arrow during the months of October and November of each calendar year. During the month of October any person hunting deer on said island shall be licensed as provided in section 2502. During the month of November any person hunting deer on said island shall be licensed in accordance with section 2401. See also section 2353.

[Sec. 2502 condensed.] **Licenses; tag.** Archery licenses shall also permit the hunting of such wild birds and animals which can be legally hunted during the special archery season in each zone.

Archery deer tags shall be issued for use in the same manner as regular deer tags. If a person does take a deer with bow and arrow during the special season provided in section 2501, he is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year. If a person does not take a deer with a bow and arrow during the special season, he is not precluded from obtaining a hunting license for the regular open season.

Section 2401, Subsection 1, shall not apply to archery licenses.

No resident under the age of 10 years and no nonresident under the age of 12 years shall hunt with bow and arrow at any time. Any resident between the ages of 10 and 16 and any nonresident between the ages of 12 and 16, who hunts deer under the provisions of section 2501, shall purchase an archery license with the written consent of parent or guardian and shall be accompanied at all times while hunting by parent or guardian or an adult approved by parent or guardian.

Sec. 2503. Equipment. Deer may be taken under the provisions of sections 2501 to 2505 only by means of hand bow and broad head arrow. The use of crossbow or set bow is prohibited. The strength of a bow shall be determined by flight of an arrow, each bow to shoot an arrow at least 150 yards. The arrow head shall not be less than 7/8 inch in width. No person shall use arrows with either poisonous or explosive tips. No person shall carry firearms of any kind while hunting with bow and arrow.

Sec. 2504. Application. Except as provided in sections 2501 to 2505 the provisions of chapters 301 to 337 relating to deer shall be applicable to the taking of deer with bow and arrow.

Sec. 2505. Registration. All deer killed under the provisions of sections 2501 to 2505 shall be inspected by a warden before being registered under the provisions of section 2355. If the warden finds the deer to have been legally killed by bow and arrow he shall approve the deer for registration. If it appears to the warden that the deer was not legally killed with bow and arrow he shall seize the deer and prosecute the offender.

[Sec. 2801 condensed.] **Sale of deer, hares or rabbits.** No person shall at any time buy, sell or offer for sale or barter any deer, or part thereof, except that the heads and hides thereof may be sold to any properly licensed taxidermist for the purpose of preserving and mounting as provided in section 4351 of Chapter 65, Title 32, and to any dealer as provided in section 4352 of Chapter 65, Title 32. Whoever aids in buying, selling or offering for sale or barter any deer, or part thereof, or counsels or otherwise aids in procuring the same shall be punished in the manner prescribed for the punishment of the principal offender. Provided, however, that any agent of the commissioner may buy or sell any whole or any part of any wild bird, wild animal or fish, for use as evidence in prosecution of a violation of chapters 301 to 337.

It shall be unlawful for any person to buy, sell or offer for sale any wild hares or wild rabbits.

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished in accordance with the penalty provided in section 2455.

Sec. 2802. Transportation of game. No person shall transport or offer for transportation, nor shall any person or carrier accept for transportation or transport, any game animal or bird, or parts thereof, except as provided in chapters 301 to 337.

Any resident may transport to his home any game which he has killed and which is legally in his possession, provided he shall have been properly licensed and has met all other requirements of chapters 301 to 337.

Any nonresident may transport or have transported to his home by a common carrier any game which he has killed and which is legally in his possession, provided he shall have been properly licensed and has met all other requirements of chapters 301 to 337.

No person or carrier shall transport any game bird or animal, or parts thereof, in closed season except that any person who has killed said game in open season shall have a reasonable time after the beginning of the closed season in which to transport said game to his home.

All game transported or offered for transportation shall be open to view, and accompanied by the person who killed said game. Game transported for nonresidents by common carrier need not be accompanied by the owner if all other requirements of chapters 301 to 337 are met. Any carrier accepting any game for transportation shall be satisfied that the person presenting said game for shipment is the person to whom the hunter's license offered for inspection was issued and shall securely affix any tags and such other identification and make such returns to the commissioner as may be required by chapters 301 to 337. Any wild bird or animal, or part thereof, found in possession of any person in violation of this chapter is subject to seizure and shall be seized and become the property of the state.

It shall be unlawful for any person or corporation to transport or offer

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for transportation at any time any wild hares or rabbits destined beyond the limits of this state.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession or transport at any time any wild hares or rabbits taken during the closed season or by any method or with any device prohibited by section 2451.

The hunting license of any nonresident shall entitle him to have game, including wild hares and rabbits which he has legally killed, transported to his home without further fee to the state.

Sec. 2851. Breeders; license. (A license is required for breeding, rearing or keeping game birds. A copy of Section 2851 is available by writing to the Department office, Augusta.)

License fee is \$15.

Sec. 2901 NOTE: Bobcat bounty repealed as of Oct. 1, 1975.

Sec. 2951. Collision with deer or moose; procedure. The resident owner of every motor vehicle which has been substantially damaged by accidental collision with a deer or moose shall, by the quickest means, report the accident to a game warden. The warden shall investigate and, if he finds the damage has been done as alleged, he shall give a certificate to such person entitling such person to the ownership of the carcass to be possessed and consumed only within the immediate family of the owner of said vehicle. Such person shall then take possession and immediately remove the entire carcass from the scene of the collision.

Sec. 2952. No payments for motor vehicle damage. No claim for damages to motor vehicles by a protected wild animal or wild bird shall be paid by the state.

[Sec. 2953 condensed.] **Shooting human being while hunting.** Negligently or carelessly shooting and wounding or killing any human being while hunting or pursuing wild game or game birds is punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 11 months. The commissioner may suspend for up to five years the hunting license or the right to hunt of a person so charged. The person so charged shall be sent a written notice of a hearing on the matter. Appeal may be made to the superior court if the person is aggrieved by the commissioner's decision on revocation or suspension. After one year of suspension, the person may petition the commissioner for restoration of his privilege to procure a license or right to hunt. If the commissioner denies the request, the petitioner may appeal to the Fish and Wildlife Advisory Council.

Sec. 2953-A. Shooting domestic animals, dogs, cats or birds; penalty. Whoever, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild animals or game birds or migratory game birds, negligently or carelessly or willfully shoots and wounds, or kills any domestic animals, including dogs, cats or domestic birds shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

Sec. 2954. Aiding injured persons; reporting hunting accidents. Any person who knows that he has inflicted injury or has reason to know that he may have inflicted injury to another person by the use of firearms or bow and arrow shall make himself known to the victim and shall render such first aid and assistance as he is capable of rendering under the circumstances and shall thereupon give notice of the event by the quickest means to a state police officer, sheriff, game warden or other law enforcement officer nearest the place where the event occurred.

Any person violating this section shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 11 months, or by both, and in addition thereto shall be denied the right to hunt or trap anywhere in the State of Maine with or without license for a period of 10 years.

Sec. 3051. Vehicles must stop on signal.

1. **Authority of law enforcement officers.** Any officer authorized to enforce the provisions of chapters 301 to 337, if in uniform and if he has reason to believe that a violation of any of such provisions has occurred or is taking place, may at any time stop any motor vehicle, boat, vessel, airplane or conveyance of any kind for the purpose of arresting or questioning the operator or occupant thereof, or for the purpose of searching the vehicle.
2. **Penalty.** Any operator who fails or refuses to stop such conveyance immediately upon request or signal of any officer, in uniform, whose duty it is to enforce the inland fish and game laws, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 or not more than \$400 or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both.

[Sec. 3060 condensed.] **Penalties.** Whoever violates any of the provisions of chapters 301 to 337 and Title 7, chapter 707 and Title 7, sections 3455 and 3602 and Title 32, chapter 65, or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, or rules and regulations heretofore promulgated and still in force and effect, excepting only those for the violation of which specific penalties have been provided, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20 nor more than \$500 and costs, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both, except as hereafter noted:

1. Whoever violates any provision of chapters 301 to 337 relating to beaver except setting any trap with 25 feet of any beaver house, or within 10 feet of any beaver dam or setting a trap within 4 feet of a beaver trap already set by another trapper, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and costs and \$50 additional for each beaver or skin involved, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
2. Whoever violates any of the provisions of the first, second, or fifth paragraphs of section 2451 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200, nor more than \$1,000 and costs, or by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.
3. Whenever any particular violation of any section of these chapters carries a specific fine which cannot be suspended, the provisions of this section shall not apply.
4. **Lack of license.** Whoever is convicted of not having a license issued under chapters 301 to 337 shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$20, plus the cost of a license fee for such activity.

Sec. 3060-A. Penalties. Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of section 1960-A or regulations promulgated thereunder, relating to upland game, shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$50 and in addition thereto by a fine of \$25 for each bird illegally killed, taken or possessed, and such fines shall not be suspended, or by imprisonment for not less than 30 nor more than 90 days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

[Sec. 3101 condensed.] **Seizure and disposition of game and equipment for violation of law.** All birds, fish or animals, or parts thereof, or equipment, involved in any violation of chapters 301 to 337, shall be subject to seizure by the state. (A complete copy of Section 3101 is available by writing to the Department office, Augusta.)

[Sec. 3151 condensed.] **Possession of firearms in forests without license prima facie evidence of violation of law.** The possession of any firearm in the fields, forests, or in the water or ice within the territorial limits of the state by any person who is not lawfully allowed to hunt at that time shall be prima facie evidence of hunting in violation of law unless such person furnishes satisfactory evidence to the contrary.

TITLE 7: TRAINING AND FIELD TRIALS; DOGS

Title 7, Chapter 707: Training and Field Trials. The following sections are available upon request:

3551: Training of dogs. 3552: Special dog training areas. 3553: Field trials for bird dogs or coon dogs. 3554. Field trials for retrieving dogs. 3555: Training and field trials for beagles and other rabbit hounds.

Sec. 3454. License necessary. No dog shall be kept within the limits of this state unless such dog shall have been licensed by its owner in accordance with the laws of Maine. "Owner" means any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping or harboring a dog.

Sec. 3455. Dogs not to run at large. It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog, licensed or unlicensed, to permit such dog to run at large, except when used for hunting. "At large" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence and attention as will reasonably control the conduct of such dog.

Sec. 3456. Disposal. Any police officer, sheriff, deputy sheriff, game warden or constable shall seize, impound or restrain any dog in violation of section 3455 and deliver such dog to any person or shelter authorized to board dogs by the Department of Agriculture under section 3406. Such dogs shall be handled as strays and abandoned dogs.

Sec. 3457. Penalties. Instead of seizing and impounding the dog, the officer, having jurisdiction, may prosecute the owner of any dog running at large, and any person upon conviction shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

[Title 7, Sec. 3602 condensed.] **Dogs killed for hunting moose, caribou or deer, or worrying domestic animals.** The owner or keeper of any dog hunting, chasing or pursuing any moose, caribou or deer at any time or any other wild animal in closed season shall be fined not less than \$25 nor more than \$100. The owner of a dog killing or wounding such animal shall be fined not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000 and by an additional penalty of up to 30 days in jail.

Any officer may kill any dog he finds in such activity or wounding, worrying or killing any domestic animal when the dog is outside the enclosure or immediate care of its owner or keeper.

After an owner or keeper receives written notice from a warden that his dog has committed any act prohibited by this section, it shall be lawful

for anyone to kill the dog when found committing any of the said acts.

Any owner of domestic animals or enclosed poultry or any member of his family or anyone having custody of such animals or enclosed poultry shall have a right to kill any dog killing or attacking any of them.

Title 7, Sec. 3604. Killing for assault permitted. Any person may lawfully kill a dog which suddenly assaults him or another person when peaceably walking or riding.

Title 17, Sec. 3852. Improved lands and fish ponds. Whoever willfully commits any trespass or knowingly authorizes or employs another to do so by entering the garden, orchard, pasture, cranberry ground, improved blueberry ground, arboretum, botanic garden or improved land of another or pond of another used for the lawful cultivation of fish, or commercial shooting area, with intent to take, carry away, destroy or injure trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, grain, grass, hay, fruit, vegetables, turf or soil thereon or the fish in such pond, or pheasants, quail or Chukar partridge found on such commercial shooting area, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100 and by imprisonment for not more than 90 days.

TITLE 32, CHAPTER 65: TAXIDERMISTS; DEALERS IN SKINS AND FURS

Title 32, Sec. 4351. Licenses for taxidermists. The commissioner may, upon application, license as a taxidermist anyone who is skilled in that art and of good reputation; residents of this state shall pay an annual fee of \$7; except that unnaturalized, foreign-born residents shall pay an annual fee of \$32. (A complete copy of this section is available upon request.)

Title 32, Sec. 4352. [A complete copy of this section is available upon request.] Licenses for dealers in deer skins and heads. It shall be unlawful for any person at any time to buy, sell, barter, take in trade or take in exchange for any services rendered any deer skin or deer head without first obtaining from the commissioner a deer skin license.

The annual fee for such license shall be \$32.

Any person assisting another in such buying, etc., must also have a deer skin license.

Notwithstanding this section, a person who lawfully registers a deer may sell the skin and head thereof.

Title 32, Sec. 4353. [A complete copy of this section is available upon request.] Licenses for dealers in furs. The commissioner may annually issue licenses to engage in the business of buying the skins of any fur-bearing animals.

SUMMARY OF CHAPTER 80, TITLE 17: LITTER CONTROL

(Refer to statute for legal wording)

No one shall dispose of litter by any method on any public or private property or in the waters or on the ice of this state — except in areas or receptacles designated for such disposal. The fine for conviction is not more than \$100 for each violation, and the guilty person may be directed by the court to pick and remove from the property any or all litter deposited thereon prior to the date of execution of sentence.

No one shall dispose of litter from any vehicle on private property or the right of way of public highways or on public parks, beaches, waters, etc., except in a manner properly designated for such disposal. The operator of the vehicle, as well as the person disposing of the litter, shall be in violation in such instance. Such violations will count as points under the point system of the Motor Vehicles Division, and the court may suspend the operator's license for up to 30 days.

No one shall dispose of litter from a boat; operator and the person disposing of litter shall be in violation.

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