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HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS SUMMARY

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284 State Street
Station #41

Augusta, Maine 04333



Hunting and Trapping Regulations

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MUNICIPAL FIREARM ORDINANCES

Several Maine cities and towns have adopted local ordinances which restrict or prohibit the discharge of firearms. These ordinances have been enacted in the interest of public safety. Prior to hunting near thickly settled communities, hunters should check with local authorities concerning the possible existence of firearm ordinances.

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REGIONAL HEADQUARTERS (Game Wardens and Biologists)

Ashland	435-3231	or (toll-free) 1-800-322-4011
Augusta	289-2175	or (toll-free) 1-800-322-3606
Bangor	941-4440	or (toll-free) 1-800-322-2033
Gray	657-2345	or (toll-free) 1-800-322-1333
Greenville	695-3756	or (toll-free) 1-800-322-9844

ADDITIONAL REGIONAL BIOLOGISTS

Augusta	-	289-2536	Machias	-	255-4715
Enfield	-	732-4131	Strong	-	778-3324

If you cannot locate a warden at the above numbers, contact either the Department office in Augusta (289-2766) or the nearest State Police barracks (numbers listed below).

STATE POLICE TOLL-FREE NUMBERS

Augusta	1-800-452-4664	Houlton	1-800-432-7384
Skowhegan	1-800-452-4664	Orono	1-800-432-7381
Thomaston	1-800-452-4664	Gray	1-800-482-0730

(The above numbers may be used to report a fire, ONLY if a warden or forest ranger cannot be reached).

ATTENTION

RESPECT THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS

PLEASE remember - YOU have no right - stated or implied - to hunt or trap on land of another. You should always ASK PERMISSION before engaging in any outdoor activity on land you do not own or do not have permission to use.

TREE STANDS

It is unlawful to insert any metallic or ceramic object into a tree on land of another for the purpose of erecting a ladder or tree stand. All ladders or observation stands erected on another person's land must be removed by the beginning of the 10th day following the close of the hunting season, unless written permission is obtained from the landowner.

AIDING ACCIDENT VICTIMS & REPORTING ACCIDENTS

Any person who knows or has reason to believe that he has inflicted injury to another person by the use of firearms or bow and arrow is required to make himself known to the victim and render such first aid and assistance as he is capable of under the circumstances. He is also required to report the incident, by the quickest means, to a game warden or other law enforcement officer.

A WARNING ABOUT HUNTING ACCIDENTS

Fatal accidents frequently involve experienced hunters, who may be over-anxious 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/she is sure of his/her 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.

FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTHING

Anyone who hunts with a firearm during the open firearm season on deer or moose is required to wear an article of solid-colored hunter orange clothing (fluorescent orange) which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides. HUNTER ORANGE means a daylight fluorescent orange color with a dominant wavelength between 595 and 605 nanometers, excitation purity not less than 85% and luminance factor of not less than 40%. (Note: Waterfowl hunters who are hunting from a boat, blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys are exempt from this requirement).

HUNTING SEASONS
ALL DATES ARE INCLUSIVE UNLESS THEY FALL ON A SUNDAY
(NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY)

SPECIES	HUNTING DATES	
	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY
*DEER		
Firearm Season	Oct. 29*	Nov. 24
Special Archery Season	Oct. 1	Oct. 26
Special Muzzle-loading Season	Nov. 26	Dec. 1
**BEAR	See Page 7	
RUFFED GROUSE & PHEASANT W.M.U. 1 & 2 W.M.U. 3,4,5,6,7,8	Oct. 1 — Nov. 30 Oct. 1 - Dec. 10	
SPRUCE GROUSE	NO OPEN SEASON	
RABBIT (Cottontail) & Snowshoe Hare***	Oct. 1	Mar. 31
GRAY SQUIRREL	Oct. 1	Nov. 30
RACCOON	Oct. 22	Dec. 31
FOX	Oct. 22	Feb. 28
BOBCAT	Dec. 1	Jan. 31
LYNX and CARIBOU	NO OPEN SEASON	
SKUNK	Oct. 22	Dec. 31
COYOTE, WOODCHUCK, RED SQUIRREL and PORCUPINE	Jan. 1	Dec. 31
CROW (split season)	Mar. 14 July 16	Apr. 30 Sep. 29
MOOSE: Hunting allowed by permit only. See page 24		
TURKEY: Hunting allowed by permit only. See page 12		

Note: Except for migratory game birds, there is no general hunting season on any species of bird or animal which is not listed in the above chart.

* Saturday before this date is open to deer hunting for Maine residents only. Hunting of antlerless deer during both the regular firearms season and the special muzzle-loading season is prohibited, except by special permit.

** Nonresidents wishing to use a dog or dogs to hunt for bear must employ and hunt with a resident Maine guide (does not apply to nonresidents holding a valid Maine guide license.). No more than 3 clients may be with a resident Maine guide at one time.

*** Season on the Island of Vinalhaven (Knox County): Oct. 1-Feb. 28
 It is unlawful to hunt rabbits with dogs during any open firearms season on deer in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo & Washington Counties

BAG LIMITS		
SPECIES	DAILY BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
DEER	One may be taken annually	
BEAR	One may be taken annually (either by hunting or trapping)	
RUFFED GROUSE	4	8
PHEASANT	2	4
RABBIT (Cottontail & Snowshoe Hare)	4	8
GRAY SQUIRREL	4	8
Other Legal Species	No limit on the number which may be taken	

Note: All deer and bear must be registered at a game registration station.

TRAPPING SEASONS (ALL DATES INCLUSIVE)		
SPECIES	TRAPPING DATES	
	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY
BEAR (2 trap limit)	Oct. 1	Oct. 31
BOBCAT, COYOTE*, FISHER, FOX*, MARTEN, RACCOON, SKUNK, WEASEL, MINK, MUSKRAT***, OTTER**	Oct. 28	Dec. 12
BEAVER ****		
WMU 1 & 2	Dec. 1	Mar. 30
WMU 3,4,5,6,7,8	Jan 1	Feb. 28

Note: There is no open trapping season on any species of animal which is not listed in the above chart.

* See section on special Fox and Coyote Trapping Season on Page 11.

** Licensed trappers may lawfully possess any otter taken by accident in a legal beaver set.

*** In addition to the regular muskrat trapping season, muskrats may be trapped during the beaver trapping season only in areas which are open to beaver trapping.

**** Beaver trapping seasons are set by wildlife management unit. A complete list of areas closed to the trapping of beaver is available upon request.

BEAR HUNTING INFORMATION

SEASON	HUNTING DATES	
	First Day	Last Day
Bear Hunting Season	Aug. 27	Nov. 30
Hunting With Dogs Allowed	Sept. 15	Oct. 26
Hunting ONLY with Dogs	Sept. 24	Oct. 26

From September 24 through October 26, it is unlawful to hunt for bear except as a participant in a bear hunt being carried out by the use of dogs. It is unlawful during this time to take or attempt to take any bear by hunting unless the bear is being pursued by a dog or dogs or unless the bear is treed or held at bay by a dog or dogs.

BEAR HUNTING PERMIT

New this year, a special bear hunting permit (in addition to a hunting license) is required to hunt for bear except during the open firearm season on deer. During the open firearm season on deer, the special bear hunting permit is not required, and a person may legally take a bear by virtue of a regular hunting license. The fee for a bear hunting permit is \$2.00 for residents and \$10.00 for non-residents and aliens. (The special permit is not required when trapping for bear).

INDIAN TERRITORY

As a result of the Maine Indian Claims Settlement Act of 1980, lands purchased by the Penobscot Indian Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe within certain designated areas of the State are classified as Indian territory and are given "special" legal status. The Penobscot Nation and the Passamaquoddy Tribe, within their respective Indian territories, have exclusive authority to regulate hunting and trapping. At the time of this publication, parcels of Indian territory had been acquired within the following areas:

PENOBSCOT NATION

Franklin County: Alder Stream Twp. **Penobscot County:** T2R9 NWP (western portion), T3R9 NWP (eastern portion), T6R8 WELS (western portion Argyle Twp. (northern portion) and T3R1 NBPP (northeastern portion). **Piscataquis County:** T6R8 NWP.

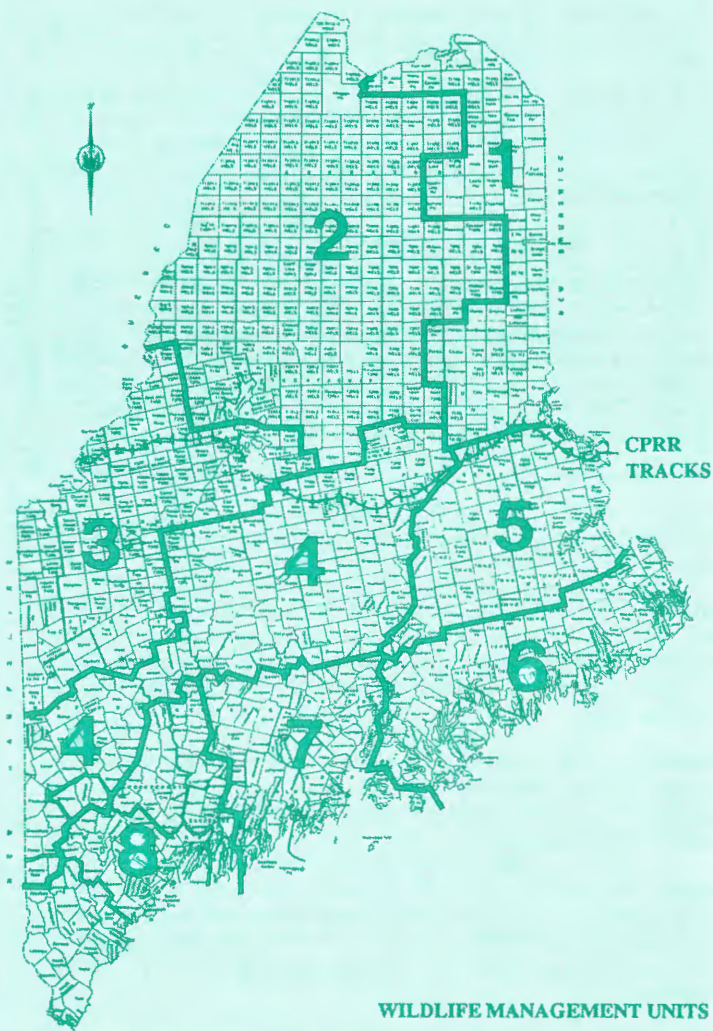
PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE

Franklin County: Lowelltown, T1R8 WBKP. **Hancock County:** T4ND. **Washington County:** T5ND, BPP; T19MD and Indian Twp. **Penobscot County:** T5R1 NBPP. **Somerset County:** Holeb T6R1 NBKP
Note: Most of these areas will be conspicuously posted as Indian Territory.

Anyone wishing to hunt or trap on Indian Territory should contact the appropriate Indian agency for further information:

PENOBSCOT INDIAN NATION, Dept. of Natural Resources
Old Town, ME 04468; Phone: 827-7776, Ext. 230

PASSAMAQUODDY TRIBE, Forestry Dept., Box 787, Princeton, ME 04668; Phone: 796-5100, Ext. 219



MUZZLE-LOADING DEER HUNTING SEASON

- A. A muzzle-loading hunting license in the form of a stamp, in addition to a valid license to hunt big game, is required for persons to hunt deer with muzzle-loading rifles during the special muzzle-loading deer season. The stamp must be affixed to the person's big game hunting license.
- B. Muzzle-loading license fees are as follows:
Resident - \$7.00; Non-Resident - \$25.00 ; Alien - \$50.00
- C. Persons under 16 years of age are not eligible to participate in this special season.
- D. If a person takes a deer during any open season, he is prohibited from hunting deer by any means for the remainder of the year.
- E. For purposes of the special muzzle-loading season, muzzle-loading firearm means a rifled or smooth-bored firearm that is: forty caliber or greater; capable of firing only a single charge; equipped with a barrel at least 20 inches in length; loaded through the muzzle with powder and bullet or ball; and ignited by percussion cap or priming charge of a flint, match, or wheel lock mechanism.
- F. It is unlawful to use a rifle equipped with any type of telescopic sight during this season.
- G. Except as specified, all other laws relating to the taking of deer with firearms shall apply to the taking of deer with muzzle-loading rifles.

SPECIAL COYOTE SEASON

Licensed hunters may obtain, at a fee of \$2.00, a permit from the Department to hunt coyotes at night from January 1st to April 30th under the following conditions:

- a. Hunting is limited to the hours between 1/2 hour after sunset and 1/2 hour before sunrise and shall cease at midnight each Saturday and resume at 12:01 a.m. each Monday.
- b. Hunters must be in possession of an electronic hand-held or mouth-operated predator calling device.

BOW AND ARROW HUNTING FOR DEER

- A. An archery hunting license is required for persons 16 years of age or older to hunt with bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer.
- B. If a person takes a deer with a bow and arrow, he is prohibited from hunting deer by any means for the remainder of the year.
- C. A person is not allowed to carry a firearm of any kind, excluding handguns, while hunting any species of wildlife with bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer. (When carrying a handgun, must possess a valid firearms hunting license. Handgun may not be used to hunt or dispatch deer.)
- D. Laws which allow persons to hunt without a license on their own land under certain conditions apply to archery hunting.
- E. Deer may be taken under the archery provisions only by means of hand bow and broad-head arrow.
- F. The bow must be capable of shooting an arrow at least 150 yards.
- G. Arrow heads must be at least 7/8 inch in width.
- H. It is unlawful to use a crossbow or set bow or to use arrows with poisonous or explosive tips.
- I. All deer killed by bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer must be inspected and registered at the first open deer registration station.
- J. Except as specified, all other laws relating to the taking of deer shall apply to the taking of deer with bow and arrow.

ANTLERLESS DEER PROTECTED

Hunting of ANTLERLESS DEER is prohibited except by special permit during both the regular firearms season and the muzzle-loading season. (Any-Deer Permit holders will be selected through chance drawing in September for the 1990 deer hunting season. For information regarding Any-Deer Permits for the 1991 season, contact the Department after June 1. Application deadline is August 15).

Hunting of ANTLERED DEER is allowed throughout the State during both the regular firearms season and the muzzle-loading season.

Deer of either sex may be taken during the special archery season.

Only ONE deer may be taken annually.

"Antlerless deer" means any deer which does not have antlers or any deer which has antlers less than 3 inches in length measured from the skull.

SPECIAL FOX AND COYOTE TRAPPING SEASON STATEWIDE

During the special season (October 21 through October 27) it is unlawful to take or possess any furbearing animal other than fox, coyote, raccoon and skunk (any raccoon or skunk taken incidental to fox and coyote trapping may be lawfully possessed). Any other furbearing animal caught incidentally in a fox or coyote set must be immediately released alive, or, if found dead in the trap, must be reported to a game warden as soon as possible and prior to removal of the animal from the trap and trap site location. Any such incidental catch found dead in the trap must be turned over to an agent of the Commissioner within 48 hours from the time it was discovered.

During this special season, in addition to Department rules and State laws which affect trapping in general, the following restrictions apply:

- a. All traps must be set at or below ground level;
- b. Killer-type traps are prohibited.
- c. Traps may not be set in the water;
- d. The use of exposed bait or visible attractor at any trap site location is prohibited.

It is the intent of the Department to revoke (pursuant to Title 12, subsection 7077), the trapping license of any person convicted of a violation of any provision in this section.

TURKEY HUNTING SEASON

The legislature has given the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife the authority to establish an annual open season on turkeys between May 1st and June 15th. The only turkey hunting zone established at this time is: York County, except the towns of Buxton, Old Orchard Beach, and Saco. No more than 10% of the permits issued may be issued to non-residents. Applicants will be randomly selected. Information regarding zones, number of permits available, application period and other pertinent information may be obtained from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, Turkey Permit, 284 State Street, Station # 41, Augusta, ME 04333. APPLICATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 1.

UPLAND GAME, MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS, AND FURBEARING ANIMALS

The following shall be considered upland game: Cottontail rabbit, Snowshoe hare, Gray squirrel, Red squirrel, Ringnecked pheasant, Ruffed grouse, Spruce grouse, Woodchuck (Note: No open season on spruce grouse).

The following shall be considered migratory gamebirds: 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, gullinules and sora and other rails; Limicolae or shorebirds, including avocets, curlew, dowitchers, godwits, knots, oyster catheters, phalaropes, plover, sandpipers, snipe, stilts, surf birds, turnstones, willet, woodcock and yellowlegs; Columbidae or pigeons, including doves and wild pigeons. (Note: Migratory bird hunting regulations are located in a separate publication which is printed in September).

The following shall be considered furbearing animals: Beaver, Bobcat, Canada Lynx, Coyote, Fisher, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Skunk, Weasel, Marten (sable), Otter. (Note: NO open season on Canada lynx and opossum. NO open HUNTING season on beaver, fisher, marten, mink, muskrat, otter and weasel).

DOG TRAINING SEASON

Dogs may be trained on foxes, rabbit and raccoons from July 1st through the following March 31st. While training dogs during this period (except during the open hunting season on these species), it is unlawful to use or possess a firearm other than a pistol or a shotgun loaded with blank ammunition.

Residents may train up to 4 dogs on bear from August 1 to the start of the bear hunting season, except south of Route 9 in Washington and Hancock counties.

Sporting dogs (as defined by the American Kennel Club, including pointers, retrievers, setters, spaniels, Vizslas, Weimaraners and wirehaired pointing griffons) may be trained on wild birds at any time. (During dog training seasons, it is lawful to train dogs on Sunday). The Commissioner may authorize the use of firearms during such training to shoot and kill wild birds propagated or legally acquired by the permittee and possessed in accordance with the laws pertaining to breeders licenses.

PROJECT CARIBOU

From 1989 to 1992, woodland caribou will be released in the Baxter Park Region. It is unlawful to hunt or possess caribou in Maine and offenders may be fined up to \$10,000 and a 3-month jail sentence. Woodland caribou are entirely light buff or white in color and are easily distinguished from deer and moose. Males have large semi-palmate antlers and are much smaller than moose (350-600 lbs.). Females sometimes have antlers and are just larger than a whitetailed buck. All caribou released will be radio-collared with a mortality monitor to assist with protection.

LAWS PERTAINING TO LICENSES AND PERMITS

ALIEN means a person who is not a citizen of the United States.

NON-RESIDENT means a person who does not fall within the definition of **RESIDENT** below.

RESIDENT means a citizen of the U.S. who has been domiciled in this State continuously during the 3 months next prior to the date on which he applies for any license, or an alien who has been so domiciled for one year. No person may be considered a resident if he has not: a) if registered to vote, registered in Maine; b) if

licensed to drive a motor vehicle, made application for a Maine motor vehicle license; c) if owning a motor vehicle or vehicles located within the State, registered each such vehicle in Maine; d) complied with the State income tax laws; and e) if a full-time student at a Maine college or university, resides in Maine continuously for 3 months AND satisfies above requirements.

1. **HUNTING LICENSE:** A person is required to obtain a valid hunting license prior to hunting wild birds or wild animals. All applicants for an adult firearms hunting license must show proof of having previously held an adult license to hunt with firearms or having successfully completed an approved hunter safety course.

a. A person is required to keep his hunting license with him while hunting or transporting wild game and must show it to any warden, Department employee, guide or landowner upon request.

b. Possession of a firearm in the fields or forests or on the waters or ice of the State without a hunting license is prima facie evidence of hunting in violation of law.

c. Maine residents are required to obtain hunting licenses from the town clerk in the town in which they live or, if they live in an unorganized township, from the town clerk or agent in the nearest town. (NOTE: It is the responsibility of the applicant to submit proof of residency).

d. Non-residents may obtain hunting licenses - in person or by mail - from the Department office in Augusta or from any of the numerous non-resident license agents throughout the State.

e. A Maine resident may hunt without a license on his own land if he lives on that particular piece of land, and the piece of land exceeds 10 acres in size and is used exclusively for agricultural purposes.

2. **PHEASANT STAMP:** Any person 16 years of age or older is required to obtain a pheasant stamp prior to hunting pheasants.

a. A person is required to validate the stamp by writing his signature across the face of the stamp in ink.

- b. A person is required to have his pheasant stamp with him in order to hunt or possess pheasants.

3. MIGRATORY WATERFOWL STAMP: Any person 16 years of age or older is required to obtain a State migratory waterfowl stamp prior to hunting waterfowl.

- a. A person is required to validate the stamp by writing his signature across the face of the stamp in ink.
- b. A person is required to have his migratory waterfowl stamp with him in order to hunt or possess waterfowl.

4. ARCHERY LICENSE: An archery license allows bow and arrow hunting of legal game throughout the year. (NOTE: A regular hunting license also allows bow and arrow hunting EXCEPT that during the special archery season on deer, an archery license is required to hunt any legal species with bow and arrow).

All applicants for an adult archery license must show proof of having held an adult license to hunt with bow and arrow after January 1, 1978, or of successfully completing an approved hunter safety course (either archery or firearm oriented).

5. OTHER HUNTING LICENSE PROVISIONS:

- a. A resident license to hunt, trap or fish will be issued to any person who is serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and is permanently stationed at a military base in Maine (includes spouse and children if they permanently reside with that person).
- b. A resident license to hunt or fish will be issued to any citizen of a foreign nation under 21 years of age who is living with a family in Maine in connection with any cultural or educational exchange program.
- c. A special combination license to hunt and fish (Serviceman Combination Hunting & Fishing) will be issued to any serviceman who is on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and permanently stationed outside Maine (includes spouse and dependent children), provided he can show proof that

his home of record, as recorded in his service record, is Maine.

6. COMPLIMENTARY LICENSES:

- a. A free license to hunt (including special archery and muzzle-loading), fish or trap or a renewal of a license to guide will be issued, upon application, to any Maine resident who is 70 years of age or older. Residents who apply for these complimentary licenses at any time during the calendar year of their 70th birthday shall be issued a license upon application, regardless of the actual date during that calendar year when they attain age 70 (effective 1/1/90).
- b. A free license to hunt, fish or trap will be issued, upon application, to any Maine Indian who is a member of the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet or Micmac tribe. (License must be obtained from their respective tribal headquarters).
- c. A free license to hunt (including muzzle-loading hunting) or fish, and a free pheasant permit, will be issued, upon application, to any Maine resident who is a war veteran and has a service-connected disability of 100%, or has served in a combat zone and has a service-connected disability of 70% or more.
- d. A free license to hunt or fish will be issued, upon application, to Maine residents or non-residents (if reciprocal privileges exist in the home state of the non-resident) who are suffering from the loss, or loss of use of, both lower extremities.

7. TRAPPING LICENSE:

- a. A person is required to obtain a valid trapping license prior to setting or tending traps for wild animals. A license is also required when assisting another person in setting or tending traps. All applicants for an adult trapping license must show proof of having held an adult trapping license after January 1, 1978, or of having successfully completed an approved trapper education course.
- b. A Maine resident may trap wild animals, except beaver, without a license on his own land if he lives on that particu-

lar piece of land and uses the land exclusively for agricultural purposes.

- c. Trapping licenses are valid from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the following year.
- d. Renewal forms will be mailed to trappers who were licensed the previous year. Others may apply for licenses through the Department office in Augusta.

8. GUIDE'S LICENSE: (do not carry hunting and fishing privileges)

- a. Any person who receives any form or remuneration for his services in accompanying or assisting others while hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, snowmobiling or camping at a primitive camping area is required to have a guide's license.
- b. Any person who wishes to become licensed as a guide must submit an application to the Commissioner on forms provided by the Department. (Must be 18 years of age).
- c. Any person who has not previously been licensed as a Maine guide will be required to pass an examination before a Board of Examiners. Examination Fee: \$10.00
- d. Qualified applicants may be licensed as guides in either Master or specialized classifications.

9. OTHER LICENSES (Obtainable at the Department office in Augusta):

HIDE DEALERS LICENSE (Valid from July 1 to June 30): Any person who commercially buys, sells or barter any raw, untanned wild animal hide or head is required to have a hide dealer's license. A license is also required when assisting another person in this activity, except that an employee of a licensed hide dealer may, without a license, assist in this activity only at the dealer's fixed place of business. (Note: This license is not required in order for a person to sell the head, hide, antlers and feet of a deer and moose; head, hide, teeth, gall bladder and claws of any bear or any furbearing animal which he had legally taken).

TAXIDERMIST LICENSE (Valid from July 1 to June 30): A taxidermist license will be issued to any applicant who is skilled in the art of taxidermy. This license allows a person to possess, at his place of business, lawfully possessed fish or wildlife for the sole purpose of preparing and mounting them.

FALCONRY LICENSE: A falconry license, in addition to a regular hunting license, is required of persons who engage in falconry. Copies of the regulations pertaining to this type of hunting are available upon request.

10. **LICENSE EXPIRATION:** Unless otherwise specifically provided, all licenses and permits expire on December 31st of the calendar year for which they were issued.
11. **UNLAWFUL CONDUCT:** It is unlawful to obtain any license or permit through misstatement or misrepresentation or to possess any license or permit which has been altered, mutilated or tampered with in any manner.
12. **LICENSE REVOCATION:** In addition to any penalty which may be imposed by a court of law, the Commissioner may revoke the license of any person convicted of violating the fish and wildlife laws.
13. **FURTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING LICENSES:** For further information concerning any of the licenses or permits issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, please contact the Department's Licensing Division in Augusta at (207) 289-2571.

GENERAL HUNTING PROVISIONS

TO HUNT means to hunt for, pursue, molest, shoot, catch, take, kill, wound or destroy wild birds and wild animals.

SUNRISE and SUNSET means the time computed and established for sunrise and sunset 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.

WILD ANIMAL or WILD BIRD means a species of mammal or bird which is wild by nature, whether or not bred or reared in captivity and includes any physical part of that species or mammal or bird.

1. **Closed season.** There is a closed season for the hunting of any species of wild animal or wild bird for which an open hunting season is not specifically provided.
2. **Closed season violation.** It is unlawful to hunt any wild animal or wild bird during the closed season on that species or possess any wild animal or wild bird taken during the closed season on the species.
3. **Unlawful conduct.** It is unlawful to hunt, possess, or transport any wild animal or wild bird, or parts thereof, except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws.
4. **Eagles.** It is unlawful to hunt or possess any eagle or parts thereof.
5. **Caribou.** It is unlawful to hunt or possess any caribou. (Note: Violation punishable by a \$10,000 fine and 3-month jail sentence).
6. **Night hunting and twilight hunting.** It is unlawful to hunt wild birds from sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise. It is unlawful to hunt wild animals from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise, except raccoons. During the open firearm season on deer, all hunting must cease at sunset, except raccoon hunting.
7. **Raccoon hunting.** Raccoons may be hunted at night during the open season only when the hunter meets certain requirements (see "Raccoon hunting" under Laws Pertaining to Hunting Equipment).
8. **Loaded firearm in motor vehicle.** It is unlawful to have a loaded firearm in or on a motor vehicle or trailer, except as may be specifically allowed. (Note: A loaded clip may be carried in a motor vehicle, but it must not be inserted in a firearm).
 - a. Persons who hold a valid Maine permit to carry a concealed weapon may carry a loaded pistol or revolver.
 - b. For purposes of this law, a muzzle-loading firearm is considered to be loaded ONLY if charged with powder, lead and a primed ignition device or mechanism.
9. **Illegal use of lights.** (See section on illegal use of lights under Laws Pertaining to Hunting Equipment).

10. **Hunting from motor vehicle.** It is unlawful to hunt from or with any motor vehicle, trailer or motorboat, except that migratory waterfowl may be hunted from a motorboat in accordance with federal regulations. (Note: Paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may hunt from motor vehicles which are not in motion).
11. **Wild birds.** It is unlawful to hunt, kill, possess, transport, buy or sell any wild bird, including migratory game birds, except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws. It is also unlawful to take, possess or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any wild bird.
12. **Sunday hunting.** It is unlawful to hunt 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 road located in an unorganized township on Sunday shall be prima facie evidence of hunting unless the 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 paragraph, a clip, a magazine, or cylinder of a firearm shall not be considered a piece of the firearm).
13. **Hunting from paved way.** It is unlawful to hunt from a paved way, including the right-of-way of controlled access highways. (PAVED WAY means any road treated with bituminous or concrete material). Possession of a loaded firearm within the limits of a paved way shall be prima facie evidence of hunting.
14. **Shooting of domestic animals.** It is unlawful for any person, while on a hunting trip, to negligently, carelessly, or willfully shoot and wound or kill any domestic animal or domestic bird.
15. **Hunting rabbits during deer season.** It is unlawful to hunt rabbits with dogs during the firearm season on deer in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and Washington counties.
16. **Hunting under the influence.** It is unlawful to hunt while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
17. **Shooting within 100 yards of dwelling.** It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within 100 yards of residential dwelling without permission from the owner or occupant.

18. **Firearms on school property.** It is a violation of Title 20, Section 1015 to take loaded firearms onto public school grounds or discharge them within 500 feet of school property, except as used in supervised educational programs.
19. **Destruction of property.** It is unlawful to tear down a fence or wall, destroy any crop or leave open any bars or gate on another person's land.
20. **Littering.** It is unlawful to dispose of litter anywhere in this state except in areas or receptacles designed for that purpose.
21. **Unlawful cutting of trees, etc.** It is a violation of Title 14, subsection 2552, and Title 17, subsection 2510 if any person intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently cuts down or fells any tree without the consent of the owner of the property on which the tree stands.

HARASSMENT OF HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

It is illegal for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking. (Note: This law does not limit the ownership use, access or control of property rights otherwise provided by law).

LAWS PERTAINING TO HUNTING EQUIPMENT

1. **Legal methods.** Wild animals and wild birds may be hunted only by the use of firearms (not larger than 10-gauge), hand-held bow and arrow, or by falconry. (Crossbows are illegal).
2. **Shotgun to be plugged.** It is unlawful to hunt any migratory game bird with a shotgun originally capable of holding more than 3 shells unless the magazine has been cut off, altered, or plugged with a one-piece filler (incapable of removal without disassembling the gun), so as to reduce the capacity of the gun to not more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
3. **Automatic firearm** (a firearm that continues to fire as long as the trigger is held back). It is unlawful to hunt with or possess any automatic firearm).
4. **Auto-loading firearm** (a firearm which reloads itself after each shot and requires a separate trigger pull for each shot). It is

unlawful to hunt with or possess any auto-loading firearm which has a magazine capacity of more than 5 cartridges, unless the magazine has been permanently altered to contain not more than 5 cartridges. (Note: This provision does not apply to .22 caliber rimfire guns or to auto-loading pistols with barrel lengths of less than 8 inches.

5. **Silencer.** It is unlawful to hunt with or possess any firearm fitted or contrived with any device for deadening the sound of the explosion.
6. **Illegal cartridges.** It is unlawful to use cartridges which contain tracer bullets or explosive bullets.
7. **Illegal use of lights.** From September 1 to December 15, it is unlawful to use artificial lights from 1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise to illuminate, jack, locate, attempt to locate or show up wild animals or wild birds, except raccoons as explained below.
8. **Raccoon hunting.** Raccoons may be hunted at night during the open season only when the hunter is: a) accompanied by a dog; b) uses an electric flashlight to locate raccoons that are treed, or held at bay, by a dog or dogs, and; c) uses a rifle or handgun of no greater power than one which uses .22 caliber long rifle ammunition; said rifle to be loaded only when being used to dispatch a raccoon that is treed or held at bay by dogs.
9. **Illegal devices.** It is unlawful to hunt with the use of a swivel, pivot, or set gun, or any poisonous or stupefying substance.
10. **Sale of illegal devices.** It is unlawful to sell or offer for sale any swivel, pivot or set gun, or any poisonous substance for the taking of wild animals or wild birds, except rodenticide for orchard mouse control and gas cartridges for woodchuck control.
11. **Bow and arrow hunting for deer.** (See special archery equipment requirements under Bow and Arrow Hunting for Deer on Page 10).

SUNRISE AND SUNSET AT AUGUSTA, MAINE

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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LAWS PERTAINING TO DEER, BEAR, AND MOOSE

FLUORESCENT ORANGE CLOTHING

Anyone who hunts with a firearm during the open firearm season on deer or moose is required to wear an article of solid-colored hunter orange clothing (fluorescent orange) which is in good and serviceable condition and which is visible from all sides. (See page 4 for more detailed information).

MOOSE: Hunting allowed by permit only. Those receiving a permit in any given year are ineligible for permits in the next two annual drawings. For further information, contact this Department after January 1. Application deadline: April 30.

DEER: Hunting of antlerless deer is prohibited except by special permit during the regular firearms season and the muzzle-loading season.

1. **Limit on deer and bear:** It is unlawful to take or possess more than one deer or more than one bear in any calendar year.
2. **Tagging and registration requirements:** Whenever a deer or bear is killed, the person who killed the animal is required by law to follow certain procedures:
 - a. The person must immediately attach, securely, the appropriate tag portion of his hunting license to the deer or bear in such a way that the tag is plainly visible, or if the bear is taken by trapping, the trapper must immediately attach to the bear a tag bearing his full name, address, and trapping license number.
 - b. Except as otherwise specified, the person who killed the deer or bear must accompany the animal whenever it is moved or transported, and until the deer or bear has been legally registered, the animal must be kept open to view at all times during transportation.
 - c. The person must, within 12 hours, present the deer or bear for registration at a game registration station., except as follows:
 - (1) A person may, if necessary, leave an unregistered deer or bear in the woods for more than 12 hours,

provided he notifies a warden as to the location of the deer or bear and the circumstances necessitating his leaving the animal in the woods.

(2) A person on a hunting trip in an unorganized township and staying at a temporary place of lodging may keep an unregistered deer or bear at that temporary place of lodging for a period not to exceed 7 days or until he leaves the woods, whichever comes first. (Does not require warden notification).

d. The deer or bear must be registered at the first open game registration station on the route taken by the person.

e. The person who killed the deer or bear must register the animal in his own name.

f. Prior to presenting a deer or bear for registration, it is unlawful for any person to possess, leave in the woods, or transport a deer or bear which does not have securely attached to it and plainly visible, the appropriate tag portion of his hunting license bearing his full name and address, or if the bear is taken by trapping, a tag bearing the trapper's full name, address, and trapping license number.

3. **False registration of deer or bear.** It is unlawful for any person to present for registration or allow to be registered in his name a deer or bear, including a bear taken by trapping, which he did not lawfully kill.

4. **Transportation of deer and bear by residents.**

a. A Maine resident may transport a properly registered deer or bear **WITHIN THE STATE** if he accompanies the animal, or he may have it transported without accompanying it by purchasing and attaching to the animal the appropriate transportation tag obtainable from game wardens. (Fee is \$5.00).

b. A Maine resident may transport a properly registered deer or bear **OUT-OF-STATE**, or have it transported for him, by purchasing and attaching to the animal the appropriate transportation tag obtainable from game wardens. (Fee is \$55.00, except that no fee is required of residents who are serving in the Armed Forces of the United States).

5. Transportation of deer and bear by non-residents.

- a. A non-resident, by virtue of his hunting license, may transport a properly registered deer or bear out-of-state if he accompanies the animal.
- b. A non-resident may also have his deer or bear transported by a transportation company.
- c. A non-resident who has his deer or bear transported by anyone other than a Maine licensed transportation company must first obtain the appropriate non-resident transportation permit obtainable from game wardens. (No fee).

6. Hunting deer or bear after having killed one. It is unlawful to hunt deer after having killed or registered one during the open season of that calendar year. The same provision applies to bear.

7. Illegal possession of deer or bear. Except as specified, it is unlawful to possess a deer or bear, or parts of a deer or bear which has not been registered.

8. Possession of gift deer or gift bear. It is unlawful for any person to possess any part of a deer or bear which has been given to him unless each part is plainly labeled with the name and address of: a) the person who registered the animal; b) the party to whom it was given; and c) if transported by a 3rd party, the 3rd party.

9. Buying or selling deer or bear. It is unlawful to buy, sell, offer for sale, or barter a deer or bear or parts of a deer or bear. It is also unlawful to counsel or otherwise aid in buying, selling, offering for sale or bartering either of these animals or parts thereof. (Note: A person may sell the head, hide, antler and feet of any deer and the head, hide, teeth, gall bladder and claws of any bear which he lawfully possesses).

10. Other provisions pertaining to deer.

- a. It is unlawful to place salt or any other bait food to entice deer.
- b. It is unlawful to hunt deer with the use of dogs, artificial lights, snares, traps, pivot guns or set guns.

- c. It is unlawful to hunt deer with any firearm using .22 caliber rimfire cartridges, except that .22 caliber rimfire magnum cartridges are permitted.
- d. It is unlawful to drive deer or taken part in a deer drive. (TO DRIVE DEER means an organized or planned effort to pursue, drive, chase or otherwise frighten or cause deer to move in the direction of any person or persons who are part of the organized or planned hunt and known to be waiting for the deer).
- e. It is unlawful to hunt antlerless deer during the open firearms season on deer (including the special muzzle-loading season) without a special "Any-Deer" permit.

11. Other provisions pertaining to hunting bear

- a. It is unlawful to hunt for bear with the use of dogs during the open firearm season on deer.
- b. It is unlawful to use more than 4 dogs at any one time to hunt for bear.
- c. It is unlawful for a non-resident to use a dog or dogs to hunt for bear unless (s)he employs and hunts with a resident Maine guide. The total number of clients with a resident Maine guide may not be more than three. This section does not apply to non-residents who hold a valid Maine guide license.
- d. It is unlawful for a person to harvest bear if without the permission of the person conducting the hunt that person kills or wounds a bear that is treed or held at bay by other person's dog or dogs.
- e. The Commissioner shall establish a line of demarcation at least 200 yards from sites permitted or licensed for the disposal of solid waste. It is unlawful to hunt, trap, molest or harass bear or release dogs to hunt for bear within this area.
- f. It is unlawful to present a bear for registration which has been field dressed in such a manner that the sex of the animal cannot be determined. Each bear must be presented for registration in its entirety, except for the viscera

and rib cage, but the animal may be dismembered for ease of transportation.

g. Bait may not be used to hunt black bear, unless:

1. The bait is placed at least 50 yards from any travel way that is accessible by a conventional 2-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicle;
2. The stand, blind, and bait areas are tagged by a 2-inch by 4-inch tag bearing the name and address of the baiter;
3. The bait is placed more than 500 yards from any dump or campground;
4. The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an occupied dwelling, unless written permission is granted by the owner or leasee;
5. The bait is placed not more than 30 days before the opening day of the season and not after October 31st;
6. The bait areas will be cleaned up by November 10 as defined by the State litter laws; and
7. The person hunting from any stand or blind of another person has permission of the owner of that stand or blind.

("BEAR BAIT" means any animal or plant, or derivative of an animal or plant, used to attract bear).

NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

It is unlawful for any dog to run at large at any time, 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 or attention). It is unlawful for any dog to chase, wound, or kill a deer or moose at any time, or any other wild animal in closed season.

GENERAL TRAPPING PROVISIONS

"TO TRAP" means to set, place or tend any trap within the fields, forests or waters of the State, to kill any animal that is caught in a trap or to aid or assist another person in setting or placing a trap, tending a trap or killing an animal that is caught in a trap.

"TRAP" means any device that is designed primarily to catch or hold wild animals, including, but not limited to, a foothold trap, a killer-type trap, a cage-type trap or a snare.

1. **Closed season.** There is a closed season for the trapping of any species of wild animal or wild bird for which an open trapping season is not specifically provided.
2. **Closed season violation.** It is unlawful to trap any wild animal or wild bird during the closed season on that species or possess any wild animal or wild bird taken during the closed season on that species.
3. **Unlawful conduct.** It is unlawful to trap, possess or transport any wild animal or wild bird, or parts thereof, except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws.
4. **Traps to be labeled.** It is unlawful for a person to set any trap for wild animals without having the trap plainly labeled with his full name and address.
5. **Written permission to trap.** It is unlawful for any person to trap, except for beaver, on land in any organized or incorporated place, without first obtaining written permission from the owner or occupant. It is also unlawful for any person to trap, except for beaver, without written permission from the owner or occupant, on the following lands in unorganized places.
 - a. Cultivated or pasture land which is used for agricultural purposes and on which is located an occupied dwelling; and
 - b. Land within 200 yards of any occupied dwelling.
6. **Traps to be visited in organized places.** A person who traps in any organized or incorporated place is required to visit each trap, except under-ice water sets for beaver and muskrat, at least once in every calendar day, including Sunday.

7. **Traps to be visited in unorganized places.** A person who traps in any unorganized or deorganized place is required to visit each trap, except killer-type traps and water sets, so called, at least once in every calendar day, including Sunday. Each killer-type trap or water set, so called, except under-ice water sets for beaver and muskrat, must be visited at least once in every 5 calendar days, including Sunday. (WATER SET means a trap set completely under water in such a manner as to reasonably ensure the drowning of any furbearing animal caught in the trap).
8. **Animals to be removed.** It is unlawful for a person to fail to remove any animal found caught in his trap.
9. **Trapping in populated areas.** It is unlawful for any person to trap outside his own land, within 1/2 mile of the compact, built-up portion of a city or village, except by the use of cage-type live traps and water sets.
10. **Trapping close to muskrat or beaver houses, etc.** It is unlawful to place, set or tend any trap within: a) 25 feet of a muskrat den or house; b) 25 feet of a beaver house (10 feet in WMU 1 & 2); c) 10 feet of a beaver dam (5 feet in WMU 1 & 2); or d) 4 feet of a beaver trap which has been set by another trapper.
11. **Beaver trapping by non-resident.** It is unlawful for a non-resident to trap for beaver in this State.
12. **Advance preparation.** It is unlawful to make any advance preparation on the trapping grounds for the taking of beaver or muskrat previous to the open season on these animals.
13. **Pre-season trap placement.** No person shall stake, hook, fasten or position a trap at any trap site location in the fields, forests or waters of the State prior to opening day of the trapping season.
14. **Molesting muskrat or beaver house, etc.** It is unlawful to damage, molest or destroy a beaver house, a muskrat house or den or a beaver dam.
15. **Other provisions for trapping bear.**
 - a. It is unlawful to set a bear trap unless it is enclosed by 2 strands of wire, one 2 and one 4 feet from the ground. The

wire must be held securely in position not less than 5 yards nor more than 10 yards from the enclosed trap. The enclosure must be marked with signs bearing the words "BEAR TRAP" in letters at least 3 inches in height, and the signs must be spaced around the enclosure, securely attached to the top strand of wire, at intervals of not more than 20 feet. (NOTE: These provisions do not apply if cable traps are used).

- b. No person may have more than 2 traps set for bear at any one time.
- c. All bear traps must be visited by the trapper at least once in each calendar day.
- d. Cable traps with a closing diameter or not less than 2-1/2 inches may be used in trapping for bear.
- e. It is unlawful to catch a bear in a trap and allow another person to kill or register that bear.
- f. It is unlawful to present a bear for registration which has been field dressed in such a manner that the sex of the animal cannot be determined. Each bear must be presented for registration in its entirety, except for the viscera and rib cage, but the animal may be dismembered for ease of transportation.

16. **Eels for bait.** Licensed trappers may obtain a permit from the Commissioner to take not more than 20 pounds of eels annually for use in baiting traps.

LAWS PERTAINING TO TRAPPING EQUIPMENT

- 1. **Traps.** Wild animals may be trapped with common ordinary steel traps or killer-type traps. (NOTE: Killer-type traps include the conibear trap, so called, and all other traps of that type). Furbearing animals may be trapped with a common cage type live trap.
- 2. **Killer trap restrictions.** It is unlawful to use killer type traps with a jaw spread greater than 5 inches, except as follows:
 - a. Killer-type traps with a jaw spread of not over 8 inches may be used only if set completely under water or set at least 4 feet above the ground or snow.

- b. **Killer-type traps** with a jaw spread of over 8 inches may be used during the open season on beaver only if set completely under water.
3. **Traps with teeth.** It is unlawful, in WMU's 4, 7 and 8, to use any trap with teeth on the jaws from the opening day of the trapping season to the opening day of the firearm season on deer unless the trap is completely covered by water.
4. **Auxillary teeth.** It is unlawful to use auxiliary teeth on any leg-hold trap set on dry land.
5. **Cable trap.** Cable traps with a closing diameter of not less than 2 1/2 inches may be used in trapping for bear.
6. **Pole trap.** It is unlawful to use any steel trap on the top of a pole, constituting a device known as a "pole trap", for the purpose of catching wild birds.
7. **Snares.** It is unlawful to trap with the use of snares.
8. **Firearms.** It is lawful for a person who holds a valid trapping license to carry a .22 caliber firearm during the open trapping season for the sole purpose of dispatching trapped animals.

DISTURBING TRAPS

It is a violation of law for a person to take or disturb any trap or any wild animal found caught in any trap without the consent of the trap owner. A landowner is entitled to remove traps found on his property if permission to trap has not been granted. Any person convicted of disturbing traps, in addition to any penalty which may be imposed by a court of law, will not be eligible to purchase any license issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for a period of three years.

TRANSPORTATION AND TAGGING

1. **Transportation of game by resident.** Any resident may transport to his home any wild animal or wild bird which he has killed and which is legally in his possession.
2. **Transportation of game by non-resident.** Any non-resident may transport or have transported to his home by common carrier, any wild animal or wild bird which he has killed and which is legally in his possession.

3. **Open to view and accompanied.** Unless otherwise provided, any wild animal or wild bird transported shall be open to view and accompanied by the person who killed that animal or bird, except that a wild animal or wild bird transported for non-residents by common carrier need not be accompanied by the owner. (See special provisions under Law Pertaining to Deer and Bear).
4. **Unlawful transportation.** It is unlawful to transport or offer for transportation any wild animal or wild bird except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws.
5. **Transportation in closed season.** It is unlawful to transport any wild animal or wild bird in closed season, except that any person who has taken any wild animal or wild bird in open season shall have a reasonable time after the beginning of the closed season to transport that animal or bird to his home.
6. **Furbearers to be tagged.** The raw skin of any beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, marten, mink, or otter must be presented to a warden or other agent of the Commissioner for tagging. All information requested concerning each skin must be reported truthfully and accurately. A fee of 25¢ must be paid for each skin tagged.
7. **Fur to be tagged within certain time.** The raw skins of the above named species must be presented for tagging within 10 days after the close of the open season on that species, except that the raw skin of bobcats taken during the hunting season must be presented for tagging within 72 hours of the time the animal was killed. (Note: Of the eight furbearing species which require tagging, only bobcat, coyote and fox may be taken by hunting).
8. **Possession of untagged fur.** It is unlawful to possess, sell, give away, buy, accept as a gift, offer for transportation or transport the raw skin of any beaver, bobcat, coyote, fisher, fox, marten, mink, or otter unless each skin is tagged.
9. **Imported fur.** The raw skins of the above named species which are imported from any other state, country or province must bear the official stamp, tag or seal of that state, country or province. If that state, country or province requires no official stamp, tag or seal, each imported skin must be tagged in this State by the person in possession in the same manner as described in #6 above. (Note: Raw skins imported by taxidermists solely for taxidermy purposes need not be tagged).

TAGGING OF FROZEN SKINS

It is almost impossible to insert a fur tag into a frozen skin unless certain steps have been taken prior to freezing. If there is any possibility that your furbearer skins will be frozen at the time they are presented for tagging (whether skinned or in the round) would you please insert a popsicle stick, tongue depressor, or similar object from the mouth hole through one of the eye holes prior to freezing. Removal of the stick or other object at the time of tagging allows the fur tag to be easily inserted in the skin without the need for partial thawing. **Tagging agents may refuse to tag frozen skins which have not been prepared as requested above.**

FEDERAL EXPORT PERMIT

Federal law requires an export permit for any transportation of otter and bobcat or parts thereof to points outside the United States. For further information and permit applications, write: Federal Wildlife Permit Office, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, P.O. Box 3507, Arlington, VA 22203-3507, Telephone (703)358-2104.

FUR TAGGING STATIONS

Fur tagging stations are located throughout the State. To determine the location of a fur tagging station in your area, call the nearest Warden Headquarters. (Toll-free numbers are listed on page 2).

CLOSED AREAS

1. **Deer.** There is a closed season on deer in the following areas:
 - a). Mt. Desert Island, all of Swan Island in the town of Swan's Island, all of Long Island in Long Island Plantation and all of Cranberry Isles - all located in Hancock County;
 - b). Cross and Scotch Island - located in Washington County;
 - c). The town of Isle au Haut and islands within that town - located in Knox County; and
 - d). In wildlife sanctuaries, unless otherwise provided.
2. **Isleboro.** In the town of Isleboro, Waldo County, it is lawful to hunt deer only with bow and arrow from October 1 through the regular firearm season on deer in Waldo County.

3. **Southport.** In the town of Southport, Lincoln County, and on all islands within its confines, it is lawful to hunt deer with shotguns only, during the regular firearm season established for Lincoln County.
4. **Prout's Neck; Richmond's Island; Cape Elizabeth Sanctuary.** Approximately 1,600 acres of this sanctuary (land in Cape Elizabeth owned by Sprague Corporation) is open to deer hunting with bow and arrow only during the special archery and regular firearm seasons established for Cumberland County. (Note: Landowner permission required).
5. **Hunting and trapping on wildlife sanctuary.** Unless otherwise specifically provided, it is unlawful to hunt or trap any wild animal or wild bird or possess any firearm or bow and arrow within the limits of any wildlife sanctuary, or any area properly posted by the State of Maine.
6. **Wildlife Sanctuaries and Wildlife Management Areas**
Unless otherwise specifically provided, it is unlawful to hunt or trap any wild animal or wild bird 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 in T6 R9; in T6 R10 or T2R9 where hunting under General Law is allowed.

Beauchamp Sanctuary
Carver's Pond Waterfowl Sanctuary

Colby College Area, Waterville
Drake's Island Game Sanctuary
Dry Pond Sanctuary (Crystal Lake)

Fairfield Sanctuary*
Glencove Sanctuary
Gray Game Sanctuary
Hog Island Game Sanctuary
Jefferson and Whitefield Sanctuary

Kineo Point Sanctuary
Lake Christopher Area, Oxford County
Limington, Hollis and Waterboro Sanctuary

Long Lake Area, Aroostook County

Lowell E. Barnes Area, Oxford County

Marsh Island Area*, Old Town, Orono - Penobscot County
Megunticook Lake and Vicinity Sanctuary

Merrymeeting Bay Game Sanctuary

Monroe Island Game Sanctuary

Moosehead Lake Game Sanctuary

Moosehorn Game Sanctuary
Narragansett Game Sanctuary*

Oak Grove Area, Vassalboro
Ocean Park Game and Bird Sanctuary

Orrington Game Sanctuary
Pittston Farm Sanctuary

Prout's Neck ; Richmond's Island; Cape Elizabeth Sanctuary* (see exception above).

Rangeley Game Sanctuary in
Franklin County
Rangeley Lake Sanctuary
Rangeley Plantation Sanctuary
Readfield and Winthrop
Sanctuary
Salmon Pond Sanctuary
Sebago Lake Basin Area,
Standish, Windham
Somerset Game Sanctuary
Standish Sanctuary

Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary,
Ellsworth
Thornecrag-Stanton Bird
Sanctuary
Tomhegan Game Sanctuary
Wells Sanctuary
Wells & York Game
Sanctuary
Willow Water Game
Sanctuary
York Game Sanctuary, Franklin
County

* Trapping allowed in accordance with the general laws of the State.

7. **Gray Squirrels.** It is unlawful to hunt gray squirrels on any land which is dedicated as a public or private park or on any land located within the limits of the compact or built-up portion of any city or town.
8. **Haley Pond.** It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the town of Rangeley and Dallas Plantation, Franklin County.
9. **Unity Utilities District.** It is unlawful to hunt on the Unity Utilities District Property located on Route #139 and Prairie Road in Unity, Waldo County.

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

General hunting is allowed between October 1 and May 1 on lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation with the following exceptions:

1. Hunting is not allowed in any Memorial or Historic Site.
2. Hunting is not allowed in Aroostook, Cobscook Bay, Crescent Beach, Ferry Beach, Quoddy Head, Reid, Sebago Lake, Two Lights and Wolf Neck State Parks.
3. Hunting is not allowed in Holbrook Island Sanctuary.
4. Work areas and areas developed for public use will be posted and closed to hunting from time to time in the interest of public safety.

LAWS PERTAINING SPECIFICALLY TO JUVENILES

1. **Hunting Prohibited.** Persons under 10 years of age are not allowed to hunt at any time.
2. **Hunters to be accompanied.** Persons 10 years of age or older and under 16, may hunt with firearms only in the presence of a parent or an approved adult who is at least 18 years of age. That presence must be unaided by visual or audio enhancement devices, including binoculars and citizen band radios.
3. **Junior hunting license.** Persons at least 10 years of age and under 16 years of age are eligible for a junior hunting license.
4. **Trapping without license.** Persons under 10 years of age are allowed to trap without a license.
5. **Trappers to be accompanied.** Persons under 10 years of age engaged in trapping activities must be accompanied at all times by a parent or an approved adult who is at least 18 years of age. Persons over 10 years of age and under 16 years of age who hold a junior trapping license shall be accompanied by an adult at all times while trapping, unless the holder of the junior trapping license submits proof of having successfully completed an education course.
6. **Licenses issued to 15 year olds.** Trapping and hunting licenses purchased by juveniles who have passed their 15th birthday are valid throughout the year for which the license was issued.

BIG BUCK CLUB & SKULL AND ANTLER TROPHY CLUB

Maine has a club for deer hunters called "The Biggest Bucks in Maine Club", which is sponsored by THE MAINE SPORTSMAN (Box 507, Yarmouth, ME 04096). To qualify, a hunter must shoot a buck weighing at least 200 pounds (field dressed). Application blanks are available from Department wardens and biologists. In addition, any hunter who takes a trophy deer, bear, or moose may wish to obtain information concerning The Maine Skull and Antler Trophy Club. Inquiries should be addressed to Richard P. Arsenault, The Maine Skull and Antler Trophy Club, RR 15, Box 190, Gorham, ME 04038.

1990-91 HUNTING AND TRAPPING LICENSE FEES

All applicants for an **adult firearms hunting license**, an **archery license** and an **adult trapping license** must show proof of having previously held an adult license or having successfully completed an applicable approved education course.

RESIDENT

Hunting (16 & older)	15.00
Small Game (16 & older)	8.00
Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 & older)	28.00
Supersport*	38.00
Junior Hunting (10 to 15 years inclusive)	3.00
Combination Hunting & Fishing (70 & older)	free
Combination Fishing & Archery Hunting (16 & older)	28.00
Serviceman (resident) Combination Hunting & Fishing	15.00
Disabled War Veteran (resident)	free
Archery Hunting (16 & older)**	15.00
Archery Hunting (70 & older) **	free
Muzzle-loading (16 & older)	7.00
Muzzle-loading (70 & older)	free
Trapping (16 & older)	29.00
Trapping (70 & older)	free
Junior Trapping (10 to 15 years inclusive)	5.00
Resident deer or bear transportation tag (in-state)	5.00
Resident deer or bear transportation tag (out-of-state)	55.00

- * Supersport license: A combination fishing and hunting license which allows an individual to make a financial contribution toward the management of fish and wildlife over and above the normal license fee.

- ** Available only at Augusta Office.

NON-RESIDENT

Big Game Hunting (10 years & older)	77.00
Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 & older)	107.00
Small Game Hunting (16 & older)	47.00
Junior Small Game Hunting (10 to 15 years)	23.00
Archery Hunting (16 & older)	47.00
Muzzle-loading (16 & older)	25.00
Trapping (any age)	304.00

ALIEN

Big Game Hunting (10 & older)	117.00
Combination Hunting & Fishing (10 & older)	160.00
Small Game Hunting (16 & Older)	62.00
Archery Hunting (16 & older)	62.00
Muzzle-loading (16 & older)	50.00

OTHER FEES

Duplicate License	1.00
Pheasant Hunting Stamp	5.25
State Migratory Waterfowl Stamp (16 & older)	2.50
Coyote Night Hunting Permit	2.00
Falconry	19.00
Breeder	19.00
Hide Dealer (resident)	54.00
Hide Dealer (non-resident)	104.00
Taxidermist	13.00
Guide (18 & older) (3 year license)	75.00
Deer or Bear Registration	1.00
Bear Hunting Permit (Resident)	2.00
Bear Hunting Permit (non-resident)	10.00

Above prices do not include the \$1.00 agent fee.

NOTE: A SMALL GAME LICENSE permits the hunting of all species except deer, bear, turkey, moose, raccoon and bobcat.

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 and condition and figuring 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.

ALERT US
POACHERS ARE THIEVES - HELP US CATCH THEM
Anti-Poaching Hot Line
1-800-ALERT US(253-7887)
VIOLATION REPORT FORM

VIOLATION: (Date, time, type, details) _____

Description of violator: Sex _____ Age _____ Height _____ Weight _____

Color of Hair _____ **Eyes** _____ **Identifying Marks** _____

Vehicle: (License #, State, Year, Make/Model, Color): _____

Name and Address of Violators: _____

Witness(es): _____

REPORTER: Name _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

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