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HUNTING LAWS

FALL 1930

State of Maine
Inland Fish and Game Department
Augusta

Under Federal regulations, there is no open season on shore birds except woodcock and Wilson's snipe.

Hunting of wild animals is prohibited from an hour after sunset to an hour before sunrise. Hunting of wild birds is prohibited from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

Residents under 18 years of age do not need a license to hunt.

Non-residents under 18 years of age must file the written consent of their parent or guardian before they can buy a license to hunt.

Non-residents of any age must buy a license before they can hunt.

SALE AND TRANSPORTATION OF DEER

No person shall sell, give away or buy any deer meat to be carried or transported beyond the limits of the State of Maine.

Deer must be transported open to view and labelled with the name and address of the owner, accompanied by the owner, and identified at one of the places designated by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game.

TRANSPORTATION TAGS

Residents may ship deer without accompanying same by buying a special tag which costs \$2.00.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

No person shall tear down any fence, or leave open any gate, trample or destroy any crops while hunting.

SUNDAY HUNTING

Sunday hunting for wild birds or animals is prohibited.

DECOYS

Not more than twelve live decoys shall be used in one flock when hunting waterfowl. No flock shall be set within fifty yards of a flock set or being set. Only one flock allowed to a blind or boat. No boat shall be in said waters earlier than one and one-half hours before sunrise for the purpose of hunting nor shall any duck decoys be allowed to remain in said waters between the hour of sunset and one hour before sunrise.

BLINDS IN MERRYMEETING BAY

Stationary blinds or artificial cover not allowed in Merrymeeting Bay or its tributaries, except Kennebec river within one mile of the waters of said bay, between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. This applies to the waters of the Kennebec river up to a point one mile above Swans Island.

LUMBER CAMPS

Possession of deer meat in a lumber camp is prohibited.

AUTOMOBILES

It is unlawful to hunt from an automobile or have a loaded gun in or upon said automobile.

SILENCERS

Possession, sale, or use of silencers is prohibited.

POISON OR SNARES

The use of poison, snares, nets, swivel, pivot or set guns is prohibited in the taking of wild birds or animals.

NON-RESIDENTS MUST HAVE GUIDE

Non-residents who are camping in unorganized territory and hunting **must** employ a guide.

DOGS

The use of dogs in hunting deer is prohibited, and any dog found chasing a deer or moose may be killed by an officer.

RESIDENT HUNTERS

Any resident, or a member of the immediate family, may hunt on land owned or leased by him and used exclusively for agricultural purposes without a license.

JACKLIGHT

The sale, possession and use of a jacklight, or any light fitted for night hunting, is prohibited.

LICENSES

Resident combination hunting and fishing license.....	\$1.15 annually	
Resident hunting license65	"
Resident guide's license.....	1.00	"
Non-resident big game license...	15.15	"
Non-resident small game license.	5.15	"
Non-resident guide's license.....	20.00	"
Taxidermist license (resident)...	5.00	"
Taxidermist license (alien).....	25.00	"
Fur buyer (resident).....	25.00	"
Deer skin buyer (resident).....	25.00	"
Sporting Camp fee (resident) ...	10.00	"

TAGS

Resident shipping tag for one deer.....	\$2.00
Resident shipping tag for one pair of game birds.....	.50
Non-resident shipping tag for one pair of game birds.....	.50

HUNTING LAWS AND SEASONS

Kind	Opening Date	Closing Date	Daily Limit	Season Limit	Limit on possession at one time
Deer					
*No. Cos.	Oct. 16	Nov. 30		1 deer of either sex	
†So. Cos.	Nov. 1	Nov. 30			
Wash. and Han. Cos.	Nov. 1	Dec. 15			
Partridge	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	4	25	
Woodcock	Oct. 1	Oct. 31	4		
Ducks	Sept. 16	Dec. 31	10		
Snipe	Sept. 16	Dec. 31	10		
Brant	Sept. 16	Dec. 31	8		
Geese	Sept. 16	Dec. 31	4		8
Coots	Sept. 16	Dec. 31	25		

All dates are inclusive.

*Northern Counties are: Aroostook, Franklin, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Somerset.

†Southern Counties are: Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York.

GAME SANCTUARIES

Hunting in a game sanctuary is prohibited.

HUNTING FROM BOATS

The hunting of ducks from a power propelled boat is prohibited.

RABBITS

Androscoggin, York, Cumberland and Sagadahoc Counties, open season Oct. 1 to Feb. 28.

All other counties, open season Oct. 1 to Mar. 31.

GRAY SQUIRRELS

Open season Oct. 1 to Oct. 31, except in parks and in compact or built-up portions of cities or villages.

DEFINITIONS

Hunting: Hunting means to pursue, catch, take, kill, wound, or destroy wild birds or wild animals.

Alien: An alien is an unnaturalized foreign born person who is not a taxpayer upon real estate in Maine and has not resided in Maine for the past two years continuously.

Jacklight: A jacklight when hunting means any artificial light when used in conjunction with a rifle larger than a twenty-two caliber; a twenty-two hi-power or a shot gun loaded with buckshot or ball cartridge are considered larger.

Any person desiring full information on any particular law may inquire at the office of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, State House, Augusta, Maine.