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# MAINE

## Hunting and Trapping Law Summary

### 1973-74

**Effective through August 1974 or until replaced**

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**Four seasons for Me.**

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### HUNTING AND TRAPPING LICENSE FEES

**NOTE: Maine law does not permit refunds on licenses.**

Nonresident Big Game Hunting	10 yrs. and over	\$ 46.50*
Nonresident Small Game Hunting	16 yrs. and over	22.50*
Nonresident Junior Small Game Hunting	10 15 yrs. inc.	12.50
Nonresident Archery Deer Hunting	12 yrs. and over	42.50
Nonresident Trapping		200.00
Nonresident Guide	18 yrs. and over	100.00
Resident Junior Hunting	10 to 15 yrs. inc.	1.50
Resident Hunting	16 yrs. and over	6.50
Resident Hunting (over age 70) free		
Write to the Department office in Augusta to apply. After January 1, 1974, subsection 13 of section 2401-B provides for <b>combination</b> hunting and fishing licenses.		
Resident Combination Hunting and Fishing	16 yrs. and over	free
Resident Serviceman Combination		10.50
Resident Archery Hunting	10 yrs. and over	2.50
Resident Trapping (Statewide)		6.50
Resident Trapping (Organized Townships)		10.00
Resident Guide	18 yrs. and over	5.00
Resident Deer Transportation License		25.00
Duplicate License (See Sec. 2401-B, paragraph H)		40.50
		1.00

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.

\*Fees indicated by stars are \$42.50 and \$20.50, through Oct. 2, 1973.

### **THIS BOOKLET CONTAINS:**

The fish and game laws — Title 12, Maine Revised Statutes, chapters 301 to 335 — and additional material of interest to the sportsman.

### **NOTES ON THE 1973 REVISION**

This booklet has been extensively revised and condensed to make it easier to use. A few sections have been dropped but are available upon request; they are of interest to a limited number of persons.

On these first pages, statements that have been **condensed** will carry their section numbers in parentheses at the end, and the legal wording has been dropped from the booklet. **Summary** statements that may require reading of a longer section carry a "See Section (number)" note at the end, and the section referred to will appear in the booklet.

**WE WELCOME YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS  
FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS**

### **HUNTER CHECK STATIONS**

The Fish and Game Department's wildlife biologists operate several hunter check stations during the deer season, and information collected here is important in determining regional herd productivity, condition, and sex and age ratios. We suggest that whether you have been successful or not, you stop in at one of these stations, which are not registration stations. You will receive facts and figures from last year's hunting season, and the information you provide will be a basis for management decisions to be made next year, dependent on the over-wintering conditions.



# GENERAL LAW SUMMARY

This summary effective through August 1974 or until replaced

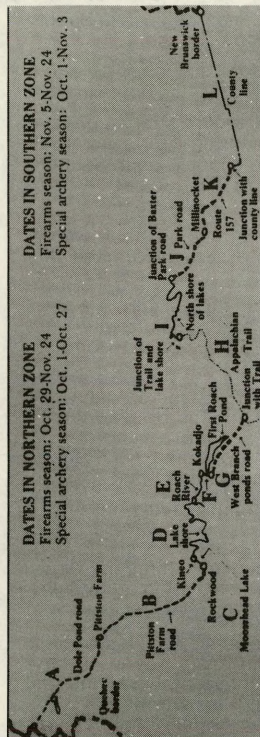
	FIRST DAY	LAST DAY	BASIC LIMITS	
			DAILY	POSSESSION
DEER: Special archery season, northern zone .	1 Oct.	27 Oct.	ONE DEER ANY SEX**	
Special archery season, southern zone .	1 Oct.	3 Nov.		
Firearms season, northern zone . . . . .	29 Oct.	24 Nov.+		
Firearms season, southern zone . . . . .	5 Nov.	24 Nov.+		
BEAR: *** . . . . . (1973)	1 Jun.	24 Nov. +	ONE BEAR ANY SEX**	
*** . . . . . (1974)	1 May	30 Nov. +		
RUFFED GROUSE: + +	1 Oct.	15 Nov.	4	8
PHEASANT: **** northern zone . . . . .	25 Sept.	30 Nov.	2	4
**** southern zone . . . . .	1 Oct.	30 Nov.	2	4
TRAPPING SEASONS ANNOUNCED EACH OCTOBER				
BEAVER: (No Hunting) (Stamping fee \$1.00)	NO CLOSED SEASON			
BOBCAT: . . . . .	NO CLOSED SEASON			
COYOTE: . . . . .	NO CLOSED SEASON			
FISHER: (Stamping Fee \$1.00)	1 Nov.	30 Nov.	—	—
FOX: (Hunting) . . . . .	NO CLOSED SEASON			
(Trapping) . . . . .	20 Oct.	15 Feb.	—	—
GRAY SQUIRREL: . . . . .	1 Oct.	30 Nov.	4	8
LYNX: . . . . .	NO OPEN SEASON			
MINK: (No Hunting) TRAPPING	1 Nov.	30 Nov.	—	—
MUSKRAT: North of the Canadian Pacific Rail- road tracks . . . . .	1 Nov.	15 May	—	—
South of the tracks . . . . .	1 Nov.	30 Apr.	—	—
OTTER: (No Hunting) TRAPPING . . . . .	Nov. and	Jan.	—	—
PORCUPINE: . . . . .	NO CLOSED SEASON			
RABBIT: (Cottontail & snowshoe hare) . . . . .	1 Oct.	30* Mar.	4	8
NOTE: Unlawful to hunt rabbits with dogs during deer season in Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo counties.)				
RACCOON: (Hunting) . . . . .	1 Sep.	15 Dec.	—	—
(Trapping) . . . . .	1 Nov.	30 Nov.	—	—
RED SQUIRREL: . . . . .	NO CLOSED SEASON			
SABLE (Marten): . . . . .	SEASON, IF ANY, TO BE ANNOUNCED			
SKUNK: . . . . .	1 Nov.	15 Feb.	—	—
WOODCHUCK: . . . . .	NO CLOSED SEASON			
ALL OTHER FUR BEARING ANIMALS: . . . . .	1 Nov.	15 Feb.	—	—

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

SHOOTING HOURS on animals are 1/2-hour before sunrise to 1/2-hour after sunset, except that during open season on deer, hunting for all species of animal but raccoons ends at sunset.

- \* Actual date falls on a Sunday, but Sunday hunting is unlawful in Maine.
- \*\* All deer and bear must be registered at a registration station.
- + The Saturday following Thanksgiving, each year.
- \*\*\* No bear hunting with more than 10 dogs. No bear hunting with dogs during May and during regular firearms season on deer.
- \*\*\*\* Persons 16 or older must have a pheasant stamp to hunt or possess pheasants. The line establishing zones for pheasant hunting is the Appalachian Trail from the New Hampshire border to where it intersects the Canadian Pacific tracks at Ellitsville, the tracks east to their intersection of Route 95, then Route 95 to the New Brunswick border.
- + + No open season on spruce grouse.

# DEER HUNTING ZONES AND SEASONS



- SECTION ENLARGED**
- A — Dole Pond road from the border (in T.5, R.20) to Pittston Farm.
  - B — Pittston Farm road to Rockwood.
  - C — Rockwood across Moosehead Lake to Kineo.
  - D — Shore of Moosehead Lake to Roach River.
  - E — Roach River to Kokadjo.
  - F — Greenville road to junction with West Branch ponds road, south of First Roach Pond.
  - G — West Branch ponds road to junction of Appalachian Trail at Second West Branch Pond.
  - H — Appalachian Trail to the shore of Pemadumcook Lake.
  - I — North shores of Pemadumcook and Ambejijus lakes to junction with Baxter Park road.
  - J — Baxter Park road to Millinocket.
  - K — Route 157 to junction with Aroostook County line.
  - L — County line east to New Brunswick border.

**NOTE: FLUORESCENT ORANGE REQUIRED STATEWIDE.** Anyone hunting with a firearm during the open firearm 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. Excepted are waterfowl hunters hunting from a boat, blind, or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys.



## GENERAL HUNTING LAWS

### It Is Unlawful To:

1. Hunt from any paved public way. (See Sec. 2455-A.) ("Public way" shall mean any road with a bituminous surface.)
2. Hunt on Sunday or at night (except for raccoons: Section 1960-A). (See sec. 2454, 2455.)
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.)
6. 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.)
7. 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 shags and seals and also migratory birds in accordance with federal regulations). Paraplegics or double amputees of the legs may hunt from a motor vehicle not in motion. (See sec. 2456, 2457.)
8. Carry loaded firearms in or on any of the vehicles listed except as prescribed by law. Law enforcement officials in 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.
9. 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.)
10. Hunt at any time if you are under 10 years of age. (Sec. 2401.)

11. Hunt or trap any wild animals except as provided in chapters 301-335; other than as provided therein, there shall be a perpetual closed season.
12. Hunt while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs. (See sec. 2453.)
13. 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.)
14. 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.)

## **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 10 dogs at any one time in hunting bear. (See sec. 2355-D.)



## 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. (Sec. 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.)

## METHODS AND 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.)

Migratory game birds may not be hunted or taken with a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells in magazine and chamber combined. Alteration to meet this restriction may include the use of a one-piece filler which cannot be removed without disassembling the gun. (Sec. 2458.)

Silencers may not be used. Silencers seized shall be destroyed. (See sec. 2458.)

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

## 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 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.**

### 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. The shore of a lake, a big meadow, or the top of a high hill, 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.

## **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.

## **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. Correspondence about this club should be directed to the Dept. of Commerce and Industry, State House, Augusta, Maine 04330.

## **HUNTING AND TRAPPING DEFINITIONS**

**[Sec. 1901] [These definitions apply to chapters 301-335 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 nonresidents.

**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 335.

**4. FIREARM,** as used in this chapter shall include any instrument used in the propulsion of shot, shell, or bullets by the action of gunpowder exploded within it.

**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 by common domestic birds. **WILD ANIMAL** is defined similarly.

[Sec. 1904 condensed]. **Keeping of wild animals in captivity.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any wild animal in captivity for exhibition, or the evident purpose of attracting trade, or to have any wild animal in his custody or control for such purpose, except that the commissioner may grant permits for a "roadside menagerie."

No person shall keep in captivity any wild animal for any purpose, except in accordance with this section, section 2106, and Title 7, section 1809, except that a person may keep a wild animal if said animal was purchased or obtained originally from a dealer, pet shop, or licensed roadside menagerie. No person shall keep a wild animal captured in its natural habitat unless said animal has been certified as being free from disease by a duly licensed veterinarian or the commissioner of agriculture or the commissioner of inland fisheries and game.

(A copy of this section is available upon request. Ask also for section 1905).

[Sec. 1905 condensed]. **Wild birds or wild animals not imported without written permission of commissioner.** No person shall introduce or import any wild animal, or part thereof, of any kind or species into the state or receive or have in possession such wild bird or wild animal, or part thereof, so introduced or imported without written permission of the commissioner.

The commissioner may grant permits to import live or dressed pheasants. No pheasants, either alive or dead, shall be imported without the written permission of the commissioner.

(A copy of sec. 1905 is available upon request. Ask also for sec. 1904.)

**[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	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. He may, with the advice and approval of the advisory council, change or close such open seasons and may change such existing regulations, or issue such new regulations, as may be deemed advisable.

Prior to the issuance of such regulations, or any changes thereto, the commissioner shall order a public hearing.

## **RULES AND 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.

**B.** Seasons and bag limits are as set forth on pages four and five.

**C.** Foxes and skunks may be trapped at any time on land owned by the person setting the trap, within 100 yards from a shelter or range where poultry is raised or kept.

**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 containing not more than five cells, 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.



E. No person except an agent of the commissioner shall place, set, or tend any traps (1) within 25 feet of any muskrat house or den, (2) within 25 feet of a beaver house, (3) within 10 feet of a beaver dam, and (4) within four feet of a beaver trap which has been set by another trapper. No person shall make any advance preparation on the trapping grounds for the taking of beaver or muskrat previous to the open season on these animals.

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, marten, wild turkey, or any other species 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. It is unlawful to hunt beaver, mink, or otter with firearms or bow and arrow unless specifically permitted by law.

**Sec 2001.** 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, Title 7, chapter 707, and sections 3601, 3602, Title 17, sections 2794 and 2798, Title 32, chapter 65; all regulations of the Federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, Act of Congress approved July 3, 1918, as amended; all rules and regulations promulgated by the State Bureau of Parks and Recreation relating to hunting, fishing, and trapping; to arrest all violators thereof, and to prosecute all offenses against the same.

The commissioner may appoint, on a temporary basis, as assistant fish and game wardens, duly retired game wardens, in accordance with rules and regulations established by the Personnel Board.

In addition to their specified duties and power, 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. Fish and game wardens may accept personal recognizances in certain cases.** Any warden of the Department making an arrest for any violation of any provision of chapters 301 to 335, Title 38, chapter 1, subchapter VI, and Title 17, chapter 80, at a point more than 50 miles distant from the nearest district court having jurisdiction, may accept the personal recognizances of the prisoner in the sum of not exceeding \$250 for his appearance before the nearest district court on a specified date and a deposit in money to the amount of said recognizance. Said warden shall forthwith

report all such recognizances and forward all such deposits to the court to which such recognizance is returnable.

If such person fails to appear in court on the day specified, either in person or by counsel, the court shall order the recognizance and money deposited forfeited, and shall notify the commissioner of said default and forfeiture. The default and forfeiture shall be considered a conviction for purposes of revocation of licenses.

All money forfeited as aforesaid shall be immediately forwarded to the commissioner.

## GUIDES

**Sec. 2053. Application for licenses, fees, classification, revocation of license.** A guide is any person who receives any form of remuneration for his services in accompanying or assisting any hunter or camper in the fields, forests, or on the waters within the jurisdiction of the state or any fisherman in fields, forests, or on the inland waters of the state.

No person shall act as a guide until he has procured a license to guide from the commissioner, and he shall not be eligible to guide until he is 18 years of age.

Any person wishing to be licensed as a Maine guide shall submit an application on such forms as the commissioner may provide. After receipt of such application, the commissioner may require the applicant to appear before a board of examiners to determine the applicant's qualifications.

The commissioner may make such regulations as he may deem necessary pertaining to the licensing of guides.

A board of examiners for the licensing of guides shall consist of the commissioner or such subordinate officer of the Department as the commissioner may designate and 2 wardens of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game. Hearings will be held in areas designated by the commissioner, and all area applicants shall be notified of time and place at least 2 weeks prior to the hearing.

The commissioner, upon receipt of the recommendation of the board of examiners, may license such persons as a general guide or a specialized guide, and said commissioner may, at his discretion, change the classification of guides from one class to another.

Guides shall be restricted in the use of motorboats while guiding on such waters as the commissioner may prescribe. Guides holding a valid USCG license to carry passengers for hire or a valid superior USCG license may use a motorboat for guiding on such Maine coastal waters as permitted by the above-mentioned USCG licenses and on all inland waters of the state. Guides holding a valid license to operate a motorboat carrying passengers for hire issued by the Bureau of Watercraft Registration and Safety may use a motorboat for guiding on all inland waters of the state, except as prohibited by Title 12, section 665.



A fee of \$25 shall be paid annually for a resident guide's license. Nonresidents may be so licensed upon payment of a fee of \$100. Persons licensed under this section may hunt and fish by virtue of their guide's license.

Whenever a guide is convicted of having violated any provisions of the inland fish and game laws, or any of the rules and regulations established by the commissioner for the licensing of guides, said commissioner may suspend a guide's license not to exceed 2 years and may deny the right to hunt or fish for the same period.

Any person who guides without first having procured a license to do so from the commissioner shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$50, and each day that he so guides shall constitute a separate offense.

**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.

State parks are closed to hunting, as is the Holbrook Island Sanctuary, Brooksville, which is under jurisdiction of the Bureau of Parks and Recreation.

**[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.

The commissioner may issue permits to any person, firm, or corporation to take, have in possession, band, and transport wild birds and wild animals for scientific purposes. He may issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary.

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

**Sec. 2154. Wildlife Management Areas.** Bartlett's Island; Christopher Lake; Colby College; Oak Grove; Towns of Deer Isle, Stonington; Lowell E. Barnes, Hiram; and Marsh Island, Orono and Old Town.

**Sec. 2154-A State-owned wildlife management areas.** Brownfield; Chesterville; Fahi Pond, Somerset County; Frye Mountain, Waldo County; Great Works, Washington County; Jonesboro; Long Lake, Aroostook County; Lyle Frost, Hancock County; Madawaska, Somerset County; Gordon Manuel, Aroostook County; Mercer Bog, Somerset County; Newfield; Howard L. Mendall, Waldo County; Old Pond Farm, Penobscot County; Orange River, Washington County; Pennamaquan, Washington County; Ruffingham, Waldo County; St. Albans; Sandy Point, Waldo County; Scarborough; Steve Powell (Swan Island), Sagadahoc County; Weskeag Marsh, Knox County.

**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.



It shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section on the part of any keeper or owner of such camp used in lumbering or construction operations to have in his possession in such camp any animal or bird, or parts thereof, described in this section.

**Sec. 2302.** The commissioner shall revoke the hunting license of any person who is convicted of violating section 1960-A relating to upland game or sections 2352, 2353, 2451 to 2455, 2458, 2462, 2464, 2467, and 2801 for a period of one year.

On conviction of any person holding a license or licenses issued under Title 12, chapters 301 to 335, and Title 32, Chapter 65, of the violation of any of the sections of said chapter not hereinbefore mentioned or of any rules or regulations of the commissioner, the commissioner may revoke any license or licenses held by such person for a period of not less than 3 months nor more than 1 year. If a person's license is revoked for one or more years, the revocation shall become effective on January 1st of the next calendar year following the date of final disposition.

Any person whose license or licenses have been revoked under the provisions of the 2nd paragraph of this section may request a hearing by the commissioner, at which hearing all the facts concerning the violation shall be presented and the license or licenses may be reinstated.

If at the time of committing a violation of any of the provisions of Title 12, chapters 301 to 335, or Title 32, Chapter 65, the offender shall not be the holder of a license or licenses to conduct the particular activity in which he was engaged at the time of such violation, the commissioner may not issue any license to said person for the next calendar year following the date of final determination of any complaint or legal proceedings instituted as a result of the violation.

A conviction of a 2nd violation of any of the provisions of Title 12, chapters 301 to 335, Title 32, Chapter 65, or a violation of any of the rules and regulations of the commissioner, may require the commissioner to revoke the license or licenses of such offender for a period of 2 years.

Clerks of the district court, and clerks of superior courts, upon conviction of any person for violation of any of the provisions of Title 12, chapters 301 to 335, Title 32, Chapter 65, shall immediately forward to the commissioner a transcript of the records of said proceedings with a record of any appeal entered on any judgment or sentence of said court.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any license issued under chapters 301 to 335 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.

**Sec. 2351. Traps visited every 24 hours.** Any person trapping in any organized or incorporated place shall visit each trap or cause the same to be visited at least once in every calendar day including Sunday, except beaver sets, so called. It shall be unlawful to fail to remove or cause to be removed any animal found caught in any trap. No person shall trap, except for beaver, on or in any organized or incorporated place, or in any unorganized place on the cultivated or pasture area of land that is used for agricultural purposes, and on which land there is an occupied dwelling, or within 200 yards of any occupied dwelling without first obtaining the written consent of the owner or occupant of the land on which said trap is to be set. It shall be the duty of the landowner or occupant to prove his ownership or occupancy of the land in question before any prosecution is made under this particular part of this section.

No person shall trap outside his own land, within 1/2-mile of the compact built up portion of any city or village, except by the use of water sets, so called, for mink and muskrat. A water set shall be a trap so set that it shall be completely covered by water at all times. Provided further, that any person who has a written permit from the landowner may trap only with water sets, so called, within 1/2 -mile of the built up section of any city or village.

**Sec. 2352. Regulations on migratory game birds.** It shall be unlawful for any person to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, transport, buy, or sell any migratory game bird except at the times, in the manner and numbers, and by the means specifically permitted by this section or by regulations promulgated by the commissioner.

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

Any person convicted of violating any of the provisions of this section 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 or more than 90 days, or by both fine and imprisonment.

**[Sec. 2353 condensed.] Closed time on deer in certain counties.**

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; adjustment of seasons.**

1. The cultivator, owner, mortgagee or keeper of any orchard or growing crop, except grass, clover, grain fields and blueberry lands, 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. 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.

**6. Polluting water supplies.** The commissioner may declare an open season on muskrats that are polluting water supplies or damaging property if the owner makes a written complaint thereof to the commissioner.

**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.

**8. Suspension of game laws.** The commissioner is empowered to suspend the game laws in respect to raccoons where and when advisable to relieve excessive damage being done by them to crops. The commissioner may suspend Title 7, section 3602, for the purpose only of allowing dogs to be used in hunting and killing raccoons; such dogs must be under the personal supervision of the owner or trainer at all times.

**9. Nuisance beaver.** The commissioner may cause Department personnel to take nuisance beaver at any time without the consent of the landowner.

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

1. Agents appointed by the commissioner shall register each and every deer and bear legally presented for registration and shall attach



an official metal seal to each deer and bear; a registration fee of 25c 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. Any deer so found to which the deer tag portion of said license has not been attached, shall be seized and disposed of as directed by the commissioner.

**5. Giving deer away; label.** It shall be lawful for the owner of any legally registered deer to give away not to exceed 1/2 of said deer. Notwithstanding subsection 2A, no person shall have in his possession any part or parts of a deer given to him unless each separate part is plainly labeled with the name and address of the person who registered the deer and the name and address of the person to whom it was given, and if said part is to be transported by any 3rd party, the name and address of the party transporting the same be affixed thereto. This subsection shall not apply to any deer or parts of deer being transported by a Maine licensed transportation company, including common carriers, in accordance with other provisions of chapters 301 to 335.

**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 \$2.50, 50c 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, 50c to be retained by the issuing agent, except that no fee



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

# SUNRISE AND SUNSET AT AUGUSTA, MAINE

## EASTERN STANDARD TIME

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No person shall keep a bear at his home, or at any place of storage except a bear registration station, more than 72 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 10 dogs at any one time for the purpose of hunting bear.

**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 first procured from the commissioner or his authorized agent a written license which shall be kept on the person while hunting or transporting birds, or parts thereof, and animals, or parts thereof, and which shall be exhibited to any warden, employee of the Department, guide, or landowner, upon request.

**3. Resident and nonresident license fee; agents.** For the purpose of issuing licenses, the commissioner may appoint clerks of towns or such other agents as he deems necessary and shall determine the period during which they shall act.

Such appointed clerk or other agent shall receive a fee of 50c for each license issued.

The license may be issued to a resident by the clerk or agent in the town in which applicant resides, or if domiciled in an unorganized territory, then by the clerk or agent in the nearest town. A hunting license issued to a resident under 16 years of age shall be considered valid through the calendar year in which the applicant reaches his 16th birthday.

**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.

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 shall be unlawful to trap bear in the state from December 31 to May 1 of the next calendar year.

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

The so-called cable trap shall be lawful in trapping bear. Cable traps shall have a closing diameter of not less than 2½ inches.

No person shall set a bear trap unless the same is enclosed by at least 2 strands of wire, one 2 and one 4 feet from the ground, said wire to be securely held in position and to be not less than 5 yards or more than 10 yards at any point from the enclosed trap. Said enclosure shall be marked by substantial signs with the words "BEAR TRAP" and with letters not less than 3 inches in height, said signs to be spaced around each enclosure at intervals of not more than 20 feet and each sign securely fastened to the top strand of wire. This paragraph shall not apply to cable traps.

**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 [see also sec. 2355 A].** If any person leaves the woods without taking with him a bear which he has killed, he shall notify a warden within 72 hours as to the location of the bear and the circumstances necessitating his leaving the same in the woods.



**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 stamp.** It shall be unlawful for any person who has attained the age of 16 years to hunt or have in possession any pheasant unless at the time of such hunting or possession he has on his person an unexpired State of Maine pheasant stamp validated by his signature written across the face of the stamp in ink. Such stamp shall be issued by the commissioner or his authorized agent at a fee of \$1 and shall be exhibited to any warden or employee of the Department upon request.

**[Sec. 2401-B condensed.] Licenses.**

**7. Licenses for Indians.** The commissioner shall issue a hunting, trapping, and fishing license to any Indian over the age of 10 years of the Passamaquoddy, Penobscot, Maliseet, or Micmac tribes without any charge or fee, providing the Indian presents a certificate from the commissioner of Indian affairs stating that the person described is an Indian and a member of that tribe. For the purpose of this section, an Indian shall be any member on the 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 the State of Maine for at least 5 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 game, 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 game, 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.

**9. Licenses for members of armed forces, spouses, and children.** A license to hunt or fish shall be issued, at the resident license fee, to any member of the armed forces of the United States of America who is a citizen of the United States and stationed at some military or naval post, station, or base within the state, or his or her spouse or minor child who is at least 16 years of age. Said member of the armed forces, desiring a hunting or fishing license, must present certification from the commander of said post, station, or base, or his designated agent, that the person mentioned in the certification is stationed at or attached to said post, station, or base. Licenses may be issued by the clerk or agent in the town in which said military or naval post, station, or base is situated.

**10. Licenses for Maine residents in armed forces.** A combination fishing and hunting license shall be issued upon payment of \$2, plus the issuing fee, to a Maine resident in the armed forces of the United States who is stationed outside the State of Maine. Such license will be valid for any and all leaves or furloughs during the year of issue.

**11. Employees residing on military bases.** A license to hunt or fish shall be issued, at the resident license fee, to any civilian employee and immediate family, residing on any military or naval post, station, or base within the state. Said civilian employee and immediate family, desiring a hunting or fishing license, must present certification from the commander of said military or naval post, station, or base or his designated agent, that the person mentioned in the certification is such a civilian employee and immediate family, and has resided on said military or naval post, station, or base for a period of 3 months.

Licenses shall be issued by the clerk of the town in which said military or naval post, station, or base is situated.

**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. (Sec. 13 becomes effective Jan. 1, 1974. Effective Oct. 3, 1973, a free hunting license may be obtained by resident age 70 or over, by applying to the Department office in Augusta.)

**15. Licenses for Canadian soldiers stationed in Maine.** A license to hunt or fish shall be issued, at the resident license fee, to any member of the armed forces of Canada stationed at some military or naval post, station, or base within the state. Said member of the armed forces, desiring a hunting or fishing license, must present



certification from the commander of said post, station, or base, or his designated agent, that the person mentioned in the certification is stationed at or attached to said post, station, or base.

Licenses shall be issued by the clerk of the town in which said military or naval post, station, or base is situated.

**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.

**C. License illegally obtained.** Any person obtaining any license authorized in chapters 301 to 335 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 within a reasonable time when requested by any authorized person shall be prima facie evidence of a violation of this section.

**H. Duplicates; fees.** The commissioner may appoint agents who shall issue a duplicate license to any resident who has accidentally lost or destroyed any license issued to him under chapters 301 to 335 upon payment of a fee of \$1, all of which shall be retained by the clerk or agent. All duplicates issued to residents shall be issued by the agent or clerk who issued the original license.

All duplicates issued to nonresidents who have lost or destroyed any license shall be issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Game.

**Sec. 2402. Trapping; fees; marking pelts; transfer and transportation.** Any resident who traps for any wild animal shall annually procure a license, paying therefor \$10. The annual fee for such trapping within the limits of municipalities shall be \$5.

Whoever traps for beaver on any land open to beaver trapping shall pay a fee of \$10 annually, and an additional fee of \$1 for the tagging and marking of each skin by a warden. The fee for a nonresident for a trapping license shall be \$200. Notwithstanding any other provision of law nonresidents shall not be permitted to trap beaver in this state.

Any resident under 16 years of age may trap for any wild animal, except beaver, in the municipalities without a trapping license. In the unorganized townships a license is required.

Any resident or his immediate family may hunt or trap for wild animals, except beaver, without such trapping license on land to which he is legally entitled to possess and which is used by him and his family exclusively for agricultural purposes, and on which he is actually domiciled, within the limits of an organized township.



It shall be unlawful for any person to have in possession at any time any beaver or fisher, or part thereof, or to sell or transport the same, except as permitted in this section or section 2106.

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give away, buy, accept as a gift, offer for transportation or transport any beaver or fisher skins unless each skin is tagged and marked as directed by the commissioner.

All beaver and fisher skins must be presented to the warden in whose district the beaver or fisher is caught, and if said warden is satisfied that the beaver or fisher presented were legally killed, he shall tag and mark the same. A fee of \$1 shall be paid by the trapper for each skin tagged and marked.

All beaver and fisher skins shall be presented for tagging and marking within 10 days from the closing of the open season thereon. All beaver and fisher not tagged and marked in accordance with this section shall be seized and confiscated by the wardens.

In case beaver or fisher skins are libeled under chapters 301 to 335, and the libel is, for any reason, quashed or ruling thereon is against the state, or in case any complaint or indictment involving said skins results in a verdict for the defendant, said skins shall on request and payment of the \$1 fee be immediately tagged, marked, and delivered to the person entitled to the same.

Any beaver or fisher skins that come into this state in any manner from any other state, country, or province thereof shall bear the official stamp, tag, or seal of such other state, country, or province. Any such skins that come into this state from any other state, country, or province thereof, which does not require an official stamp, tag, or seal, shall be tagged in accordance with this section by the person possessing such skins. The fee for tagging such skins shall be 25c for each tag so issued.

Whoever traps for any wild animal in violation of this section, or whoever has in his possession at any time any wild animal, or part thereof, taken in violation of any provisions of this section, or of section 1960-A or any regulation promulgated thereunder, shall be subject to the penalties provided in sections 3060 and 3060-A.

Any person who has been found guilty of breaking and entering, or of larceny, shall not be eligible thereafter to obtain a trapper's license.

**Sec. 2451. Use of snares; guns set on swivels; poisons; traps labeled.** No person shall set or tend a snare, or a swivel, pivot, or set gun, or use or deposit any poisonous or stupefying substance for the purpose of killing, taking, catching, wounding, harming, or molesting any wild animal or wild birds except that gas cartridges may be used by any landowner or member of his immediate family on his own land for woodchuck control.

No person shall advertise or give notice of the sale, or keeping for sale, of any snare, or swivel, pivot, or set gun, or poisonous

substance for the taking of wild animals or wild birds except rodenticide for orchard mouse control and gas cartridges for woodchuck control.

No person shall set any trap for any wild animal without having the trap plainly labeled with his full name and address, and he shall forfeit to the state the trap or traps not so marked and any wild animal found therein.

It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a law enforcement officer in the line of duty, to disturb any trap or take any fur-bearing animal from any trap other than his own without the consent of the owner of such trap, except that a landowner or occupant on land to which he is legally entitled to possess may remove any trap found thereon where permission has not been granted in accordance with section 2351.

**Sec. 2452. Poisons not used for purposes of killing animals.** It shall be unlawful to use poison to kill foxes, dogs, or other animals, except insects or vermin within a building. Any person who leaves or deposits in any place any poison or poisonous substance or kills by poisoning any fox, dog, or other animal, except insects or vermin within a building, shall be subject to the penalties of section 3060. The commissioner may grant permits to agents to the federal Fish and Wildlife Service and to fruit, forest nursery, and Christmas tree growers to use poison in the destruction of rodents.

**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 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, including migratory game 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 335. 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.

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 of this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$200 nor more than \$1,000, which fine shall not be suspended, and an additional penalty of not more than 30 days in jail, at the discretion of the court.

**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. Use of silencers on firearms; use of firearms.** No person shall sell, offer for sale, use, or have in his possession any gun, pistol, or other firearms, fitted or contrived with any device for deadening the sound of explosion. Whoever violates any provision of this section shall forfeit such firearm or firearms and the device or silencer, and shall further be subject to the penalties of section 3060. Any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable, warden, or police officer may seize any firearm and any device or silencer found in possession of any person in violation of the provisions of this section, and on conviction of the party from whom such firearm is seized, such firearm shall be sold and the proceeds paid to the treasurer of state, and the device or silencer shall be destroyed. This section does not



apply to military organizations authorized by law to bear arms, or to the National Guard in the performance of its duty.

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

**Sec. 2459. 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.

**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 "poletrap," for the purpose of catching any wild birds, without a written permit from the commissioner; such permit to be issued only when found by the commissioner to be necessary for the protection of poultry, game birds, or game fish, where raised by a private individual or by the state.

**[Sec. 2461 condensed.] Decoys and blinds in Merrymeeting Bay.** The provisions of this and the 2 following paragraphs shall apply to the waters of Kennebec River, known as Merrymeeting Bay, bounded as follows: From the high tension wires at Chop's Point to the first dam on the Androscoggin River, to the first road bridge on the Muddy, Cathance, Abbagadasset, and Eastern rivers and the Richmond-Dresden bridge on the Kennebec River, being in the counties of Cumberland, Sagadahoc, and Lincoln.

No duck decoys or artificial cover which is termed stationary blind, or parts thereof, used for hunting purposes shall be left or allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay, as described above, at any time between 1 hour after legal shooting time and 1 hour before legal shooting time.

No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay in excess of 10 miles an hour except within the buoyed channels.

**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 335. 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, plovers, 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-A. Shooting at or near wildfowl decoys.** It shall be unlawful for any person to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another within the territorial limits of this state, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. For the purpose of this section, "near" shall mean that area encompassed by the set of decoys including that area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.

**[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 herein provided for by rules and



regulations. The commissioner may promulgate specific regulations regarding falconry and may issue licenses for practicing falconry. The license fee is \$10; license will not be issued unless all requirements of the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife have been met.

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.

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#### **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 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 this chapter (321) 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.

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**Sec. 2701.** The commissioner may issue a permit to any licensed trapper to take not more than 20 pounds of eels annually for use in baiting traps.

**[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 12. 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 deer, or parts thereof, for use as evidence in prosecution of a violation of chapters 301 to 335.

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 335.

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 335.

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 335.

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 335 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 335. 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 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 \$10 license is required for breeding, rearing, or keeping game birds. A copy of Section 2851 is available by writing to the Department office, Augusta.)

**[Sec. 2901 condensed]. Bounty on bobcat.** There shall be a bounty of \$15 for every bobcat which is killed within the state. No bounty shall be paid unless the claimant, within 10 days after he has killed such animal, exhibits to the warden or warden supervisor in whose



district the animal was killed the entire skin thereof, with the ears, nose, and tail thereon in as perfect a state as when killed, except for natural decay, and signs a certificate under oath stating that he killed such animal and the time and place within the state. The warden or supervisor shall cut off the entire tail and destroy it. The claimant shall forward the claimant's certificate to the commissioner.

**Sec. 2951. Disposal of deer.** The resident owner of every motor vehicle which has been substantially damaged by collision with a deer shall, within 24 hours thereafter, 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.

**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. Shooting human being while hunting; penalty.** Whoever, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild game or game birds, negligently or carelessly shoots and wounds or kills any human being, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$1,000 or by imprisonment for not more than 11 months. The commissioner, upon receiving a written report of the wounding or killing of a human being, may revoke or suspend the current hunting license or the right to hunt or the right to obtain a hunting license, for a period not to exceed 5 years, of any person who, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild game or game birds, is alleged to have shot and wounded or killed said human being. Concurrent with the notice of the revocation or suspension of the said person's current hunting license or right to hunt or right to obtain a hunting license, the commissioner shall send to the person accused of any such offense, a written notice by certified mail or registered mail, to the address given by such person in his application for a hunting license, of a hearing to be held in not less than 10 days, which notice shall contain the time and place of hearing and a brief statement of the facts alleged to have happened. After hearing, the commissioner may affirm or modify the revocation or suspension of the hunting license for the current year of such person and may also deny to such person the right to hunt or the right to obtain a hunting license for a period not to exceed 5 years. A person aggrieved by the commissioner's decision may appeal to the superior court in the county where the hearing is held, by filing a complaint with the clerk of courts and sending a copy of the complaint to the commissioner. The complaint shall be filed within 30 days of the commissioner's decision. The court shall review the hearing record and may affirm, reverse, or modify the commissioner's decision.

Any such person whose hunting license has been revoked or suspended, or whose right to hunt or the right to obtain a hunting license for a period not to exceed 5 years has been denied, may after the expiration of one year from the date of such revocation or suspension, petition the commissioner for restoration of his privilege to procure such a license. The commissioner, after hearing and after his determination that public safety will not be endangered by the restoration to the petitioner of such privilege, may restore the same. If the commissioner disallows such a petition and thereby refuses to grant the restoration of such privilege, the petitioner may appeal to the commissioner's advisory council which, after hearing on said petition, may allow the same and restore such privilege.

**Sec. 2953-A Shooting domestic animals or birds while hunting; penalty.** Whoever, while on a hunting trip or in the pursuit of wild game or game birds, negligently or carelessly or willfully shoots and wounds or kills any domestic animals or birds, shall be subject to the penalties provided in section 3060. The commissioner, upon receiving a written note of the final disposition, shall revoke or suspend the current license or the right to hunt or the right to obtain a hunting license for a period not less than one year after such final disposition.

**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 335, 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. 3052. Arrest; jurisdiction; false personation.** Any officer authorized to enforce the inland fish and game laws may arrest any violator of said laws or any person who impersonates or represents himself as being a game warden.

**[Sec. 3060 condensed]. Penalties.** Whoever violates any of the provisions of chapters 301 to 335 and Title 7, Chapter 707, and Title 7, sections 3601 and 3602, and Title 32, Chapter 65, or rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, 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 335 relating to beaver except setting any trap within 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 2 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 335 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 335, 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.

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## **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 punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100.

The owner of a dog that kills or wounds such animal shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$1,000 and by an additional penalty of up to 30 days in jail.



Any officer may kill any dog which he finds in such activity or worrying, wounding, or killing any domestic animal, when said dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of its owner or keeper. Any person having evidence of any dog engaged in such activity may present said evidence to the commissioner or any game warden who shall give notice in writing to the owner or keeper of said dog stating the acts committed by said dog. The owner or keeper so notified shall not permit any dog mentioned in said notice to leave his immediate control, under the penalty as provided in section 3060. After the owner or keeper has received written notice 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 acts prohibited herein.

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

Any person having any evidence of any dog hunting, chasing, killing, wounding, or pursuing any moose, caribou, deer, or elk, or any other wild animal in closed season, or of any dog kept and used for the purpose, or of any dog wounding, killing, or attacking any domestic animal or fowl, or any fur-bearing animals legally in captivity, when said dog is outside of the enclosure or immediate care of his owner or keeper, may present said evidence to any trial justice or judge of any municipal court, who shall have power to issue a warrant against the owner of said dog, ordering him to appear before him and show cause why said dog should not be killed; and upon hearing the evidence in said case said court may order said dog killed by any officer. The costs of prosecution shall be paid by the owner or keeper of said dog.

**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.

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**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 \$5, except that unnaturalized, foreign-born residents shall pay an annual fee of \$25. (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 \$25.

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.

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## **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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