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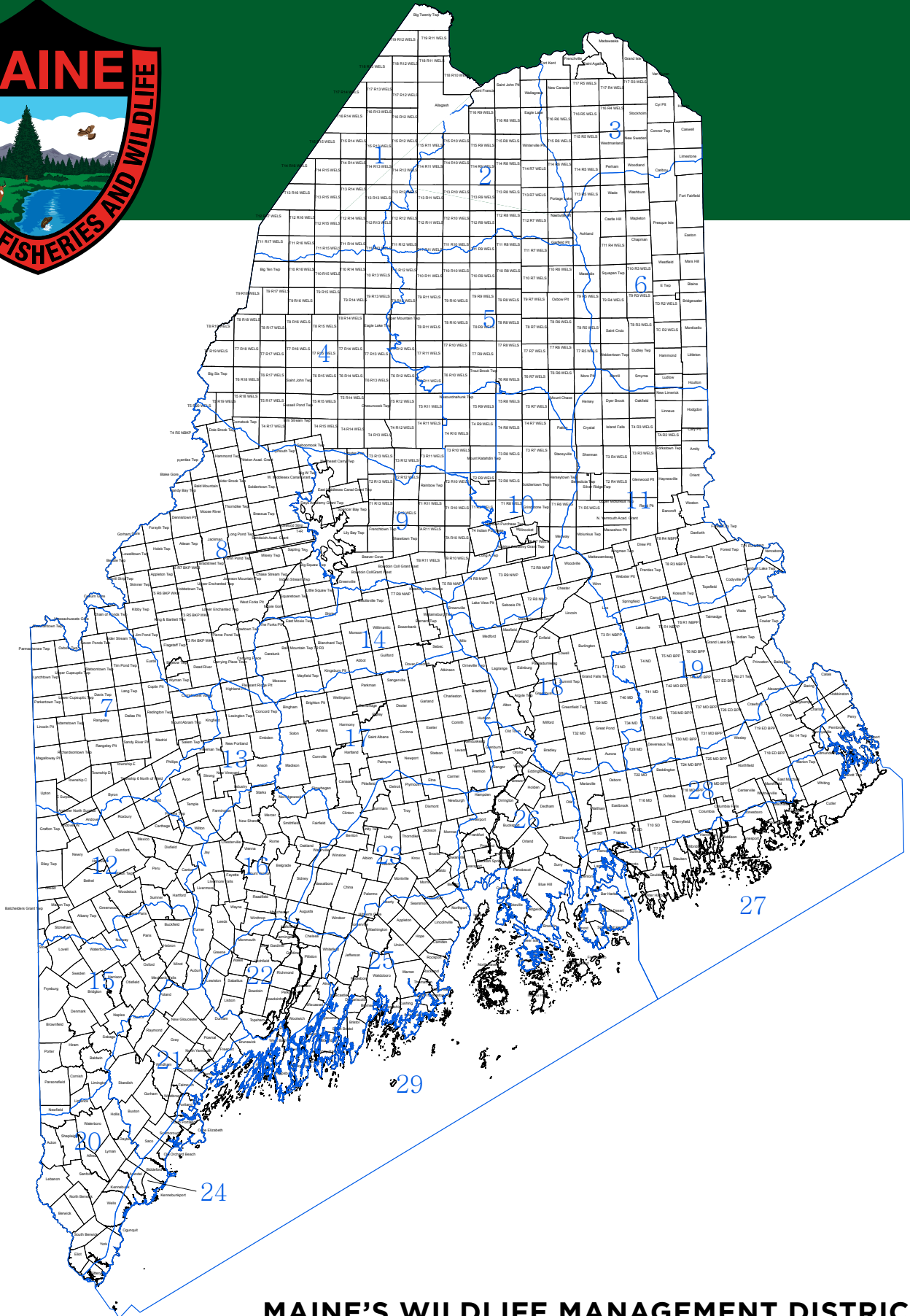


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MAINE DEPARTMENT OF INLAND FISHERIES & WILDLIFE

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MAINE'S WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS

SUMMARY OF HUNTING LAWS

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Licensing Information

WHO NEEDS A LICENSE?

A hunting license is required to hunt wild birds or wild animals.

- Hunters under 16 years of age must possess a junior license.
- Hunters 16 years of age and over must possess an adult license to hunt.

Note: A Junior License holder who turns 16 may hunt with that Junior License for the remainder of the year. See page 12 for more information.

- A person may assist in a hunt without a license or permit for that activity as long as that person does not carry hunting equipment (means to kill) or engage in driving deer.

Exceptions

Maine resident landowners, including immediate family members, as long as their license to hunt has not been revoked or suspended, may hunt without a license, including archery, crossbow and muzzleloader (but must purchase all other permits) on land they own and reside upon provided the land exceeds 10 acres in size and is used exclusively for agricultural purposes. The landowner privilege does not apply to moose hunting. A license is required.

WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A LICENSE?

Applicants for an adult hunting license must show proof of having previously held an adult license to hunt with firearms in any year beginning with 1976 or successful completion of an approved hunter safety course from this or any other state. Residents must provide proof of residency when applying for a license. Convicted felons who have not been issued a permit to carry a firearm cannot purchase or possess a firearms hunting license in Maine. (Title 15, sub-§393, sub-§§ 1 & 2).

To obtain an adult archery hunting license, you must show proof of having held an adult license to hunt with bow and arrow in any year after 1979 or successful completion of an archery education course.

Exceptions to Safety Course Requirement

- Native Americans are exempt from safety course requirements for archery, crossbow and trapping.
- A member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty who is permanently stationed outside of the United States and home on leave is exempt from hunter, archery, and crossbow safety course requirements if that member shows proof at time of application for the license that the member's home state of record is Maine.

HOW ARE LICENSES OBTAINED?

Residents and nonresidents may obtain hunting licenses from agents throughout the State (sporting good stores, many convenience stores, town clerks, and turnpike service centers) or from the Department office in Augusta. Nonresidents may also obtain them by mail from the Department office in Augusta. **Note:** Not all town clerks issue nonresident licenses. Licenses may also be purchased online at mefishwildlife.com. Agents are authorized to process applications online for moose and antlerless deer permits; they may charge a fee of \$2.00.

All trapping licenses are issued from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife office in Augusta. A trapping license cannot be purchased online.

It is unlawful to obtain any license or permit through misstatement or misrepresentation or to possess any license or permit which has been altered, mutilated or tampered with in any manner.

OTHER HUNTING LICENSE PROVISIONS

- You are required to keep your hunting license and any necessary permits with you while hunting or transporting wild birds and wild animals and, if requested to do so, must present it for inspection to any warden, law enforcement officer, Department employee, guide or landowner upon whose land you are hunting.
- A person may use an electronic license or permit, in addition to, or in lieu of a physical paper license or permit, to display upon request for inspection.

Note: The commissioner may revoke the license of any person convicted of violating the fish and wildlife laws, in addition to any penalty which may be imposed by a court of law. Some violations result in mandatory revocation. See page 5 for a list of violations.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER PERMITS REQUIRED?

There are certain permits required (in addition to the regular hunting license). See individual species pages for this permit information.

DEFINITIONS

RESIDENT means a citizen of the United States or an alien who has been domiciled in the state for one year who:

- if registered to vote, is registered in this state.
- if licensed to drive a motor vehicle, has made application for or possesses a motor vehicle operator's license issued by the state.
- if owning a motor vehicle located within the state, has registered each such vehicle in the state.
- is in compliance with the state income tax laws.
- is a full-time student at a Maine college or university who satisfies above requirements.

NONRESIDENT means a citizen of the United States who does not fall within the definition of alien or resident.

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

SPECIAL LICENSES

Special Privilege Licenses

- Anyone serving in the U.S. Armed Forces and permanently stationed at a military base in Maine (includes spouse and dependent children if they permanently reside with that person) may purchase a resident license to hunt, trap, or fish.
- Maine military personnel who are on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces and permanently stationed outside Maine may purchase either a hunting, fishing, trapping or combination hunting and fishing license for \$3.00*. Spouse and dependent children who reside with that person may obtain a combination license for \$20.00*, or a hunting, fishing or trapping license for \$10.00* upon proof that their home of record, as recorded in a service record, is Maine.
*Plus agent fee.
- Any citizen of a foreign nation, under 21 years of age, who is living with a family in Maine in connection with any cultural or educational exchange program may purchase a resident license to hunt or fish.

Complimentary Licenses

- Veterans who are residents of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont who have a service-connected disability of 50% or more will be issued, upon application, a complimentary license to fish, trap, or hunt (including all necessary permits and other permissions and upon meeting qualifications, a guides license). Veterans must still apply for any-deer & moose permits each year when applications become available. These licenses may only be obtained from IF&W's main office in Augusta.
- Maine residents and nonresidents (if reciprocal privileges exist in their home state) who are suffering from the loss of, or loss of use of, both lower extremities,

will be issued, upon application, a complimentary license to hunt or fish as well as an antlerless deer permit. These licenses may only be obtained from IF&W's main office in Augusta.

- The commissioner shall issue a hunting, archery, trapping and fishing license, including permits and other permissions needed to hunt, trap and fish, to a person, who is an enrolled member of the Passamaquoddy Tribe, the Penobscot Nation, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians or the Aroostook Band of Micmacs that is valid for the life of that person without any charge or fee if the person presents certification from the respective reservation governor or the Aroostook Micmac Council stating that the person described is an enrolled member of a federally recognized nation, band or tribe listed in this subsection.

Note: Holders of disabled veteran licenses & Native American licenses are subject to laws governing a lottery or drawing system for issuing a particular permit.

Other Licenses

Available at the Augusta Office only.
For detailed information on the following licenses, contact the Department at (207) 287-3614.

- **Hide Dealers License:** See prohibition regarding selling of wild animals section on pages 6 & 7.
- **Seasonal Hide Dealers License:** Required for any place of business that butchers wild animals and commercially sells or barbers the heads or untanned hides of deer or moose that they have butchered.
- **Taxidermist License:** Allows a place of business to lawfully possess fish or wildlife for the sole purpose of preparing

and mounting them and to also buy, sell or barter raw, untanned hides or heads of wild animals. This includes skull and bone mounts, commonly referred to as European mounts.

- **Guides License:** Required for anyone who receives any form of remuneration for their services in accompanying or assisting others while hunting, fishing, trapping, boating, snowmobiling, ATVing, or camping at a primitive camping area.
- A nonresident student is eligible for any hunting, fishing, trapping license or permit at the resident fee and after obtaining that license or permit has the same privileges as a resident holder of that license or permit. For more information contact the Department at (207) 287-8000.



APPRENTICESHIP HUNTERS LICENSE

An apprenticeship hunting license is available to a resident or nonresident 16 years of age or older who has never held a valid adult hunting license. A person may not obtain an apprenticeship hunting license more than five times. A person holding this license may not hunt other than in the presence of an adult supervisor at least 18 years of age who has held a valid hunting license for the prior 3 consecutive years. The supervisor is responsible for ensuring that the holder of an apprenticeship license follows safe hunting protocol as well as all hunting laws. For more information contact IF&W at (207) 287-8000.

2016-17 APPRENTICESHIP LICENSES

LICENSE	FEE
Resident Hunting (includes bear and turkey permits)	\$26.00
Resident Crossbow	\$26.00
Resident Archery	\$26.00
Nonresident Hunting (includes bear & turkey permits)	\$115.00
Nonresident Small Game (includes turkey permit)	\$75.00
Nonresident Crossbow	\$56.00
Nonresident Archery	\$75.00

Fees listed do not include agent fee.

2016-17 LICENSE FEES

LICENSE		FEE
MAINE RESIDENTS	Hunting (16 and older)	\$26.00
	Junior Hunting (0 to 15 years old)	\$8.00
	Small Game* Hunting (16 and older)	\$15.00
	Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 and older)	\$43.00
	Combination Fishing & Archery (16 and older)	\$43.00
	Serviceman (resident) Combination Hunting & Fishing	\$3.00
	Serviceman (dependent) Combination Hunting & Fishing	\$20.00
	Serviceman (dependent) Hunting	\$10.00
	Disabled War Veteran (resident)	FREE
	Archery Hunting (16 and older)	\$26.00
	Trapping (16 and older)	\$35.00
	Junior Trapping (10 to 15 years)	\$9.00
	Apprenticeship Hunting License (16 and older)	See info on page 3
	Apprenticeship Trapping License (16 and older)	\$35.00
	Superpack	\$201.00
NON- RESIDENTS	Big Game Hunting (16 and older)	\$115.00
	Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 and older)	\$150.00
	Small Game* Hunting (16 and older)	\$75.00
	3-Day Small Game* Hunting (valid for 3 consecutive days)	\$50.00
	Junior Hunting (0 to 15 years)	\$35.00
	Archery Hunting (16 and older)	\$75.00
	Trapping (any age)	\$318.00
	Apprenticeship Hunting License (16 and older)	See info on page 3
	Apprenticeship Trapping License (16 and older)	\$317.00
	Big Game Hunting (16 and older)	\$140.00
ALIEN	Combination Hunting & Fishing (16 and older)	\$191.00
	Small Game* Hunting (16 and older)	\$80.00
	Archery Hunting (16 and older)	\$85.00
	Junior Hunting (0 to 15 years)	\$35.00
	Bear Permits	See page 21 & 22
OTHER FEES	Coyote Night Hunting Permit	\$4.00
	Crossbow Hunting Permit (16 and older)**	Maine Resident \$26.00 Non-resident \$56.00 Alien \$80.00
	Deer, Moose, and Bear Registration	\$5.00
	Duplicate License	\$2.00
	Expanded Archery Permits (See page 14)	Antlerless Deer \$12.00 Either Sex \$32.00
	Falconry Permit	\$26.00
	Moose Permit	See page 17
	Muzzleloader Permit (16 and older)**	Maine Resident \$13.00 Non-resident \$69.00 Alien \$79.00
	Pheasant Permit (Cumberland and York Counties)	\$17.00
	State Migratory Waterfowl Permit (16 and older)***	\$7.50
	Outdoor Partners Program	\$15.00
	Taxidermist, Hide Dealer, and Guide Licenses	See info on page 3
	Wild Turkey Permit	\$20.00

Fees listed do not include the agent fee. The commissioner may revoke all licenses and permits issued to any person who fails to pay the fees due and may recover fees associated with insufficient funds.

*Small game license permits hunting of all legal species except deer, bear, moose, raccoon, and bobcat.

**A resident, nonresident, or alien under 16 years of age may hunt with a crossbow or muzzleloader if that person holds a valid junior hunting license.

***In addition to the State Migratory Waterfowl Permit, a Federal Migratory Waterfowl Permit is required.

LIFETIME LICENSE FEES

RESIDENTS	FISHING	HUNTING	ARCHERY	TRAPPING	COMBINATION OF ANY TWO*	COMBINATION OF ANY THREE*
5 years & under	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$150	\$250	\$400
6 – 15 years	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$500	\$800
65 years of age	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$80	\$110
66 years of age	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$40	\$64	\$94
67 years of age	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$48	\$78
68 years of age	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$20	\$32	\$52
69 years of age	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$10	\$16	\$26
70 and older	\$8.00— Covers all authorities that you are qualified to receive, see below.					
NON RESIDENTS	FISHING	HUNTING	ARCHERY	TRAPPING	COMBINATION OF ANY TWO*	COMBINATION OF ANY THREE*
5 years & under**	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$450	\$750	\$1,200
6 – 15 years	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$900	\$1,500	\$2,400

*Hunting, fishing, archery

**These fees are subject to change. Please check with the Department for current fees.

MAINE LIFETIME LICENSE

Pass on a Maine Tradition and a Gift that will Last a Lifetime

Your investment in a lifetime license for yourself or as a gift, will allow the bearer to fish, trap, and/ or hunt for their lifetime, regardless of where they will live in the future. The revenues generated by the sale of these licenses will be deposited in a special trust fund that will provide long-term financial support for Maine's fish and wildlife.

Applicants 70 Years of Age

For a one-time fee of \$8.00, a senior lifetime license entitles the holder to all privileges they are qualified to receive including hunting, trapping, archery, and fishing. The license also includes the following: bear hunt, bear trap, migratory waterfowl, pheasant, spring and fall turkey,

coyote night hunt, crossbow, one expanded archery antlerless deer permit, and one either sex permit. (Must still apply for any-deer and moose permits each year when applications become available.)

Note: If you purchased a senior lifetime license before age 70, you do NOT have to pay the \$8.00 fee, and the permits listed in the previous paragraph are included with your lifetime license anytime during the calendar year you turn 70 years of age. For more information about the Lifetime License Program, please call (207) 287-8000.

A lifetime license holder who turns 16 years of age is able to hunt with their lifetime license as an adult big game license, they must show proof of having completed the required safety course, contact the Department to upgrade to an adult license, & obtain all necessary permits. See page 12 for more information on Junior Hunters. ■

SUPERPACK LICENSE

To be eligible for this license, the applicant must be a Maine resident. This license permits a person who has met the eligibility requirements for each license or permit to hunt and fish for all legal game and fish species subject to all of the laws covering these activities; fishing, hunting, and archery. The Superpack license includes muzzleloader, crossbow, migratory waterfowl, pheasant, spring/fall turkey, bear, coyote night hunt, and three expanded archery antlerless permits. The Superpack license also includes one free chance in the moose lottery and entry into a special category in the annual any-deer permit lottery.

LICENSE REVOCATION INFORMATION

Hunters should be aware of the fact that a conviction for any hunting violation may result in the revocation of their hunting privileges.

Minimum Mandatory Ten Year Revocation of Hunting Licenses

If a person is convicted of Assault While Hunting [17A MRSA §208(A)] and the offense occurred in the context of hunting activity, and if, through failure of the hunter to make proper target identification, the offense resulted in the injury or death of another person.

Minimum Mandatory Five Year Revocation of Hunting Licenses

- Shooting a domestic animal while hunting.
- Hunting under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.
- Conviction of violation of 17A MRSA while on a hunting or fishing trip or in the pursuit of wild animals, birds or fish and when the wounding or killing of a human being has occurred.

Minimum Mandatory Three Year Revocation of ALL Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife (DIF&W) Licenses

- Disturbing traps.

Minimum Mandatory Two Year Revocation of ALL DIF&W Licenses

Persons convicted of burglary or criminal trespass of a building located within any unorganized township; theft of any equipment used for hunting, fishing and trapping; or theft of any animal which has been obtained by hunting or trapping and which was in the possession or control of the person who hunted or trapped the animal.

Hunting Violations with a Minimum One Year License Revocation

- Illegally hunting and/or possessing deer, bear, or moose during closed season.
- Night hunting.
- Discharging a firearm within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission of the owner, or in the owner's absence, an adult occupant who dwells in that location.
- Illegally buying and/or selling deer, bear, moose or wild turkeys.
- Illegally hunting/possessing wild turkeys including using illegal methods to hunt wild turkeys.
- Hunting deer, bear, moose, or wild turkey after having killed one and/or exceeding the bag limit on deer, bear, moose or wild turkey.

- Hunting over another person's bear bait without written permission from that person.

In addition to penalties provided in Title 17, Section 2264-B, relating to littering, a person convicted of littering on a state owned wildlife management area or sanctuary as defined in Title 12 shall surrender their hunting and/or fishing licenses for a period of up to one year.

Note: Maine is a participating member of the Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact. The Interstate Wildlife Violator Compact is an agreement that recognizes suspension of hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses in member states. This means that illegal activities in one state can affect a person's hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges in all participating states. Any person whose license privileges or rights are suspended in a member state may also be suspended in Maine. If a person's hunting, fishing, or trapping privileges are suspended in Maine, they may be suspended in member states as well. If a person plans to hunt, fish, or trap in another state, and they have a license suspension in Maine, it is their responsibility to contact the other state to see if they can legally hunt, fish, or trap in that state.

GENERAL HUNTING PROVISIONS

To hunt means to pursue, catch, take, kill or harvest

wild birds and wild animals (wild by nature, whether or not bred or reared in captivity including any physical part of that species of mammal or bird) or attempt to catch, take, kill or harvest wild animals or wild birds.

Unlawful conduct: The hunting, possession, transporting of any species of wild animal or wild bird, or parts thereof, for

which an open hunting season is not specifically provided, and except as provided in the fish and wildlife laws, is unlawful. It is also unlawful to take, possess or needlessly destroy the nest or eggs of any wild bird.

PROHIBITION REGARDING SELLING OF WILD ANIMALS

Selling wild birds: A person may not sell or possess for sale a wild bird, except as provided in this Part. A person may sell the plumage of lawfully taken wild birds if that sale does not violate regulations of the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act.



A person who has lawfully killed and registered a deer, bear or moose may (without a hide dealer's license) sell:

- The head, hide, antlers and feet of that deer.
- The head, hide, antlers, feet and bones of that moose.
- The head, hide, teeth, gallbladder and claws (not attached to the paws) of that bear.

A person may buy the above listed items for their personal use, except buying, bartering for or trading for bear gallbladders and raw antlers always requires a hide dealer's license.

The commercial buying, selling, bartering and trading of any raw, untanned animal hides (including fur-bearing animals) or parts of wild animals and wild birds, not prohibited above, requires a hide dealer's license.

Any parts bought or sold may not be attached to wild animal or wild bird parts which are prohibited from being sold.

Bear gall bladders and raw, unfinished deer and moose antlers must be tagged or accompanied with documentation containing the name and address of the person who legally killed the animal.

A person may buy or sell naturally shed antlers of deer or moose without a hide dealer's license.

A person may buy, sell, barter or trade legally obtained finished wildlife products, excluding federally protected wild animals and birds.

Please refer to mefishwildlife.com for latest changes to this license and the new reporting requirements.

Night hunting: Except as otherwise provided, wild birds and wild animals may not be hunted from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise the following day. **Exceptions:** migratory game bird, (see page 32), raccoon (see below), and coyote (see page 20).

Raccoon hunting: Raccoons may be hunted at night during the open season only when the hunter:

- Is accompanied by a dog.
- Uses an electric flashlight to locate raccoons that are treed, or held at bay by a dog or dogs.
- Uses a rifle or handgun of no greater power than one which uses .22 caliber long rifle ammunition; said rifle to be loaded only when being used to dispatch a raccoon that is treed or held at bay by dogs.

Placement of bait for hunting

purposes: A person placing bait for hunting purposes must:

- Obtain oral or written permission from the landowner or landowner's agent.
- Plainly label the bait with a 2-inch by 4-inch tag containing the name and address of the baiter.
- Clean up the bait site immediately upon landowner request, or if not requested, within 20 days of the last day the site is hunted.
- A person may NOT hunt over another person's bait site without the baiter's permission.

As used in this section "bait" means an animal or plant or a part of an animal or plant used to attract wild animals for the purpose of hunting.



SUNDAY HUNTING IS ILLEGAL IN MAINE

A person may not place any medicinal, poisonous, or stupefying substance to entice any animal, including bear.

This subsection does not apply to bear baiting, which is summarized on page 21. Baiting deer during any open season on deer is prohibited. Baiting moose and turkey is prohibited September 1, 2016 to December 15, 2016. Baiting turkey is also prohibited during the spring wild turkey season.

Shooting within 100 yards of dwelling:

It is unlawful to discharge any firearm, including muzzleloaders or crossbow, or cause a projectile to pass as a result of that discharge within 100 yards of a building or residential dwelling without permission from the owner. In the owner's absence, an adult occupant who dwells in that location may grant permission. As used in this section "building" means any residential, commercial, retail, educational, religious or farm structure that is designed to be occupied by people or domesticated animals or is being used to shelter machines or harvested crops. "Projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, bolt or other object propelled or launched from a firearm or crossbow.

Exception

Persons target practicing with a crossbow, on their own land or on land which they have permission to use, may discharge a crossbow within 100 yards of a dwelling provided the projectile does not enter the property of another.

TARGET IDENTIFICATION WHILE HUNTING

This is a summary of 12 MRSA §11222

While hunting, a hunter may not shoot at a target without at that point in time being certain that it is the wild animal or wild bird sought.

A reasonable and prudent hunter:

- Bears the risk of loss of legitimate prey to avoid the risk of the destruction of human life; neither disregards the risk of causing the death of another human being nor fails to be aware of that risk as a consequence of misidentification; and never bases identification upon sound alone or even upon sound in combination with

what appears to be an appendage of the wild animal or wild bird sought.

- Bases identification upon obtaining an essentially unobstructed view of the head and torso of the potential target.
- Recognizes that these sound and sight target-determining factors are affected by a number of other considerations, including, but not limited to the distance to the target, surrounding or intervening terrain and cover, lighting and weather conditions, the hunter's own ability to hear and see, the hunter's own experience and the proximity of other persons in the hunter's immediate vicinity.

Hunting under the influence: It is unlawful to hunt while under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs.

Possession of hunting equipment on Sunday: Possession of hunting equipment in the fields and forests or on the waters or ice of this State on Sunday is prima facie evidence of a violation of Sunday hunting unless: the hunting equipment 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. For the purpose of this paragraph, a clip, a magazine, or a cylinder of a firearm shall not be considered a piece of the firearm. Bows and arrows must be kept in a case or cover if broadheads or field points are kept attached to the arrows.

A person may possess hunting equipment on Sunday for legitimate activities such as target practice, sighting in rifles, etc.

Airborne hunting: A person on the ground or airborne may not use aircraft (including drones & remote-controlled aircraft) to aid or assist in hunting deer, bear, or moose.

Shooting from a motor vehicle or motorboat or possessing a loaded firearm or crossbow in or on a motor vehicle: It is unlawful to shoot while in or on a motor vehicle, motorboat, snowmobile or ATV or have a loaded firearm or cross bow while in or on a motor vehicle, trailer,

or other type of vehicle being hauled by a motor vehicle except as specifically allowed.

Exemptions

- Persons who hold a valid Maine permit to carry a concealed weapon may carry a loaded pistol or revolver in a motor vehicle as prescribed by Title 25 sub 2001A please see page 10 for more information on carrying concealed firearms.
- Paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may shoot from motor vehicles that are not in motion.
- Migratory waterfowl may be hunted from a motorboat in accordance with federal regulation.
- A person may shoot from a motorboat if that boat is not being propelled by the motor and forward momentum of the boat has stopped. However, the wanton waste law allows you to shoot crippled waterfowl from a motorboat. under power on coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward of the first upstream bridge.

Note: A loaded clip may be carried in a motor vehicle, but it must not be inserted in, or attached to, a firearm; a crossbow may be carried as long it is not cocked and armed; a muzzleloader is considered to be loaded only if charged with powder, projectile and a primed ignition device or mechanism.

Shooting from or over a public paved way: A person is guilty of hunting from or over a public paved way if that person

shoots at any wild animal or wild bird from any public paved way or within 10 feet of the edge of the pavement of the public paved way or from within the right-of-way of any controlled access highway or discharges any firearm, crossbow, or bow and arrow over a public paved way (any road treated with bituminous or concrete material).

DISTURBING TRAPS: SHOOTING AN ANIMAL IN A TRAP WITHOUT PERMISSION IS ILLEGAL

Shooting of domestic animals: It is unlawful for any person, while on a hunting trip, to negligently, carelessly, or willfully shoot and wound or kill any domestic animal or domestic bird.

Firearms on school property: Possession of a firearm or crossbow on public school property or discharging one within 500 feet of school property, except as used in supervised educational programs or by law enforcement officials, is a violation of Title 20-A Section 6552.

Disposal of Remains: It is unlawful, except during normal field dressing or for baiting purposes, to dispose of the carcass, waste parts or remains of a wild animal, unless you are on the private property owned by you, or on property where you have landowner permission. ■



OUTDOOR SAFETY COURSES

Do you need to take an outdoor safety course to obtain your license for firearms, archery, crossbow, or trapping?

Maine law requires completion to obtain your adult license unless you have previously done so or have held an adult license.

These courses are made available in your area by volunteer instructors certified by the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife. Pre-registration is requested and/or required. Courses will include 6 to 12 hours of instruction dependent on the subject.

Sponsors include school districts, sports clubs, civic groups, and others. Courses will be scheduled based on instructor availability.

For information on becoming a volunteer instructor, contact your local Regional Safety Coordinator or the Recreational Safety Division Office at (207) 287-5220. Call to find out who your local Regional Safety Coordinator is, or go on our website.

For course listings visit our website at mefishwildlife.com.

Recreational Safety Division

- Mailing Address: 284 State Street, Station 41, Augusta Maine 04333
- Office Address: 8 Federal Street, Augusta Maine 04330
- Michael Sawyer, Recreational Safety & Vehicle Coordinator (207) 287-5222, (207) 557-0553 (cell)
- Brenda Chaplin, Secretary, (207) 287-5220

Laws Pertaining to Hunting Equipment



GENERAL

Wild animals and wild birds may be hunted only by the use of rifles, handguns, shotguns (not larger than 10-gauge), hand-held bow and arrow, crossbow or by falconry. Deer and moose decoys are legal; laser sights (red dots or beam) for firearms and bows are legal. Electronic calling devices are legal for deer, bear, turkey, moose, and coyote hunting, but are illegal for migratory game birds.

Illegal Devices:

- It is unlawful to hunt with the use of (or sell or offer for sale for the purpose of hunting) a set gun, or any medicinal, poisonous or stupefying substance (except rodenticide for orchard mouse control and gas cartridges for woodchuck control).
- Drawlocks and set bows are illegal unless otherwise permitted for disabled hunters.
- Crossbows cannot be used to hunt wild turkeys in the fall season, or deer during the expanded archery, regular October archery, or the muzzleloader season. Please see exceptions and additional information related to crossbow hunting on page 11.

Illegal Use of Lights: From September 1 to December 15, it is unlawful to use artificial lights from ½ hour after sunset until ½ hour before sunrise to illuminate, jack, locate, attempt to locate or show up wild animals or wild birds except raccoons which may be hunted at night with electric flashlights during the open season (see General Hunting Provisions for details). An exception to this may be made for agents appointed by the commissioner to

hunt coyotes at night during this period under policies established by the Department.

FIREARMS LAWS

- It is unlawful to hunt with or possess for hunting any automatic firearm (a firearm that continues to fire as long as the trigger is held back.)
- It is unlawful to hunt with or possess for hunting any auto-loading firearm (a firearm which reloads itself after each shot and requires a separate trigger pull for each shot) which has a magazine capacity of more than 5 cartridges (plus 1 in the chamber for a total of 6), unless the magazine has been permanently altered to contain not more than 5 cartridges.

Note: This provision does not apply to .22 caliber rimfire guns or to auto-loading pistols with barrel lengths of less than 8 inches.

- It is unlawful to hunt any migratory game bird with a shotgun originally capable of holding more than 3 shells unless the magazine has been cut off, altered, or plugged with a one-piece filler (incapable of removal without disassembling the gun), so as to reduce the capacity of the gun to not more than 3 shells in the magazine and chamber combined.
- It is unlawful to hunt with or possess for hunting any firearm fitted or contrived with any device for deadening the sound of the explosion without a permit.
- It is unlawful to hunt with cartridges which contain tracer bullets or explosive bullets.

- No firearm may be used for deer, moose, and bear hunting which uses .17 or .22 caliber rimfire cartridges, except .22 magnum can be used for deer hunting.
- It is unlawful to use a shotgun with shotloads for bear.
- No firearms of any kind may be carried while hunting deer with a bow and arrow during the special archery season on deer and the expanded archery season on deer, except that a person who also holds a license that allows hunting with firearms may carry a handgun but it cannot be used to shoot a deer or dispatch a wounded deer.

Loaded firearms in motor vehicles:

It is unlawful to have a loaded firearm or crossbow in or on a motor vehicle (including trailer, ATV, aircraft, snowmobile, or railway car). A loaded magazine may be carried in a motor vehicle, but it must not be inserted in or attached to a firearm. Firearms may be transported in a motor vehicle without a concealed firearms permit provided they are (1) unloaded and in plain view, or (2) are unloaded and placed in a remote secure area (such as a locked trunk) away from the control of the occupants of the motor vehicle. For purposes of this law, a muzzleloader is considered to be loaded only if charged with powder, a projectile and a primed ignition device or mechanism. A crossbow is considered loaded if cocked and armed. Exceptions apply when carrying a concealed pistol or revolver.

Carrying Concealed Firearms: A person may carry a concealed handgun without a permit and may have that concealed, loaded pistol or revolver in, or on, a motor vehicle or trailer if:

- The person is 21 years of age or older and is not otherwise prohibited from possessing a firearm or;
- The person is 18 years of age or older and under 21 years of age and on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard or is an honorably discharged veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States or the National Guard and is not otherwise prohibited from carrying a firearm.

Upon contact with a law enforcement officer, a person carrying a concealed handgun without a permit is required to notify them immediately.

ARCHERY INFORMATION

Seasons: The regular archery license allows bow and arrow hunting for all legal game throughout the year (except deer during

the muzzleloader season). An archery license is required to hunt during the regular archery deer season, and the expanded archery deer season. In addition to the regular archery license, hunters participating in the expanded archery deer season (designated areas only) must purchase permits as follows: Multiple antlerless deer permits may be purchased for \$12 each and one either sex permit for \$32 for the expanded archery deer season.

Note: Beginning January 1, 2017 any person who hunts with a bow and arrow must hold a valid archery license.

Complimentary archery license holders (Disabled Veteran, Native American) and junior hunting license holders may hunt with those licenses during the expanded archery deer season.

Applicants for the regular archery license must show proof of having successfully completed an archery hunter education course or of having held an adult archery license in this state in any year after 1979.

When proof or evidence cannot be provided, the applicant may substitute a signed affidavit. Native Americans are exempt from safety course requirements for archery, crossbow, and trapping.

- Junior hunters who hold a valid Junior Hunting License are allowed to hunt with bow and arrow when accompanied by an adult supervisor (see page 12).
- A handgun may be carried by hunters while bowhunting but may NOT be used to dispatch deer.
- Laws which allow you to hunt without a license on your own land under certain conditions apply to archery hunting (see page 2).
- Deer & bear may be taken under the archery provisions only by means of hand-held bow with a minimum draw weight of 35 pounds (for moose a minimum draw weight of 45 pounds is required), and broad-head arrow. Arrow heads (including expandable mechanical broadheads) must be at least $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in width. It is unlawful to use a set bow, or to use arrows with poisonous or explosive tips. Hunters 70 years of age or older may hunt any wild bird or wild animal with a crossbow during any open season on that wild bird or wild animal.
- Hunter orange clothing is NOT required when hunting with bow and arrow. Anyone who hunts with a firearm or crossbow must wear hunter orange (see more information on the left).
- All deer killed by bow and arrow during the archery seasons must be inspected and registered at the first open deer registration station.
- It is legal to hunt until $\frac{1}{2}$ hour after sunset during both archery deer seasons.
- In WMDs where no any-deer permits are issued, archers and junior hunters are not allowed to harvest antlerless deer during the archery season on deer. (Deer taken during the expanded archery deer season are by appropriate permit as described above.)

In addition, all other laws pertaining to deer hunting shall apply to archery hunting.

HUNTER ORANGE CLOTHING REQUIREMENT

Articles of hunter orange clothing must be in good and serviceable condition and visible from all sides. A decal on an article of clothing that is otherwise solid-colored hunter orange does not disqualify that article of clothing from satisfying the requirements of this subsection. Hunter orange means a daylight fluorescent orange color with a dominant wave length between 595 and 605 nanometers, excitation purity not less than 85% and luminance factor of not less than 40%. Hunter orange clothing is not required while hunting with a bow and arrow.

Muzzleloader Season on Deer

The hunter orange clothing requirements listed below under the firearms hunting season on deer apply.

Firearms Season on Deer

Anyone who hunts any species with a firearm or crossbow during any firearms season on deer (also on Youth Deer Day) must wear two articles of hunter orange clothing. One article must be a solid-colored hunter orange hat; the other must cover a major portion of the torso, such as a jacket, vest, coat or poncho and must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color (camouflage).

Archery Seasons on Deer

Hunter orange clothing is not required while hunting with a bow and arrow during the archery season.

Moose Hunting Season

Anyone who hunts any species with a firearm or crossbow in a Wildlife

Management District that is open to moose hunting must wear one article of solid-colored hunter orange clothing (hat or clothing) except when moose season overlaps the firearms season on deer, then two pieces must be worn. All laws pertaining to deer hunting apply to Moose hunters during these seasons.

Bear, Turkey, and Upland Game Bird Hunters

When hunting bears, turkeys, and upland game birds, hunter orange clothing is only required when hunting with a firearm or crossbow during the firearms hunting season on deer, the muzzleloader season on deer, or within an open moose hunting district during moose hunting season.

Waterfowl Hunters

are not affected by the provisions above while hunting from a boat, blind, or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys.

TRAIL/GAME CAMERAS LAW

People using trail and game cameras may not place a camera upon the private land of another without written permission. All cameras must be labeled with the person's name and contact information.

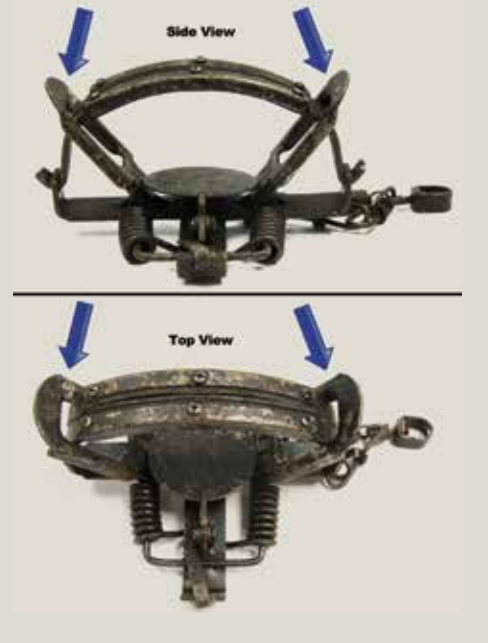
RELEASING DOGS FROM TRAPS

A dog's reaction to being caught in a foothold trap can vary from calm to frightened. Dogs released from foothold traps do not normally sustain injury. The most common type of traps used for land trapping in Maine are of the coil spring variety. Other types of traps that may be used operate by similar mechanisms.

- If readily available, get a second person to assist you.
- Some dogs may attempt to bite, especially as the trap is removed from its foot. Protect yourself by securing the dog's muzzle using a jacket or vest, or by placing a barrier between you and the dog.
- To open the trap, push down on the levers located at either end of the jaws. This may be best accomplished by putting the trap flat on the ground if possible.

- Pushing down on the levers will release tension on the jaws, allowing the dog's foot to be removed.

It is unlawful to take or destroy a trap without permission from the owner. Trappers commonly use lures and urine to attract furbearers such as foxes and coyotes. Dogs can be trained to avoid trap locations by utilizing these scents in mock trap sets.



OBSERVATION STANDS

(10652, Subsection 1-B-1, 2): It is unlawful to insert any metallic or ceramic object into a tree on land of another for the purpose of erecting a ladder or observation stand, unless you have permission from the landowner. You must obtain verbal or written permission of the landowner (or representative) to erect or use a portable or permanent ladder or observation stand and the ladder or observation stand must be plainly labeled with a 2-inch by 4-inch tag identifying the name and address of the person or persons authorized by the landowner to use the observation stand or ladder. **Exception:** Portable ladders or observation stands used on land within the jurisdiction of the Maine Land Use Regulation Commission and attended by the person who owns the ladder or observation stand shall not require landowner permission or labeling, but permanent ones do. **Note:** For additional information on the use of private property, see page 27. Observation stands do not include portable blinds utilized at ground level that remain in the physical possession of the hunter.

CROSSBOW INFORMATION

Crossbow Permit

To be eligible to purchase a crossbow hunting permit, you must hold a valid big game hunting license or an archery license, and must submit proof of having successfully completed an archery hunting education course and a crossbow hunting course or satisfactory evidence of having previously held adult archery and crossbow hunting permits in this state or any other state, province, or country, in any year after 1979. When proof or evidence cannot be provided, the applicant may substitute a signed affidavit. By Maine State Law, a crossbow is not considered a firearm.

A person may hunt any wild bird or animal with a crossbow during any open season on that bird or animal while still following all the other laws pertinent to that species except that a licensed crossbow hunter 69 years of age or younger may not hunt wild turkey during the fall turkey season or hunt deer during the expanded archery, special October archery or muzzleloader seasons. A resident or nonresident may hunt with a crossbow if that person holds a valid junior hunting license (no crossbow permits required).

Persons 70 years of age or older or persons who have a special handicap permit to use a crossbow may use a crossbow for any species in season with appropriate permits. For Native Americans see page 9.

Conditions on the Use of Crossbows

Exceptions to crossbow hunting:

Crossbows cannot be used to hunt wild turkeys in the fall season or deer during the expanded archery, regular October archery or the muzzleloader season.

The following conditions apply to the use of crossbows:

- Only crossbows with a shoulder-type stock may be used;
- Hand-held pistol-type crossbows are prohibited; the draw weight may not be less than 100 pounds. There is no maximum draw weight for crossbows;
- Arrowheads, including mechanical broadheads when open, must be at least $\frac{7}{8}$ inch in width; arrows having explosive or poisonous tips are prohibited;
- Crossbows must be equipped with a mechanical trigger safety device in working condition;
- Crossbows equipped with scopes or sights may be used. ■

Junior Hunters

JUNIOR HUNTING LICENSE

Children must have a junior hunting license to hunt. There is no minimum hunting age for a junior hunting license holder, any hunter under the age of 16 may purchase a junior hunting license. Junior hunting license holders can hunt with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow (see page 11 for additional crossbow information). The junior hunting license also includes hunting permits for muzzleloader, spring and fall turkey, bear, coyote night hunt, pheasant, state migratory waterfowl, one expanded archery antlerless deer permit and one either sex permit. A junior hunter who is 15 may continue to hunt on their junior hunting license after turning 16 for the remainder of the calendar year. If a hunter 16 years of age completes hunter safety and upgrades to an adult license they must purchase necessary permits.

Note: Lifetime licenses purchased for a hunter under 16 years of age is considered a junior hunting license until the license is upgraded to an adult license by contacting the Department.

SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR HUNTERS

- Hunters from 10–15 years of age must be in the presence of, and under the effective control of, an adult supervisor.
- Hunters under the age of 10 must be in the presence of, and under the effective control of, an adult supervisor who remains at all times within 20 feet of the hunter.

A. “Adult Supervisor” Means:

1. The parent or guardian of the junior hunter who holds or has held a valid Maine hunting license or successfully completed a hunter safety course.
2. A person 18 years of age or older who:
 - a. Is approved by the parent or guardian of the junior hunter; and
 - b. Holds or has held a valid Maine hunting license or successfully completed a hunter safety course.

B. “In the Presence of” Means:

in visual and voice contact without the use of visual or audio enhancement devices, including but not limited to binoculars and citizen band radios.

A junior hunter who turns 16 years of age must complete the appropriate safety course prior to hunting without supervision.

YOUTH HUNTING DAYS

Junior hunters who hold a valid junior hunting license (including a lifetime license) can participate in special youth hunting days for bear, deer, spring wild turkey, and migratory waterfowl. If a junior hunter turns 16 but is still hunting on a valid junior hunting license (including a lifetime license) they may hunt on a youth hunt day and do not have to purchase additional permits. Exception is on migratory waterfowl youth hunt days the junior hunter who is 16 and hunting on a valid junior hunting license (including a lifetime license) must obtain a valid Federal Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp. On these days, all laws pertaining to hunting deer, bear, spring wild turkey, and waterfowl apply. ■

YOUTH HUNTING		
SPECIES	YOUTH HUNTING DAY(S)	REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO JUNIOR HUNTERS
Bear	August 27, 2016	A licensed junior hunter may hunt bear with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow during the youth bear hunting day. Use of dogs is prohibited; hunting over bait or still hunting is permitted.
Deer	October 22, 2016	Participants are allowed to take one deer of either sex (in WMD's where antlerless deer permits are issued) with a firearm, bow and arrow, or crossbow. If a junior hunter shoots a deer on the youth deer hunting day, they are prohibited from taking any additional deer, unless they have been awarded a bonus antlerless-deer permit or participate in the expanded archery season (designated areas only) with appropriate expanded archery permits.
Spring Wild Turkey	April 29, 2017	Participants may take up to two bearded wild turkeys with a shotgun, bow and arrow, or crossbow, but cannot exceed an individual WMD bag limit. See wild turkey, page 19.
Waterfowl	North Zone: September 17, 2016 & December 10, 2016 South Zone: September 24, 2016 & October 22, 2016 Coastal Zone: September 24, 2016 & November 5, 2016	ALL duck species - except Harlequins, Barrow's Goldeneye, Moorhens and Gallinules - may be hunted on these days, including geese. For the October 22, November 5, and December 10 youth days, the goose limit is under the Regular Season limit. On September 17, September 24, October 22, November 5, and December 10, scoters, eiders, and long-tailed ducks may be taken as part of the 6 bird daily limit on regular ducks. Also on these dates, 1 Black Duck may be taken.) Special regulations apply to youth and accompanying adult: Youth under 16 years of age, must possess a junior hunting license (no stamps required) and be accompanied by a parent or guardian or person at least 18 years of age approved by a parent or guardian who either holds a valid Maine hunting license or has successfully completed a hunter safety course. Must follow regular season bag limits and exceptions.

**The accompanying parent, guardian, or qualified adult shall not possess a firearm, bow and arrow or crossbow while accompanying a participating youth hunter.*

Deer Hunting

Hunting of antlerless deer (a deer that has no antlers or has antlers less than 3 inches in length measured from the skull) is prohibited except by special permit during both the firearms season and the muzzle-loader season.

In WMDs where no any-deer permits are issued, archers and junior hunters are also not allowed to harvest antlerless deer.

Multiple deer may be taken during the expanded archery season, and one may be taken during any one of the remaining seasons (with appropriate licenses or permits).

DEER HUNTING PROHIBITIONS

- Baiting deer by placing salt or any other bait or food to entice deer or hunting from an observation stand or blind overlooking salt, grain, fruit, nuts or other foods known to be attractive to deer, during any open hunting season on deer is prohibited. (Does not apply to hunting from an observation stand or blind overlooking: standing crops; foods that have been left as a result of normal agricultural operations or as a result of natural occurrence; or bear bait that has been placed at a bear hunting stand or blind in accordance with bear baiting laws.)
- Deer may not be hunted with the use of dogs, artificial lights, snares, traps, set guns or any firearm using .17 or .22 caliber rimfire cartridges, except that .22 caliber rimfire magnum cartridges are permitted. Deer decoys are legal.
- A person may not participate in a hunt for deer during which an organized or planned effort is made to drive deer. Four or more persons working together to move deer constitutes an organized or planned effort to drive deer.
- It is unlawful to hunt deer after having killed or registered one during the open season of that calendar year (except for participants in the expanded archery season on deer — see page 14, or by individuals in possession of a valid bonus antlerless deer permit or superpack antlerless deer permit).
- Gift deer may not be possessed unless clearly labeled with the name and address of the person who registered the animal, and the year it was registered.
- For information on buying, selling or bartering animals, see pages 6 & 7.



THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE CLOSED TO DEER HUNTING

- Mt. Desert Island in Hancock County;
- Cross and Scotch Islands, located in Washington County;
- The town of Isle au Haut and islands within that town, located in Knox County; and
- In wildlife sanctuaries. See exceptions below.

THE FOLLOWING AREAS ARE OPEN TO DEER HUNTING

But with these Special Restrictions:

- **Beauchamp Point Sanctuary:** In Camden and Rockport, Knox County, is open to archery hunting for deer during any open hunting season that allows archery equipment to be used to hunt deer.
- **Cranberry Isles:** In the town of Cranberry Isles, Hancock County, it is lawful to hunt deer with bow and arrow only during the archery and firearms seasons on deer or with shotgun during the firearm season on deer.
- **Frenchboro:** On the island of Frenchboro it is lawful to hunt deer with shotgun only during the firearms season on deer.

- **Islesboro:** In the town of Islesboro, Waldo County, it is lawful to hunt deer during the archery, expanded archery, or firearm season on deer with bow and arrow only during the firearms season on deer.

- **Prout's Neck; Richmond's Island; Cape Elizabeth Sanctuary:** Approximately 1,600 acres of this sanctuary is open to deer hunting with bow and arrow only during the open special archery season and the firearms season on deer.

Note: Landowner permission required.

- **Southport:** In the town of Southport, Lincoln County, and on all islands within its confines, it is lawful to hunt deer with shotguns only, during the firearms season on deer.

Municipal Ordinances: Several Maine cities and towns have adopted local ordinances which restrict or prohibit the discharge of certain projectiles (e.g., arrows, bullets). Prior to hunting near densely populated communities, hunters should check with local authorities regarding such ordinances. Towns may regulate the discharge of firearms as provided by Title 30-A, however, they cannot regulate or charge fees to hunt, fish or trap.

DEER PERMITS & LICENSES

Muzzleloader Permit

- Required for hunters 16 years of age or older prior to hunting deer during the muzzleloader deer season. (See page 12.) The muzzleloader permit is included in the junior hunting license and for individuals who have reached 70 years of age and possess a senior lifetime license.
- A muzzleloader permit, in addition to a valid adult big game hunting license that allows the use of firearms, is required to hunt deer with muzzleloaders during this season.
- Hunter orange clothing is required during this season (see page 10).
- Hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.
- Except as specified, all other laws relating to the taking of deer with firearms shall apply to the taking of deer with muzzleloaders.
- Only muzzleloaders that are 40 caliber or greater and capable of firing only a single charge and crossbows by persons 70 years of age or older may be used to hunt deer during this season. Muzzleloader means a firearm that is capable of being loaded only through the muzzle; is ignited by a matchlock, wheel lock, flintlock, or

caplock, including an in-line caplock or shotgun or rifle primer mechanism; has a rifled or smooth-bored barrel capable of firing only a single charge; propels a ball, bullet, or charge of shot; and may have any type of sights, including scopes.

Expanded Archery Permit

- Restricted to designated areas (contact the Department, or see our website, for maps of areas).
- Archery hunting only.
- Hunters who have a valid archery license will be able to purchase multiple antlerless deer permits for \$12.00* each, and one either sex permit for \$32.00.*
*Plus agent fee
- Deer must be legally transported and registered as required for other deer seasons.
- All other archery deer hunting laws apply.
- Junior hunters may hunt during this season with their junior hunting license.
- The junior hunting license includes one expanded archery antlerless deer permit and one either sex permit. If the hunter wants to take additional deer, unlimited expanded archery antlerless deer permits may be purchased.

Antlerless Deer Permit

- Hunting of antlerless deer during the firearms season and muzzleloader season is restricted to those hunters who possess a valid any-deer permit, bonus antlerless deer permit, or superpack antlerless deer permit.
- Antlerless deer may be taken by hunters during the expanded (September – December) and regular (October) archery seasons. **Archers may not take antlerless deer in WMDs where any-deer permits are not issued.** Any-deer permits are acquired by lottery only and applications are available mid-June.
- In several WMDs, there may be more any-deer permits available than applicants. Unclaimed bonus antlerless deer permits will be allocated in a chance drawing until all permits in that district have been issued.
- **Maine's antlerless deer (firearms) hunt is a "permit only" hunt. Information on this hunt is contained in a separate publication.** Contact the Department at (207) 287-8000 for more information or visit our website at mefishwildlife.com. ■

DEER SURVEY RESULTS

MDIF&W biologists annually collect weather related data (i.e., temperature, snow depth, and deer sinking depth) from 27 representative sites across Maine to calculate a weather severity index. The index provides MDIF&W with an all-inclusive (i.e., accounts for predation, malnutrition, physical limitations of deer, etc....) estimate of over-winter mortality rates. The metric has been used since 1973 to estimate annual over-winter mortality of white-tailed deer at the statewide and WMD levels. Since the correlation between WSI (Winter Severity Index) and WMR (Winter Mortality Rate) was identified, the metric has become one of the cornerstones of Maine's deer management system.

Because the metric is derived from an ecological relationship, which may change through time, we must continue to monitor the efficacy of the metric to

maintain our high standards of wildlife management.

As such, MDIF&W has initiated a 5-year population monitoring project using GPS- Satellite collar technology to track survival/mortality trends associated with Maine's antlerless deer populations. The primary goals of the monitoring project are to:

1. Reevaluate the correlation between WSI and WMR for white-tailed deer,
2. Assess seasonal survival rates for the adult female (≥ 1.5 years) and fawn segments of the population,
3. Assess cause-specific mortality of our adult female and fawn populations, and
4. Reassess the current winter severity index and try to identify a new, and more simplistic metric.
5. Begin to understand predator-prey dynamics for white-tailed deer, in Maine.



NOTICE TO DOG OWNERS

It is unlawful to allow any dog to run at large at any time, except when used for hunting. ("AT LARGE" means off the premises of the owner and not under the control of any person by means of personal presence or attention.) It is unlawful to allow any dog to chase, wound, or kill a deer or moose at any time or any other wild animal in closed season.

REPORTING ACCIDENTS & AIDING VICTIMS

Any person who knows or has reason to believe that they have inflicted injury to another person by the use of firearms or bow and arrow is required to make themselves known to the victim and render such first aid and assistance as they are capable of under the circumstances. The incident must be reported by the quickest means, to a game warden or other law enforcement officer.

HARASSMENT OF HUNTERS

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



HUNTERS FOR THE HUNGRY

Attention hunters! Some Maine citizens lack adequate nutrition. A gift of meat from your hunt can help reduce hunger in Maine.

Hunters for the Hungry is a program for donating wild game meat to food kitchens, shelters, and charitable organizations statewide.

To find out how you can help call **1-888-4DEERME (433-3763)**.

2016 DEER SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SEASON	DATES	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMIT
Expanded Archery (limited area/permit required)	September 10 - December 10, 2016	<p>Only 1 may be taken annually.</p> <p>Exception: Additional deer may be taken by participants in the Expanded Archery Season within the expanded archery zones or by anyone possessing a bonus antlerless deer permit or superpack antlerless deer permit.</p>
Regular Archery (Statewide)	September 29 - October 28, 2016	
Firearms (allows use of bow and arrow, crossbows*, firearms, or muzzleloaders)	Maine Residents Only: October 29, 2016	
	All Hunters: October 31 - November 26, 2016	
Youth Deer Hunting Day	October 22, 2016	
Muzzleloader	Week 1: All Wildlife Management Districts (WMD's) November 28 - December 3, 2016	
	Week 2: WMD's 12, 13, 15-18, 20-26, 29 December 5 - December 10, 2016	

All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday. *See page 11 for information on the use of crossbows.

Deer & Moose

CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE (CWD)

What is CWD

- CWD is a fatal brain disease of white-tailed deer, mule deer, caribou, moose, and elk. It is similar to mad cow disease which occurs in cattle.
- CWD occurs in wild deer populations in 18 states and 2 provinces in the U.S. and Canada, including within states as close as Pennsylvania and New York.
- CWD has not yet been recorded as being transmissible to people. However, a human variant of the disease does exist.
- CWD can persist in the environment outside of a host for many years.
- CWD has a 100% mortality rate in deer.

CWD Monitoring and Prevention in Maine

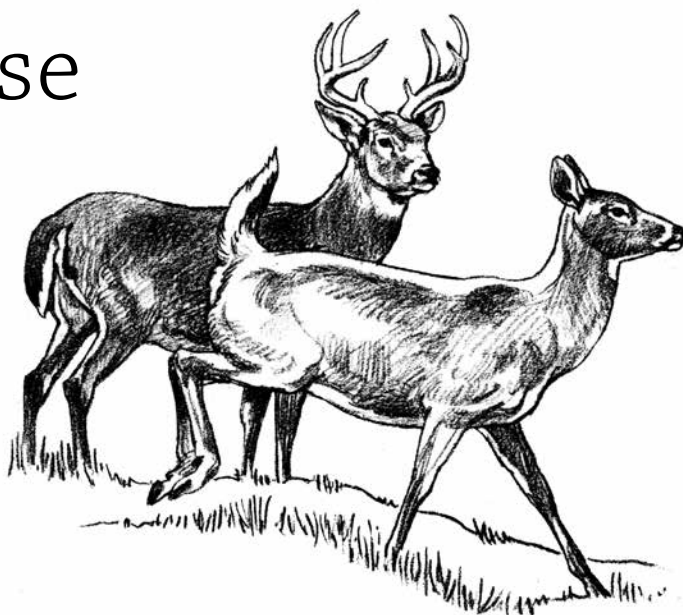
- Maine has actively monitored for CWD each year since 1999, and since that time screened approximately 9,000 wild deer. Thus far, Maine proudly remains CWD free.
- It is illegal for individuals to bring into Maine cervid carcasses or parts, except that the following carcass parts may be imported and possessed: boned-out meat, hardened antlers, skull caps that have been cleaned free of brain and other tissues, capes and hides with no skull attached, teeth, and finished taxidermy mounts.

REGULATIONS ON FEEDING DEER

The commissioner can stop anyone from feeding deer when it is deemed to be a public safety hazard or detrimental to the deer population.

WASTE OF GAME

A person may not waste a wild bird or wild animal that has been wounded or killed while hunting. For purposes of this section “waste” means to intentionally leave a wounded or killed animal in the field or forest without making a reasonable effort to retrieve and render it for consumption or use. This law does not apply to coyotes.



Note: Cervid carcasses or parts from New Hampshire and provinces of New Brunswick, Labrador, Newfoundland, and Quebec are exempt from this transportation restriction.

- MDIFW prohibits the transportation of unprocessed deer carcasses, and/or parts, into Maine from states that are not directly adjacent to our state.
- MDIF&W will not transplant deer from other states into Maine.

MDIFW Recommends that Individuals:

- Contact their regional wildlife biologist, or warden, if an animal shows clinical signs of illness, such as loss of fear of humans, drooling, and/or excessive weight loss.
- Take precautionary steps such as using latex gloves while processing a harvested deer, and sterilizing their equipment following processing. These steps will help to reduce potential transmission of the

disease to humans. Again, thus far CWD has not been identified in a person.

- Avoid consumption of the brain and spinal tissues.
- Refrain from feeding deer during the winter months as high densities of deer within a small area can increase disease transmission.
- Do not use urine based lures as CWD has been shown to be spread via bodily fluids. To the best of our knowledge commercial lures are not currently monitored for CWD. If you choose to utilize urine-based lures be certain to place it in a location that deer cannot come in contact with. ■

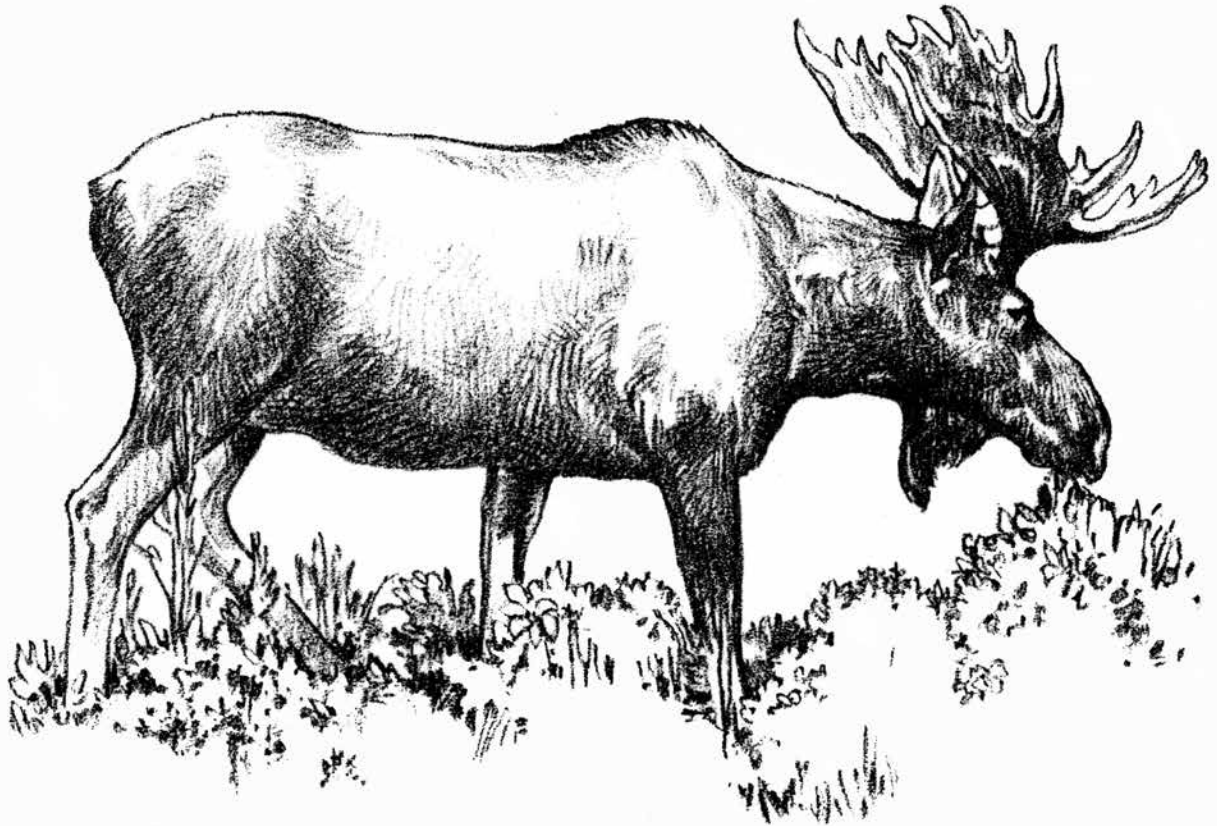
CAUTION ON LIVER & KIDNEY CONSUMPTION

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention recommend that the liver and kidneys of moose not be eaten because of possible contamination with the heavy metal cadmium. Also, recent studies have shown smaller amounts of cadmium in liver tissues from Maine deer, and deer, elk and antelope from other States. Maine health officials recommend that deer liver consumption be limited to 0.8 pounds in one sitting and 1 to 1 ½ pounds per week. Human symptoms of acute cadmium poisoning include severe nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle cramps and salivation. There is no known health risk from eating moose meat or deer meat.

DEPARTMENT CHECK STATIONS

Our wildlife biologists annually collect information that allows the Department to assess the condition and productivity of Maine's deer population. Much of the information we collect comes from hunter harvested deer. As such, the information you provide us with is used directly for deer management purposes, in Maine. A summary of the information we collect from you can be found within our Annual Research and Management Reports.

Moose Hunting



MOOSE HUNTING PERMIT

Maine's moose hunt is a "permit only" hunt. Information on this hunt is contained in a separate publication. 2,140 permits were issued for the 2016 moose hunt. Each permittee may select a subpermittee to hunt with them. Applications are available by January 31. A person may not hunt moose with an apprenticeship license. The bag limit is one moose per year, by either permittee or subpermittee.

Permits for 70 years old and older:

A resident 70 years of age or older with 30 points or more in the moose lottery system who applies for a moose permit is guaranteed a permit.

Permits for sporting camp owners:

In any year when moose permit numbers exceed 3,140 persons who operate a sporting camp and meet specific requirements defined in the law may apply for a moose permit through a chance drawing which is separate from the regular moose lottery. Contact the Department at (207) 287-8000 for more information or visit our website at mefishwildlife.com. ■

2016 MOOSE PERMIT HUNT SEASONS

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT	DATES
1-6, 11, 19	September 26 - October 1, 2016
1-14, 17-19, 27, 28	October 10 - October 15, 2016
1-4, 19	October 24 - October 29, 2016
15, 16, 23, 25, 26	October 31 - November 26, 2016
15, 16, 23, 25, 26 <i>Maine Resident Permit Holders Only</i>	October 29, 2016

*All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday.
See page 11 for information on the use of crossbows.*

Wild Turkey Hunting

Anyone who possesses a big game or small game firearms license or archery license may obtain a combination spring/fall wild turkey permit.

LANDOWNERS

The following laws and regulations are specific to spring and fall wild turkey hunting seasons. Hunters must also comply with all other applicable fish and wildlife laws.

Any private landowner is eligible to hunt wild turkeys on their own land without a turkey hunting permit if:

1. That person owns a particular piece of land that is 25 or more contiguous acres in size and is located within the turkey hunting zone designated for the season that they wish to hunt;
2. That person is permanently domiciled on that land;
3. The land is managed for the raising and selling of dairy cattle, dairy products, or beef cattle; and
4. The land is open to hunting including hunting by permission only. Any family member permanently domiciled on that land is also eligible to hunt wild turkeys on that land without a permit. (Family member means any family member, including spouse, grandchildren, etc. who resides on the property). A landowner must provide proof of eligibility if requested by an agent of the commissioner. All other standard reporting and tagging procedures are required. Turkey may be taken during any open week of the season. Landowners are allowed a bag limit of 2 bearded wild turkeys in the spring season and 2 turkeys of either sex in the fall season. Please check the WMD in which you are hunting as some are closed, some are open with a bag limit of one turkey, and some are open with a bag limit of two turkeys.

WILD TURKEY TO BE TAGGED

Any person killing a wild turkey shall immediately and securely attach to its leg a plainly visible tag bearing his/her full name, address and license number. A gift turkey must be labeled with the name and address of the person who registered it and the year the turkey was registered.

WILD TURKEY TRANSPORTATION

Any wild turkey being moved or transported in any manner must have a tag securely attached, and it must be accompanied by

the person who killed it. Unless the wild turkey has been legally registered, no person shall keep a wild turkey at his/her home or at any place of storage (except at the official registration station or at the office of a Maine Game Warden) for more than eighteen (18) hours without first notifying a game warden.

WILD TURKEY REGISTRATION

All wild turkeys taken by hunters shall be presented for registration within 18 hours at one of the registration stations established for that purpose. The entire turkey, except the viscera, shall be presented. The fee to register a wild turkey is \$2.00. All radio transmitters, leg bands and wing tags must be submitted to the Department at the time of registration.

WILD TURKEY HUNTING PROHIBITIONS

No Person May:

1. Employ the use of a dog or dogs in any manner while hunting turkey except during the fall season;
2. Engage in an organized drive of any manner;
3. Use bait;
4. Use a trap or other device intended or designed to capture or ensnare wild turkeys;
5. Shoot a turkey while it is in a tree;
6. Present a wild turkey for registration, or allow to be registered in his or her name, any wild turkey which he/she did not lawfully kill;
7. Hunt wild turkeys within a WMD which is closed to hunting wild turkeys.
8. Possess any part or parts of a wild turkey unless each part is plainly labeled with the name and address of the person who registered the turkey, and the year it was registered;
9. Buy, sell (or offer for sale or barter) any wild turkey (except the plumage of legally taken turkeys), or to counsel or otherwise aid in buying, selling or offering for sale or barter any wild turkey, except the plumage.
10. Hunt or register a wild turkey during the spring turkey season after having killed two turkeys or after having registered two turkeys during the spring turkey season. It is unlawful for any person to hunt or register a wild turkey during the fall turkey season after having killed two turkeys or after having registered two turkeys during the fall turkey season.

QUESTIONNAIRES

A sample of wild turkey permit holders, including those who did not hunt or were unsuccessful, will be asked to complete a questionnaire provided by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and return it to the Department within a period of 10 days after the close of the wild turkey hunting season. Information provided by hunters is an important part of the Department's wild turkey management program.

WILD TURKEY LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

Legal hunting time is from ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset.

WILD TURKEY LICENSING, PERMIT, GENERAL BAG LIMITS & WHO MAY HUNT

License & Permit

The spring and fall wild turkey hunting seasons are open to all hunters with appropriate licenses.

A combination spring/fall wild turkey permit is required in addition to a valid hunting license that allows hunting of big game or small game.

A combined spring/fall permit is available for \$20.00*.

**Plus agent fee.*

General Bag Limits

The spring/fall turkey permit allows the taking of two (2) bearded wild turkeys in the spring and two (2) wild turkeys of either sex in the fall, but an individual WMD bag limit cannot be exceeded.

Who May Hunt

The turkey hunter must possess the spring/fall wild turkey permit and their hunting license at all times while hunting. A person may assist in a hunt without a license or permit for that activity as long as that person does not carry a firearm, archery or crossbow equipment (means to kill).



SPRING WILD TURKEY HUNTING

The spring wild turkey hunting season is open to turkey hunting statewide (Wildlife Management Districts 1–29).

Equipment

- **Shotgun:** A person can use shotgun gauges 10 through 20, using shot sizes 4 through 6 or mixed loads that include shot sizes 4 through 7. A person must possess a valid hunting license and a turkey permit.
- **Bow & Arrow:** A person must possess a valid hunting license or an archery license, and a turkey permit.
- **Crossbow:** A crossbow may be used to hunt wild turkeys during the spring wild turkey hunting season. A person hunting with a crossbow must possess either a valid big game firearms hunting license or an archery license as well as a turkey

permit and crossbow permit. (A person must have taken an archery and crossbow hunting education course or show proof that they have previously held an archery and crossbow hunting license prior to purchasing their crossbow permit).

- **Dogs:** It is unlawful to hunt with dogs during the spring wild turkey season.
- **Electronic Calling Devices:** The use of electronic calling devices are legal.

FALL WILD TURKEY HUNTING

Equipment

- **Shotgun:** A person can use shotgun gauges 10 through 20, using shot sizes 4 through 6 or mixed loads that include shot sizes 4 through 7. A person must possess a valid hunting license and a turkey permit.

- **Bow & Arrow:** A person must possess a valid hunting license or an archery license, and a turkey permit.
 - **Crossbow:** Only a person 70 years of age and older and persons with a crossbow disability permit may hunt with a crossbow with a valid hunting license and a turkey permit.
 - **Electronic Calling Devices:** The use of electronic calling devices are legal.
 - **Dogs:** The use of dogs are legal to hunt wild turkey during the fall season.
- Note:** The fall shotgun wild turkey season involves tactics that are different from the “sit and call” approach and hunters are reminded to use extreme caution while hunting. ■

2016-17 WILD TURKEY SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SEASON	DATES AND BAG LIMITS
Fall Wild Turkey (bow and arrow or shotgun)	Wildlife Management Districts 15-17, 20-25, 28 October 1 - November 7, 2016 2 Wild Turkeys, either sex, any age
	Wildlife Management Districts 10-13, 18-19, 26, and 29 October 1 - November 7, 2016 1 Wild Turkey, either sex, any age
	Wildlife Management Districts 1-9, 14, and 27 Closed to Hunting
Spring Wild Turkey (bow and arrow, crossbow or shotgun)	Wildlife Management Districts 7, 9-29 May 1 – June 3, 2017 2 bearded Wild Turkeys
	Wildlife Management District 8 May 1 – June 3, 2017 1 bearded Wild Turkey*
	Wildlife Management Districts 1-6 Season A**, Week 1: May 1 – May 6, 2017 and May 15 – May 20, 2017 1 bearded Wild Turkey*
	Wildlife Management Districts 1-6 Season B**, Week 1: May 8 – May 13, 2017 and May 22 – May 27, 2017 1 bearded Wild Turkey*
	Wildlife Management Districts 1-6 All hunters: May 29 – June 3, 2017 1 bearded Wild Turkey*
Youth Spring Wild Turkey Hunting Day April 29, 2017 May take up to 2 bearded Wild Turkeys from WMD's that have a 2 bird limit.	

All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday.

See page 11 for information on the use of crossbows.

*May take up to 2 turkeys for the season, but the second turkey MUST come from a WMD listed as having a 2 bird limit.

**During “odd” numbered years hunters with “odd” birth years will be authorized to hunt during Season A; hunters with “even” birth years will be authorized to hunt during Season B. During “even” numbered years, hunters with “even” birth years will be authorized to hunt during season A; hunters with “odd” birth years will be authorized to hunt during Season B.

Other Species Hunting

OTHER SPECIES PERMITS & LICENSES

Pheasant Permit

A Pheasant Permit is required for hunters 16 years of age or older hunting on an adult license, in order to hunt or possess pheasant in Cumberland & York counties. Revenue derived from this permit is dedicated to the acquisition of pheasants which are raised and released by private fish and game clubs.

Coyote Night Hunting Permit

A Coyote Night Hunting Permit (which is valid from January 1 - December 31) is required to hunt coyote at night (1/2 hour after sunset until 1/2 hour before sunrise) from December 16 to August 31. Hunting under this permit is prohibited from 11:59 p.m. on Saturday until 12:01 a.m. on Monday. Hunters must be in possession of an electronic, hand-held or mouth-operated predator calling device. See Hunting with Dogs on page 23. The fee for this permit is \$4*. Artificial lights may be used. In addition, the commissioner may appoint agents to hunt for coyotes at night using artificial illumination from September 1 to December 15. The commissioner shall develop policies to make the affected public and affected law enforcement officers aware of any night hunting operation.

*Plus agent fee.

ATTENTION GROUSE HUNTERS

The Department is collaborating with the University of Maine on a research project to better understand the population dynamics of ruffed grouse. As part of this research we will be marking ruffed grouse using leg bands and radio collars in a number of areas throughout the state. If you shoot a banded grouse, please report your harvest using the contact information printed on the bird's leg band.

Falconry License

A falconry license, in addition to a regular hunting license, is required of persons who engage in falconry. Copies of the regulations pertaining to this type of hunting are available upon request. To obtain a falconry license, contact the Department.

Crows

Crows are neither migratory waterfowl or migratory game birds. The use of lead shot and the use of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells is permitted. A migratory waterfowl stamp is not required.

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

The Following Shall be Considered Migratory Gamebirds

Anatidae or waterfowl, including brant, wild ducks, and geese; Rallidae or rails, including coots, sora, and other rails; Wilson's Snipe & American Woodcock.

Migratory Waterfowl Permit

The State Migratory Waterfowl Permit is required of anyone 16 years of age or older if they are hunting on an adult license, but is not required if continuing to hunt on a junior license for the remainder of the calendar year. Anyone who turns 16, whether hunting on an adult license or a junior license, must purchase a Federal Stamp. See page 32 for more information. A Migratory Waterfowl permit is not required to hunt woodcock, snipe, rails, or crow. ■

2016-17 OTHER SPECIES SEASON AND BAG LIMITS

SEASON	DATES	BAG LIMIT	POSSESSION LIMIT
Pheasant*	October 1 - December 31, 2016	2	4
Ruffed Grouse (Partridge)	October 1 - December 31, 2016	4	8
Bobwhite Quail	October 1 - December 31, 2016	4	8
Crow	WMDs 1 – 6: August 1 - September 23, 2016 February 4 - April 15, 2017 WMDs 7 – 29: August 1 - September 23, 2016 January 20 - March 31, 2017		No Limit
Gray Squirrel	October 1 - December 31, 2016		
Gray Squirrel (Falconry)	October 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017	4	8
Snowshoe Hare	October 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017 Season on Island of Vinalhaven: October 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017	4	8
Bobcat**	December 1, 2016 - February 14, 2017		No Limit
Fox	October 17, 2016 - February 28, 2017		No Limit
Raccoon	October 1 - December 31, 2016		No Limit
Skunk & Opossum	October 17 - December 31, 2016		No Limit
Coyote**	During daylight hunting hours January 1 - December 31, 2016 Night hunting (see info to the left) December 16, 2016 - August 31, 2017		No Limit
Woodchuck, Red Squirrel, & Porcupine	No closed season for hunting		No Limit
Cottontail Rabbit, Spruce Grouse, Lynx	No Open Season		

All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday. See page 11 for information on the use of crossbows.

*In York and Cumberland counties, a permit is required to hunt or possess pheasant. Permit is not required to hunt or possess pheasant throughout the remainder of the State.

**Species must be tagged within 10 days of the close of the season. Bobcat must be tagged within 72 hours of harvest.

Bear Hunting

BEAR HUNTING PERMIT

The fee for this permit is \$27.00* for residents and \$74.00* for nonresidents and aliens. **A bear permit is required to hunt bear prior to the firearm season on deer. During the firearms season on deer, nonresidents and aliens are required to obtain a permit to hunt bear. The fee for this permit is \$40.00*.** Although this permit is not required to trap for bear, you do need a trapping license and a bear trapping permit to trap for bear.

*Plus agent fee.

BAIT

Bait may not be used to hunt for bear from September 26, 2016 to November 26, 2016. Hunting with the use of bait is defined as hunting from an observation stand, blind or other location which overlooks any bait or food except standing crops and foods that have been left as a result of normal agricultural operations or natural occurrence. "Bear bait" means any animal or plant, or derivative of an animal or plant, used to attract bear. "Bear bait" does not include any packaging or container materials that fall within the definition of litter under Title 17, §2263. A person may not place any medicinal, poisonous, or stupefying substance to entice any animal, including bear.

Bait may not be placed to entice, hunt or trap black bear unless:

- The bait is placed at least 50 yards from any travel way that is accessible by a conventional 2-wheel or 4-wheel drive vehicle;
- The observation stand, blind, or bait area is plainly labeled with a 2 inch by 4 inch tag with the name and address of the baiter;
- The bait is placed more than 500 yards from any solid waste disposal site or campground;
- The bait is placed more than 500 yards from an occupied dwelling, unless written permission is granted by the owner or leasee;
- Although bait can be used to assist dog hunters & trappers after the bait season closes, it is illegal to shoot a bear over bait after Sept. 24, 2016;

- The bait areas will be cleaned up by November 10 as defined by the State litter laws; and
- The person hunting from any stand or blind of another person has permission of the owner of that stand or blind.
- Landowner permission (oral or in writing) is required to place bait on another person's land.
- Bait may not be placed more than 30 days before opening day of the season and not after October 31.

A permit is required from Inland Fisheries & Wildlife to place bait on wildlife management areas for the purpose of hunting bear. Contact the wildlife biologist in your administrative region, which can be found on page 37, to apply for a bear baiting permit.

A permit is required from the Bureau of Parks and Lands, (207) 287-3821, to place bait on Public Reserved Land for the purpose of hunting bear. Baiting of animals is prohibited in State Parks and Historic Sites.

BEAR HUNTING PROHIBITIONS

- A person cannot within 50 yards of a bait site and without written permission hunt, trap, molest or harass bear or release a dog or dogs to hunt bear or train dogs on bear. A person cannot disturb the bait site by using chemicals or interfere with the bait site in any other way.
- Dogs may not be used to hunt bear during the open firearm season on deer.
- No more than 6 dogs may be used at any one time to hunt for bear.
- Nonresidents may not use a dog or dogs to hunt for bear unless they employ and hunt in the presence of a resident Maine guide. This section does not apply to nonresidents who hold a valid Maine guide license — they may hunt bear with

the use of dogs themselves and guide residents but not nonresidents. The total number of clients with a licensed guide may not be more than five.

- No firearm may be used for bear hunting which uses .17 or .22 caliber rimfire cartridges or shotguns with shotloads.
- You may not kill or wound a bear that is treed or held at bay by another person's dog or dogs unless you have permission from the person conducting the hunt.
- You may not hunt or trap bear or release dogs to hunt for bear within 500 yards from sites permitted or licensed for the disposal of solid waste.
- Prior to registration, bears may be cut up for ease of transportation, but all parts of the bear (except for the viscera and rib cage) must be presented and in such a manner that the sex of the animal can be determined.
- It is unlawful to hunt bear after having killed and registered two (one by hunting, one by trapping) during the open season of that calendar year.
- Gift bear may not be possessed unless each part is clearly labeled with the name and address of the person who registered the animal and the year in which it was registered.
- For information on buying, selling or bartering animals, see page pages 6 & 7.
- For information on tracking wounded bear, deer or moose with a Leashed Dog Tracking License see page 23.

Note: Hunters are required to remove a premolar tooth from the bear they harvest and provide the tooth when they register their bear. Hunters will receive instructions at the registration station or can go online. Hunters will be notified of the age of the bear they harvested on the Bear Hunting Page on the Department's website next August. ■

2016 BEAR SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SEASON	DATES	DAILY BAG & POSSESSION LIMIT
General Hunting	August 29 - November 26, 2016	
Hunting with Dogs	September 12 - October 28, 2016	2 may be taken annually — 1 by hunting, 1 by trapping
Hunting with Bait	August 29 - September 24, 2016	
Trapping	September 1 - October 31, 2016	Bait can be placed starting July 30
Youth Bear Hunting Day	August 27, 2016	

All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday.

See page 11 for information on the use of crossbows.

For information on bear trapping, see page 22.

Bear Trapping

BEAR TRAPPING PERMIT

A bear trapping permit and a trapping license is required to set a trap for a bear during the bear trapping season from September 1 – October 31 annually. You are allowed to take one bear by trapping and one bear by hunting annually (see page 21). The fee for a bear trapping permit is \$27 for residents and \$67 for non-residents and aliens*.

*Plus agent fee.

If you trap for black bear you are required to follow the same general rules that apply to the labeling of traps, the tending of traps and the need to obtain landowner permission. If you trap a bear, you are required to follow the same transportation and registration rules as those for bear which have been taken by hunting (see page 23). In addition, you are required to follow other rules which apply specifically to bear trapping, as follows:

- You are not allowed to have more than one trap set for bear at any time.
- The only trap you are allowed to use when trapping for bear is a cable trap (foot snare), and cage type live trap.
- The Belisle foot snare is prohibited.
- When using a cable trap, the trap must have a closing diameter of not less than 2½ inches.
- Each cable trap must be set at or below ground level in such a manner as to catch the animal only by the foot or leg. All bear traps must be tended at least once each day.
- You are not allowed to catch a bear in a trap and allow another person to kill or register the bear.
- You are not allowed to continue to trap for bear after you have already killed or registered one in a trap.
- Bears caught in traps must be killed or released and not moved away from the catch site. A bear caught in a trap may not be used in conjunction with a hunt or to train a dog for bear hunting.
- The same rules apply to hunting and trapping for bear with the use of bait. (See page 21 for rules about the use of bear baits.)

FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION PROGRAM

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937, commonly known as the Pittman- Robertson (PR) Act established a “User Pay/User Benefit” philosophy for funding State wildlife restoration and conservation efforts directed towards America’s wildlife resources. These funds have played a vital role in the management of Maine’s wildlife since they were first used in 1939 to enhance the Department’s wildlife management capabilities. Revenues are collected from excise taxes on firearms,

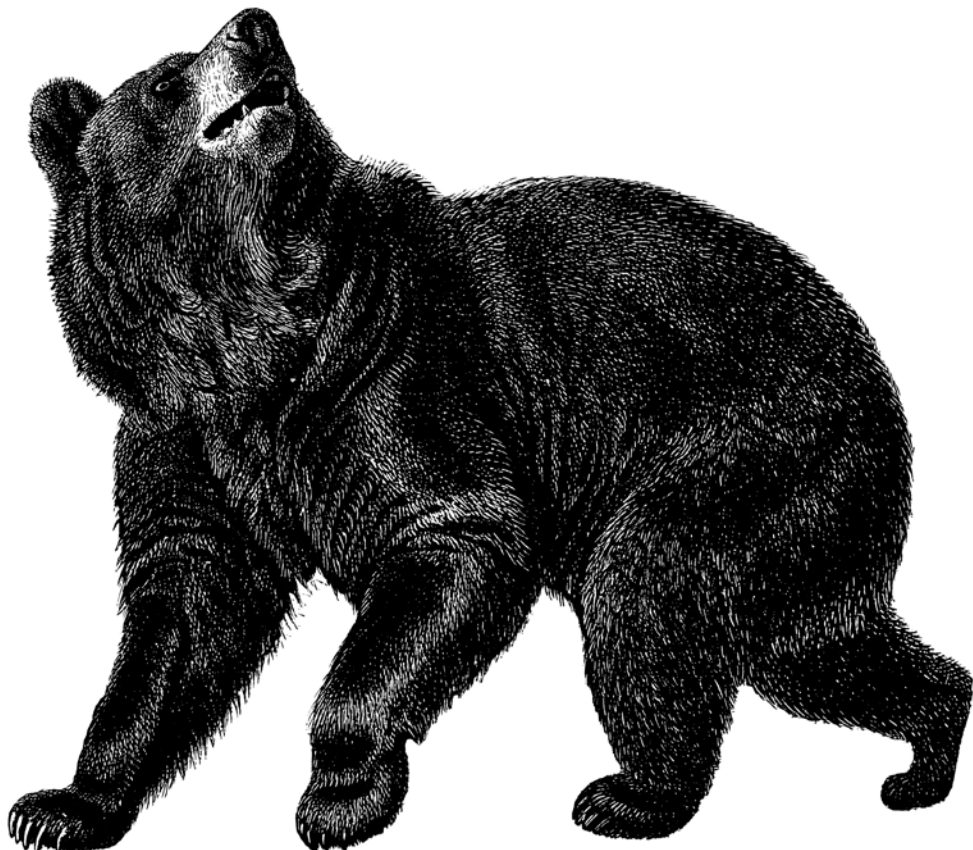
ammunition, pistols, revolvers, bows and arrows and deposited in the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Fund.

These funds support a wide array of projects in Maine which include: wildlife population assessments, long-range species management planning, development of management recommendations, implementation of management programs, acquisition and management of wildlife habitat, and hunter education.

- A line of demarcation of at least 500 yards shall be established at sites permitted or licensed for the disposal of solid waste. A person may not trap within the demarcation area (except that an agent of

the commissioner is exempt for the purpose of live trapping of nuisance bear).

- All trapping licenses are issued from the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife office in Augusta. Trapping licenses cannot be purchased online. ■



Tagging, Transportation & Registration

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

Prior to presenting a bear, deer, moose, or wild turkey for registration, a person may not possess or leave that animal in the field or forest unless that person has securely attached a plainly visible tag to the animal with that person's, name, address, and license number on the tag.

TRANSPORTING HARVESTED ANIMALS

A person may not transport a harvested wild animal or wild bird unless that animal or bird is lawfully possessed by the person. Once the animal or bird has been registered, it may be transported by another person. A person may not present for registration or allow to be registered in that person's name, a bear, deer, moose, or wild turkey that the person did not lawfully kill.

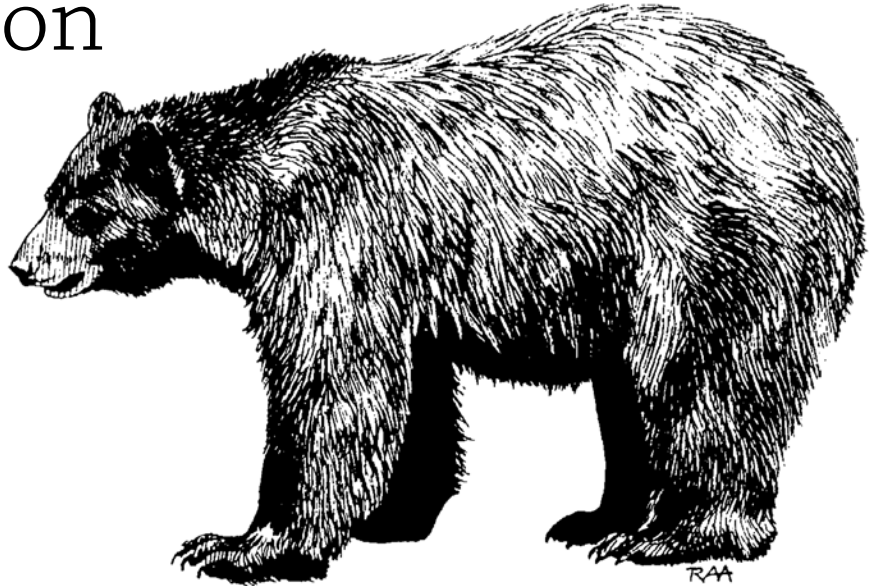
TRANSPORTATION PRIOR TO REGISTRATION

Prior to registration, a person may not transport a harvested bear, deer, moose, or wild turkey unless that animal is open to view. For purposes of this section, "open to view" means the animal is not concealed and can be readily observed in whole or in part from outside of the vehicle or trailer being used to transport the animal.

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

A Person who Kills a Bear, Deer, Moose, or Wild Turkey Must:

1. Remain with the animal until it is registered, exceptions found in Time Limits for Registering section.
2. Present that animal for registration in that person's name at the first open registration station for that animal on the route taken by that person; and
3. Leave the registration seal attached to the animal until the animal is processed and packaged for consumption.
4. Pay a fee of \$5.00 for registration of a bear, deer or moose (of this fee, \$2 is retained by the agent and \$1 is dedicated to a Deer Habitat Enhancement Fund.) The wild turkey registration fee is \$2.00.



HUNTING WITH DOGS AND DOG TRAINING

Dog Training Season

- Dogs may be trained on fox, snowshoe hare, and raccoons from July 1 through the following March 31. It is unlawful to use or possess a firearm, other than a pistol or a shotgun, loaded with blank ammunition, while training dogs on fox, snowshoe hare, or raccoons (except during the open hunting season on these species). Dogs may be used to hunt wild hares during the firearm season on deer.
- Residents may train up to 6 dogs on bear from July 1 to August 25, 2016 except in portions of Washington and Hancock counties that are situated south of Route 9.
- Sporting dogs may be trained on wild birds (does not include wild turkey) at any time. The commissioner may authorize the use of firearms during such training to shoot and kill wild birds propagated or legally acquired by the permittee and possessed in accordance with the laws pertaining to breeders licenses.
- A person must possess a valid hunting license to engage in these activities, except Sunday or when training on pen-raised birds.
- A person may not hunt with a dog in pursuit of bear, coyote or bobcat unless the dog has a collar that legibly provides the name, telephone number and address of the owner of that dog.
- A person or persons may not use more than 6 dogs at any one time to hunt bear, bobcat, and coyote.
- A person may not use a dog to hunt coyotes or bear during the period from 1/2 hour after sunset to 1/2 hour before sunrise.
- For more information on hunting bears with dogs see page 21.

A person with a suspended or revoked license may not train dogs.

Leashed Dog Tracking License

A license is available which allows the tracking of wounded deer, moose, and bear with dogs. The fee for this license is \$25. The fee for a 3-year license is \$81. A person who holds a valid license may charge a fee for dog tracking services without having to hold a guides license as long as that is the only service provided. Contact the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife for details.

TIME LIMITS FOR REGISTERING

A person may not keep an unregistered bear, deer, moose or wild turkey at home or any place of storage for more than 18 hours. This does not apply to an animal that is kept in an official registration station for the animal or at the office of a game warden. A person may leave an unregistered harvested animal in the woods if that person notifies a game warden within 18 hours as to the location of that animal and the circumstances necessitating leaving that animal in the woods.

A person on a hunting trip in an unorganized township and staying at a temporary place of lodging may keep an unregistered harvested animal at the temporary place of lodging for no more than 7 days or until that person leaves the woods, whichever comes first.

A person may not possess a bear, deer, moose, or wild turkey that has not been legally registered except as otherwise provided in the statutes regarding nuisance animals or animals causing damage.

Bobcats taken by hunting must be tagged by a Department employee within 72 hours from the time they were taken.

CONDITION OF ANIMAL PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION

A person may not present a bear, deer, moose or wild turkey for registration unless it is presented in its entirety, except that the viscera and rib cage of the animal may be removed in a manner that still allows the determination of the sex of the animal.

Moose: A moose may be dismembered for ease of transportation, and the lower legs, head and hide of a moose may be removed. If the head of the moose is not brought to the registration station, a canine tooth or the lower jaw must be presented at the time of registration. Parts of a moose not presented for registration may not be placed where they are visible to a person traveling on a public or private way.

Bear: Hunters are required to remove a premolar tooth from the bear they harvest and provide the tooth when they register their bear. Hunters will receive instructions at the registration station or can go online. Hunters will be notified of the age of the bear they harvested on the Bear Hunting Page on the Department's website next August.

POSSESSION OF GIFT BEAR, DEER, MOOSE, OR WILD TURKEY

A person may not possess any part or parts of a bear, deer, moose, or wild turkey given to that person unless that gift bear, deer, moose or wild turkey is plainly labeled with the name and address of the person who registered it and the year it was registered. ■

BIG BUCK CLUB

Maine has a club for deer hunters called "The Biggest Bucks in Maine Club," which is sponsored by:

The Maine Sportsman
183 State Street, Suite 101
Augusta, ME 04330

To qualify, the minimum dressed weight (without heart, lungs, and liver) must be 200 pounds. Application blanks are available from the Department wardens and biologists or by calling the Maine Sportsman at (207) 622-4242.



Hunting Areas

STATE PARKS AND HISTORIC SITES

The Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry, Bureau of Parks and Lands manages one-half million acres of land in Maine for a mix of activities, including hunting and trapping, for its citizens and visitors. The safety of all visitors is of primary concern to the bureau. Certain heavily developed and high-use areas are closed to hunting for all or part of the year. At other areas, the bureau provides as many hunting and trapping opportunities as are reasonable and consistent with its mandates and visitor safety.

Hunters and trappers are asked to exercise due caution and care for the safety and enjoyment of other visitors when using Bureau lands by obeying posted information and the rules listed below.

General hunting, except where specifically prohibited, is allowed from the first day after Labor day to May 31. Hunting and trapping shall take place in conformity with the laws of the State of Maine, rules of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and local ordinances. Trapping on state park or historic site land in organized townships requires the written permission

of the Bureau. There will be no hunting allowed in the restricted zone of the Allagash Wilderness Waterway between May 1 and September 30.

- Hunting is not allowed in any Memorial or Historic Site.
- Hunting is not allowed at Andrews Beach; that portion of Bradbury Mountain State Park west of State Route 9; Cobscook Bay; Crescent Beach and Kettle Cove; Damariscotta Lake; Ferry Beach; Holbrook Island Sanctuary; Nickerson Lake; Owls Head Light; that portion of Quoddy Head within 1,000 feet of the lighthouse; Reid, Sebago Lake, Shackford Head, Two Lights, and Wolfe's Neck Woods State Parks.
- Work areas and areas with significant public use may be posted and closed to hunting from time to time in the interest of public safety.
- The discharging of any weapons from or within 300 feet of any designated trail, picnic area, camping area, campsite, parking area, building, boat launching site or other developed area or bridge is prohibited. Loaded weapons are not allowed on the treadway of any trail posted "Closed to hunting".
- The baiting of any animal for the purpose of hunting is not allowed.

For More Information

Please call (207) 287-3821, TTY (207) 287-2213 or write to:
Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands
22 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333-0022

PUBLIC RESERVED LANDS

Firearms: Loaded firearms are not permitted in campsites, on marked hiking trails, or at boat launching sites and picnic sites and shall not be discharged within 300 feet of such areas.

Bear Hunting: A permit is required from the Maine Bureau of Parks and Lands to place bait on Public Reserved Land for the purpose of hunting bear.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREAS

All Wildlife Management Areas (WMA), except Steve Powell WMA (Swan Island) and portions of Steep Falls and Killick Pond WMA, owned are open for general law hunting and trapping. A full list of these areas can be found online at: mefishwildlife.com. Camping, fires, and permanent observation stands are all prohibited on Department-owned WMAs.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES (NWR)

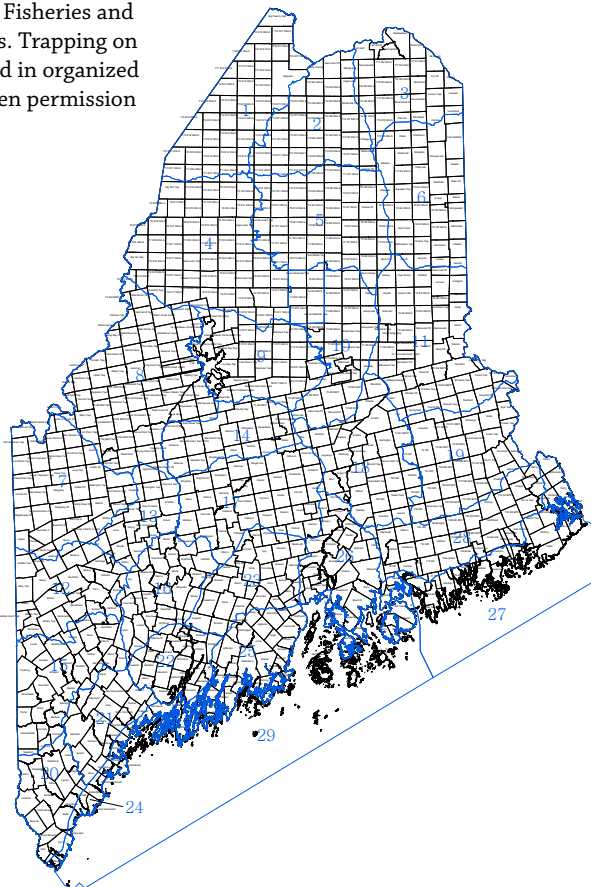
Note: On National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on federal refuge regulations, contact:

- **Rachel Carson NWR**
321 Port Road, Wells, ME 04090
(207) 646-9226
- **Maine Coastal Islands NWR**
PO Box 279, Milbridge, ME 04658
(207) 594-0600
- **Sunkhaze Meadows NWR**
103 Headquarters Rd, Baring, ME 04694
(207) 454-7161
- **Moosehorn NWR**
(Baring and Edmunds Units)
RR #1, Box 202
Baring, ME 04694
(207) 454-7161
- **Lake Umbagog NWR**
PO Box 240
Errol, NH 03579
(603) 482-3415
- **Aroostook NWR**
97 Refuge Rd.
Limestone, ME 04750
(207) 328-4634

Wildlife Management District Map

This map is available on the front inside cover of this book, in a larger format at all Inland Fisheries and Wildlife offices, or check out our website at mefishwildlife.com, where you'll find individual district maps and a list of towns and district numbers for each town.



WHITE MOUNTAIN NATIONAL FOREST

Oxford County, Maine

The public land within National Forests is open to hunting. Portable observation stands that do not damage live trees may be used. Please contact the Androscoggin Ranger District for more information on bear baiting on National Forest lands at (603) 466-2713.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

- **Acadia National Park & the Appalachian National Scenic Trail** — hunting, trapping, and/ or possessing a weapon is prohibited on land administered by the National Park Service. For further information on these lands contact:
- **Acadia National Park**
PO Box 177, Bar Harbor, ME 04609
(207) 288-3338
- **Appalachian Trail Park Office**
Harpers Ferry Center
Harpers Ferry, WV 25425
(304) 535-6270
- **Appalachian Trail Conference**
New England Regional Office
PO Box 264, South Egremont, MA 01258
(413) 528-8002

Mount Desert Island (MDI) is located within the geographic boundary of WMD 26.

CLOSED AND SPECIAL REGULATION AREAS

Unity Utilities District: It is unlawful to hunt on the Unity Utilities District Property located on Route #139 and Prairie Road in Unity, Waldo County.

Gray Squirrels: It is unlawful to hunt gray squirrels on any land which is dedicated as a public or private park or on any land located within the limits of the compact or built-up portion of any city or town.

Haley Pond: It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the town of Rangeley and Dallas Plantation, Franklin County.

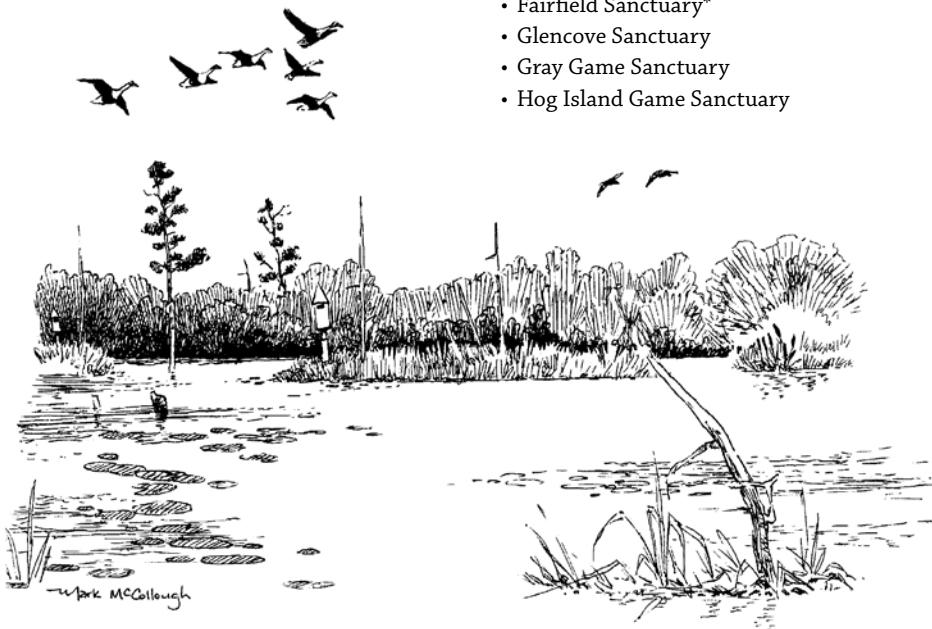
Wildlife Sanctuaries and certain

Wildlife Management Areas: Unless otherwise specifically provided, it is unlawful to hunt or trap any wild animal or wild bird within the limits of any wildlife sanctuary, any area properly posted by the State of Maine, or within the following described territories:

- Back Bay Sanctuary, Portland
- Baxter State Park: Closed to all hunting except: The area north of Trout Brook in T6R9; in T6R10 or T2R9 and T2R10 where hunting is allowed.
- Beauchamp Sanctuary: Open to the taking of deer with bow and arrow during any open season that allow hunting of deer, including expanded archery.
- Cape Elizabeth Sanctuary*
- Carver's Pond Waterfowl Sanctuary
- Colby College Area, Waterville
- Drake's Island Game Sanctuary
- Dry Pond Sanctuary (Crystal Lake)
- Fairfield Sanctuary*
- Glencove Sanctuary
- Gray Game Sanctuary
- Hog Island Game Sanctuary

- Jefferson & Whitefield Sanctuary
- Kineo Point Sanctuary
- Limington, Hollis, Waterboro Sanctuary
- Lowell E. Barnes Area, Oxford County
- Marsh Island Area,* Old Town: Open to the taking of deer with bow and arrow during any open season that allow hunting of deer, including expanded archery.
- Megunticook Lake and Vicinity Sanctuary
- Merrymeeting Bay Game Sanctuary
- Monroe Island Game Sanctuary
- Moosehead Lake Game Sanctuary
- Moosehorn Game Sanctuary
- Narragansett Game Sanctuary*
- Oak Grove Area, Vassalboro
- Ocean Park Game & Bird Sanctuary
- Orrington Game Sanctuary
- Pittston Farm Sanctuary
- Prout's Neck, Richmond's Island;
- Rangeley Game Sanctuary
- Rangeley Lake Sanctuary
- Readfield and Winthrop Sanctuary
- Salmon Pond Sanctuary
- Sebago Lake Basin Area, Standish, Windham
- Somerset Game Sanctuary
- Standish Sanctuary
- Stanwood Wildlife Sanctuary, Ellsworth
- Steve Powell WMA (Swan Island), Richmond
- Thorncrag-Stanton Bird Sanctuary
- Tomhegan Game Sanctuary
- Wells Sanctuary
- Wells & York Game Sanctuary
- Willow Water Game Sanctuary
- Woodbury Sanctuary, Litchfield, Monmouth
- York Game Sanctuary, Franklin County

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



RAILROAD TRACKS

- **Walking or standing on track or bridge.** A person may not, without right, stand or walk on a railroad track or railroad bridge or pass over a railroad bridge except by railroad conveyance.
- **Entering a track.** A person may not, without right, enter upon a railroad track with a team or a vehicle however propelled or drive any team or propel a vehicle upon a railroad track.

NATIVE AMERICAN TERRITORY

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

Penobscot Nation

Franklin County: Alder Stream Twp.

Penobscot County: T2R9 NWP (western portion), T3R9 NWP (eastern portion), T6R8 WELS (western portion) Argyle Township (northern portion) and T3R1 NBPP (northeastern portion).

Piscataquis County: T6R8 NWP. The Penobscot Nation also has exclusive authority to regulate hunting and trapping in the Penobscot Reservation, consisting of all islands in the Penobscot River north of, and including, Indian Island, located near Old Town, Maine. Contact the Penobscot Nation, Department of Natural Resources for specific locations of Reservation islands.

Passamaquoddy Tribe

Franklin County: Lowelltown, T1R8 WBKP.

Hancock County: T3&4ND.

Penobscot County: T3R9 NWP, T5R1 NBPP, TAR7 WELS.

Somerset County: Holeb T6R1 NBKP, Prentiss, T4R4 NBKP, Hammond Township, T3R4 NBKP, Alder Brook Township, T3R3 NBKP, Pittston Academy Grant, T2R4 NBKP Soldiertown Township, T2R3 NBKP.

Washington County: T5ND, BPP; T19 MD, Indian Township, and Pleasant Point, Perry.

Most of these areas will be conspicuously posted as Native American Territory. Anyone wishing to hunt or trap on Native American territory should contact the appropriate Native American agency for further information.

Penobscot Nation

Department of Natural Resources
12 Wabanaki Way
Indian Island, ME 04468
(207) 817-7331

Passamaquoddy Tribe

Ranger Department
Box 301, Princeton, ME 04668
(207) 796-2677

Maine Indian Tribal-State Commission

PO Box 241, Stillwater, ME 04489
(207) 817-3799 ■

HUNTING/TRAPPING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Hunting & Trapping on Private Property

The Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Landowner Relations Program is actively working towards enhancing the relationship between landowners and land users.

With approximately 94% of the land in Maine privately owned, everyone MUST respect landowners and their rights. Landowner wishes have to be followed by all outdoor recreation participants to help ensure access and use of private property in the years to come.

The Maine Legislature has enacted laws that address the concerns of landowners.

Summarized below are several of those laws and a brief description of each. For further detail on these laws, consult Maine Revised Statutes cited in parenthesis.

Landowner Liability (14 MRSA §159-A) Limited Duty

An owner, lessee, manager, holder of an easement or occupant of premises shall

owe no duty of care to keep the premises safe for entry or use by others for recreational or harvesting activities or to give warning of any hazardous condition, use, structure or activity on these premises to persons entering for those purposes. This subsection applies regardless of whether permission has been given to another to pursue recreational or harvesting activities on the premises.

Exceptions to Limited Duty

1. For a willful or malicious failure to guard or warn against a dangerous condition, use, structure, or activity; and
2. When financial consideration is paid for the exclusive right to make use of the property for recreational activities.

Costs and Fees

The court shall award any direct legal costs, including reasonable attorney's fees, to an owner, lessee, manager, holder of an easement or occupant who is found not to be liable for injury to a person or property pursuant to this section.

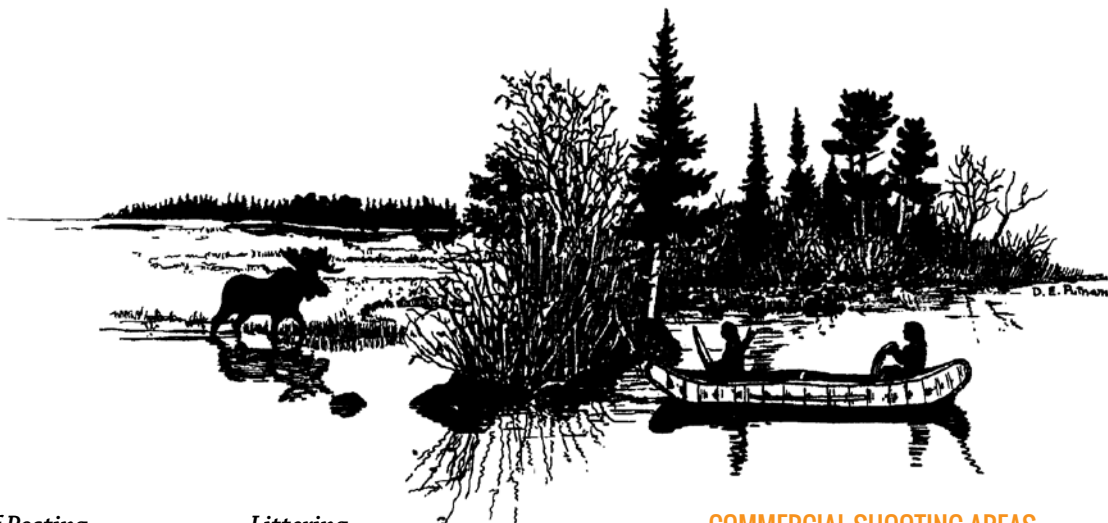
Posting of Land and Criminal Trespass (17-A MRSA, §402)

Property is posted if it is marked with signs or paint in one of the following ways and in a manner that is reasonably likely to come to the attention of an intruder:

1. Signs must indicate that access is prohibited, that access is prohibited without permission of the landowner or landowner's agent, or that access for a particular activity is prohibited.
2. One vertical "OSHA Safety Purple" stripe at least one inch in width and at least 8 inches in length means "Access by Permission Only" when it is placed on trees, posts or stones between three and five feet off the ground.

These signs or paint stripes must mark the property at distances no more than 100 feet apart at locations that are readily visible to any person approaching the property, and at all vehicular access entries from a public road.

- In addition, landowners may also, either verbally or in writing, personally communicate to others that access is prohibited. Remember, it is unlawful to remove, mutilate, deface or destroy a sign or paint mark that is placed in order to prohibit or restrict access; and it is unlawful to post the land of another without permission of the landowner.



Other Provisions of Posting

1. Signs or paint markings must be at all vehicular access entrances from a public way.
2. It is unlawful to post the land of another and to remove, destroy, mutilate or deface any signs or paint marks.
3. Trespass by a motor vehicle is a violation of the trespass law.

Trespass Damages (14 MRSA, §7551-B)

Any person who enters the land of another without permission and causes damage to the property of another is liable to the owner in a civil action. Violations of this law will have the following results:

1. If the damage is intentional the person doing the damage is liable to the owner for 2 times the actual damage plus additional costs which include the attorney fees of the landowner.
2. If the damage is unintentional, the person doing the damage is liable to the owner for the amount of the actual damage plus additional costs which include attorney fees of the landowner.
3. A person doing damage to property of another may also be charged criminally for doing the damage.

Unlawful Cutting of Trees (14 MRSA, §7552, and 17 MRSA, §2510)

It is unlawful for any person to intentionally, knowingly, recklessly or negligently cut down or fell any tree without the consent of the owner of the property on which the tree stands.

Abuse of Another Person's Property While Hunting (12 MRSA §10652)

It is unlawful to tear down a fence or wall, destroy any crop, leave open any bars or gates, or insert objects into trees on another person's land without permission (see page 11 for observation stand information).

Littering

It is unlawful to dispose of litter anywhere in this state except in areas or receptacles designed for that purpose. As litter relates to the proper disposal of legally taken game, a person may not drop, deposit, discard, dump or otherwise dispose of a carcass, waste parts or remains of a wild animal, except waste parts or remains resulting from the normal field dressing of lawfully harvested wild game or the lawful use of waste parts or remains of wild game as bait.

Civil Trespass (12 MRSA, §10657) Prohibition

While engaging in any activity regulated by the Department of Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, a person, knowing that the person is not licensed or privileged to do so, may not:

1. Enter or cause a projectile to enter any place from which that person may lawfully be excluded and that is posted in accordance with Title 17-A, section 402, subsection 4 or in a manner reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders or that is fenced or otherwise enclosed in a manner designed to exclude intruders; or
2. Enter or remain in or cause a projectile to enter or remain in any place in defiance of a lawful order not to enter or an order to vacate that was personally communicated to that person by the owner of the place or another authorized person.

Definition of projectile: For the purposes of this section, "projectile" means a bullet, pellet, shot, shell, ball, arrow, bolt or other object propelled or launched from a firearm or a bow, crossbow or similar tensile device.

For information on other provisions of these laws, contact the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at (207) 287-8000.

COMMERCIAL SHOOTING AREAS

A person may not charge any fee for access to land if the fee is contingent upon the taking of game on that land or directly related to the taking of game on the land, unless the land is an authorized commercial shooting area licensed as follows: The commissioner may issue licenses for the establishment and operation of commercial shooting areas, authorizing the owner of a commercial shooting area to charge others for the opportunity to hunt mallard ducks, pheasants, quail, Chukar partridge, and Hungarian partridge in that area (12 MRSA section 12101).

The operator of a commercial shooting area may authorize a person to hunt other wild birds or wild animals in a commercial shooting area during the regular open season on those species, in accordance with the provisions of 12 MRSA Part 13, as long as the person possesses a valid state hunting license that allows the hunting of those wild birds and wild animals.

The operator of the commercial shooting area shall provide to each person taking birds in that area a receipted invoice or bill of sale for possession and transportation of those birds.

Enforcement

Enforcement of the trespass laws of a commercial shooting area is the responsibility of the owner and may not in any manner be considered an obligation of the Department.

Commercial Shooting Areas

Hunting on commercial shooting areas is governed by the license provisions of Section 12101. For a complete copy of this law, and to obtain a list of commercial shooting areas, call the Information Center at (207) 287-8000. ■

This time chart is NOT the sunrise and sunset time table and has already been adjusted to display the actual legal hunting hours.

2016-17 LEGAL HUNTING HOURS

DAY	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
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02	5:29 - 7:39	6:05 - 6:43	6:45 - 5:52	6:24 - 4:25	6:43 - 4:36	6:23 - 5:15	5:41 - 5:54	5:44 - 7:34	4:53 - 8:12	4:22 - 8:45	4:24 - 8:55	4:53 - 8:29
03	5:30 - 7:37	6:06 - 6:41	6:47 - 5:50	6:25 - 4:25	6:43 - 4:37	6:22 - 5:17	5:39 - 5:56	5:42 - 7:36	4:52 - 8:13	4:21 - 8:46	4:24 - 8:54	4:54 - 8:28
04	5:31 - 7:36	6:07 - 6:39	6:48 - 5:49	6:26 - 4:25	6:43 - 4:38	6:21 - 5:18	5:37 - 5:57	5:40 - 7:37	4:50 - 8:14	4:21 - 8:47	4:25 - 8:54	4:55 - 8:27
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28	6:00 - 6:50	6:38 - 5:59	6:20 - 4:27	6:42 - 4:32	6:29 - 5:08	5:44 - 5:52	5:53 - 7:28	4:59 - 8:07	4:25 - 8:41	4:22 - 8:55	4:47 - 8:36	5:23 - 7:49
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30	6:02 - 6:47	6:41 - 5:56	6:22 - 4:26	6:43 - 4:33	6:26 - 5:11		5:49 - 7:31	4:56 - 8:09	4:23 - 8:43	4:23 - 8:55	4:49 - 8:33	5:25 - 7:45
31		6:43 - 5:54		6:43 - 4:34	6:25 - 5:13		5:47 - 7:32		4:23 - 8:43		4:50 - 8:32	5:27 - 7:43

**Legal hunting hours are based on sunrise/sunset in Bangor, Maine (Eastern Standard Time).*

Exceptions: Raccoon, Coyote, and Migratory Bird hunting (see separate legal hunting hours for these species).

2016-17 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SPECIES AND AREA		SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Crows* Wildlife Management Districts's 1 - 6		August 1, 2016	September 23, 2016	NO LIMITS Closed season on Ravens in all WMDs	
		February 4, 2017	April 15, 2017		
		August 1, 2017	September 22, 2017		
Crows* Wildlife Management Districts's 7 - 29		August 1, 2016	September 23, 2016		
		January 20, 2017	March 31, 2017		
		August 1, 2017	September 22, 2017		
Common (Wilson's) Snipe**		September 1, 2016	December 16, 2016	8	24
Woodcock**		October 1, 2016	October 29, 2016	3	9
		October 31, 2016	November 15, 2016		
Rails (Sora And Virginia)***		September 1, 2016	November 9, 2016	25 <i>Singly or in aggregate</i> 25	
Canada Goose (Early)	North Zone	September 1, 2016	September 24, 2016	6	18
	South Zone	September 1, 2016	September 24, 2016	10	30
	Coastal Zone	September 1, 2016	September 24, 2016	10	30
Canada Goose Regular <i>Including Greater White-Fronted Geese</i>	North Zone	October 1, 2016	December 21, 2016	3	9
	South Zone	October 1, 2016	October 27, 2016		
		November 1, 2016	December 24, 2016		
	Coastal Zone	October 1, 2016	October 27, 2016		
		November 11, 2016	January 4, 2017		
Snow Geese <i>Including Blue Geese</i>		October 1, 2016	January 31, 2017	25	No Limit
Sea Ducks <i>Scoter, Eider, and Long-Tailed Duck</i>		November 11, 2016	January 19, 2017	5 <i>Shall not include more than 4 scoters or 4 eiders or 4 long-tailed ducks</i>	15 <i>Shall not include more than 12 scoters or 12 eiders or 12 long-tailed ducks</i>
Regular Ducks <i>Including Mergansers and American Coots</i>	North Zone	September 26, 2016	December 3, 2016	6* No more than 4 of any one species <i>Singly or in aggregate Exceptions to these limits listed below</i>	18* No more than 12 of any one species
	South Zone	October 1, 2016	October 15, 2016		
		November 1, 2016	December 24, 2016		
	Coastal Zone	October 1, 2016	October 15, 2016		
		November 11, 2016	January 4, 2017		
Brant	North Zone	September 26, 2016	December 3, 2016	2	6
	South Zone	October 1, 2016	October 15, 2016		
		November 1, 2016	December 24, 2016		
	Coastal Zone	October 1, 2016	October 15, 2016		
		November 11, 2016	January 4, 2017		

All dates are inclusive except that hunting is prohibited on Sunday.

*Crows are neither migratory waterfowl or migratory game birds. The use of lead shot and the use of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells is permitted. A migratory waterfowl stamp is not required.

**Woodcock & Snipe are considered migratory game birds, not migratory waterfowl. The use of lead shot is permitted. The use of a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited. A migratory waterfowl stamp is not required.

***Rails are considered migratory game birds not migratory waterfowl. The use of lead shot and a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells is prohibited. A migratory waterfowl stamp is not required.

2016-17 MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS SEASONS & BAG LIMITS

SPECIES AND AREA		SEASONS		LIMITS	
		FIRST DAY	FINAL DAY	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Special Falconry Season <i>In addition to the regular migratory bird season (on ducks, geese, mergansers, american coots.)</i>	North Zone	December 22, 2016	February 11, 2017	3	9
	Closed to Goose	February 1, 2017	February 11, 2017		
	South Zone	January 7, 2017	February 28, 2017		
	Closed to Goose	February 17, 2017	February 28, 2017		
	Coastal Zone	January 7, 2017	February 28, 2017		
Special Youth Waterfowl Hunts <i>All duck species except Harlequins, Barrow's Goldeneye, and Moorhens and Gallinules – may be hunted on these days, including geese. For the October 22, November 5, December 10 youth days, the goose limit is under the Regular Season limit. On September 17, September 24, October 22, November 5, December 10, scoters, eiders, and long-tailed ducks may be taken as part of the 6 bird daily limit on regular ducks. Also on these dates, 1 Black Duck may be taken.</i>	North Zone	September 17, 2016 & December 10, 2016		<i>Special regulations apply to youth and accompanying adult. Please see Junior Hunters section.</i>	
	South Zone	September 24, 2016 & October 22, 2016			
	Coastal Zone	September 24, 2016 & November 5, 2016			

EXCEPTIONS

HARLEQUIN DUCKS, BARROW'S GOLDENEYE, MOORHENS & GALLINULES

CLOSED SEASON

American Coots

It is unlawful to take more than 5 American Coots in any one day or possess more than 15 American Coots at any time

Black Ducks, Mottled Ducks, Fulvous Whistling Ducks

The daily limit on these species shall not include more than 1 bird; possession limit shall not include more than 3 of these species.

Hen Mallards, Redheads, Northern Pintails, Scaup, Canvasbacks

The daily limit on these species shall not include more than 2 birds; possession limit shall not include more than 6 of these species.

Mergansers

Hunters may take 5 mergansers in addition to the limits on other regular ducks, however only 2 may be a hooded merganser. It is unlawful to possess more than 15 mergansers at any time (only 6 of which may be hooded mergansers).

Sea Ducks

Within the Sea Duck Hunting Area defined below, hunters may take 5 sea ducks in addition to the limits on regular ducks (but not more than 4 scoters or 4 eiders or 4 long-tailed ducks).

Wood Ducks

It is unlawful to take more than 3 wood ducks in any one day or to possess more than 9 wood ducks at any time.

Hunting Hours: Hunting hours on migratory game birds are from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Sea Duck Hunting Area Defined: All coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular duck season dates and are part of the regular duck bag limits.

Definition for North and South Zone

Line: Maine-New Brunswick border in Baileyville, Maine west along Stony Brook to Route 9 in Baileyville. West along Route 9 to Route 15 in Bangor. West along Route 15 to I-95 in Bangor. Southwest along I-95 to Route 202 (Exit 109A) in Augusta. Southwest along Route 202 to Route 11 in Auburn. Southwest along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield. West along Route 110 to Maine-New Hampshire border.

Definition of Coastal Zone Line:

Includes areas south of a line beginning at the Maine-New Brunswick border in Calais at the Route 1 bridge, South along Route 1 to the Maine-New Hampshire border in Kittery.

Nontoxic Shot - Statewide: The use or possession of ammunition loaded with other than nontoxic shot while hunting wild ducks, geese, brant, rails, or coots is prohibited. Nontoxic shot means any shot type that does not cause sickness and death when ingested by these birds and is approved for use by the Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Steel, bismuth-tin, tungsten-iron (2 types), tungsten-matrix, tungsten-bronze (2 types), tungsten-polymer, tungsten-tin-bismuth, tungsten-tin-iron-nickel, and tungsten nickel-iron (HEVI) shot have been approved nontoxic by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

On National Wildlife Refuges which permit hunting of upland game, persons hunting upland species other than deer and turkey with a shotgun shall possess and use only nontoxic shot while in the field.

STAMP REQUIREMENTS

The State Migratory Waterfowl Permit is required of anyone 16 years of age or older if they are hunting on an adult license, but is not required if continuing to hunt on a junior license for the remainder of the calendar year. Anyone who turns 16, whether hunting on an adult license or a junior license, must purchase a Federal Stamp. The Federal Stamp must be validated by the holders signature written across the face of the stamp in ink.

The state permit may be purchased for \$7.50 from local license agents or from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, 284 State St., SHS #41, Augusta, ME 04333. The Federal stamp can be purchased by visiting your local Post Office or USPS.com.

The Migratory Waterfowl Stamp is not required to hunt woodcock, snipe, rails or crows. For more details, contact the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife at 287-8000.

Note: All revenue from the sale of state waterfowl permits must be used exclusively for acquisition of waterfowl habitat and waterfowl management activities.

SELECTED SECTIONS OF MAINE INLAND FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE LAWS

The provisions of the following three paragraphs apply to the waters of the 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. Datum is WGS 84. Waypoints for the sanctuary are as follows:

NE Corner:	SE Corner:
44 00.385'	43 59.5314'
69 49.1854'	69 49.5330'
SW Corner:	NW Corner:
43 59.8112'	44 00.1483'
69 50.4763'	69 50.6447'
Edge of Rice:	Browns Point:
43 59.7550'	44 00.1486'
Kennebec River:	Power Lines:
69 50.0391'	69 49.5421'

DUCK STAMP ART CONTEST

Your 2016 Maine duck stamp, featuring a Blue-Winged Teal, was designed by Richard Alley Jr. of Islesford, Maine. It was selected by a panel of judges from among 24 paintings by Maine resident artists in the 2016 duck stamp art contest conducted by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife. Proceeds from the sale of the annual duck stamps and permits are used to help finance waterfowl management programs or to acquire waterfowl habitat.

HARVEST INFORMATION PROGRAM

If you plan to hunt woodcock, ducks, geese, snipe, rails, or coots, you are required to indicate on your license your intention of doing so at the time you purchase your license. The information will be used by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in the Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program (H.I.P.).

- No 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 between one hour after legal shooting time and one hour before legal shooting time.
- No duck decoys shall be allowed to remain in the waters of Merrymeeting Bay at any time during the period from one hour after legal shooting time until one hour before legal shooting time.
- It is unlawful to hunt waterfowl on Haley Pond in the Town of Rangeley and Dallas Plt. in Franklin County.
- No power boat may be operated in Merrymeeting Bay at a speed in excess of 10 miles per hour except within the confines of the buoyed channels.
- It is unlawful to shoot, or shoot at, or near, any wildfowl decoy of another person, with a rifle, pistol, or shotgun with a ball, slug, or buckshot. "Near" means the area encompassed by the set of decoys and including the area 50 yards away from the outer perimeter of the set of decoys.
- It is unlawful to hunt with firearms during the open firearms or muzzleloader season on deer (except when hunting waterfowl from a boat or blind or in conjunction with waterfowl decoys) unless wearing 2 articles of hunter orange clothing that are in good and serviceable condition and visible from all sides. One article must be a solid colored hunter orange hat and the other must be a minimum of 50% hunter orange in color and cover a major portion of the torso.
- It is unlawful for any person to willfully interfere with the lawful hunting or trapping of any wild animal or wild bird, including the willful disturbance of wild animals or wild birds with intent to interfere with their lawful taking.
- It is unlawful to hunt on Sunday.

Please see legal hunting time table for all other species on page 29.

2016-17 MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTER'S TIME AND TIDE TABLE

LEGAL HUNTING HOURS			TIDE*		LEGAL HUNTING HOURS			TIDE*	
DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW	DATE	OPEN	CLOSE	HIGH	LOW
9/1/16	05:28 AM	07:11 PM	11:57 AM	05:44 AM	11/17/16	06:06 AM	04:04 PM	12:41 PM	06:27 AM
9/2/16	05:29 AM	07:09 PM	12:37 PM	06:26 AM	11/18/16	06:07 AM	04:04 PM	01:37 PM	07:22 AM
9/3/16	05:30 AM	07:07 PM	01:15 PM	07:04 AM	11/19/16	06:08 AM	04:03 PM	02:36 PM	08:21 AM
9/5/16	05:33 AM	07:04 PM	02:29 PM	08:18 AM	11/21/16	06:11 AM	04:01 PM	04:43 PM	10:28 AM
9/6/16	05:34 AM	07:02 PM	03:08 PM	08:56 AM	11/22/16	06:12 AM	04:00 PM	05:28 AM	11:34 AM
9/7/16	05:35 AM	07:00 PM	03:50 PM	09:36 AM	11/23/16	06:13 AM	04:00 PM	06:27 AM	12:37 PM
9/8/16	05:36 AM	06:58 PM	04:36 PM	10:20 AM	11/24/16	06:15 AM	03:59 PM	07:22 AM	01:35 PM
9/9/16	05:37 AM	06:56 PM	05:10 AM	11:08 AM	11/25/16	06:16 AM	03:58 PM	08:11 AM	02:27 PM
9/10/16	05:39 AM	06:54 PM	06:05 AM	12:02 PM	11/26/16	06:17 AM	03:58 PM	08:55 AM	03:12 PM
9/12/16	05:41 AM	06:51 PM	07:58 AM	01:55 PM	11/28/16	06:20 AM	03:57 PM	10:11 AM	04:32 PM
9/13/16	05:42 AM	06:49 PM	08:51 AM	02:49 PM	11/29/16	06:21 AM	03:56 PM	10:46 AM	05:07 PM
9/14/16	05:43 AM	06:47 PM	09:40 AM	03:40 PM	11/30/16	06:22 AM	03:56 PM	11:20 AM	05:10 AM
9/15/16	05:44 AM	06:45 PM	10:26 AM	04:29 PM	12/1/16	06:23 AM	03:56 PM	11:54 AM	05:44 AM
9/16/16	05:46 AM	06:43 PM	11:11 AM	05:17 PM	12/2/16	06:24 AM	03:55 PM	12:30 PM	06:20 AM
9/17/16	05:47 AM	06:41 PM	11:56 AM	05:44 AM	12/3/16	06:25 AM	03:55 PM	01:09 PM	06:58 AM
9/19/16	05:49 AM	06:37 PM	01:31 PM	07:17 AM	12/5/16	06:27 AM	03:54 PM	02:37 PM	08:27 AM
9/20/16	05:50 AM	06:36 PM	02:22 PM	08:07 AM	12/6/16	06:28 AM	03:54 PM	03:29 PM	09:19 AM
9/21/16	05:52 AM	06:34 PM	03:16 PM	09:00 AM	12/7/16	06:29 AM	03:54 PM	04:26 PM	10:16 AM
9/22/16	05:53 AM	06:32 PM	04:15 PM	09:57 AM	12/8/16	06:30 AM	03:54 PM	05:06 AM	11:17 AM
9/23/16	05:54 AM	06:30 PM	05:19 PM	10:59 AM	12/9/16	06:31 AM	03:54 PM	06:03 AM	12:20 PM
9/24/16	05:55 AM	06:28 PM	06:05 AM	12:06 PM	12/10/16	06:32 AM	03:54 PM	07:01 AM	01:22 PM
9/26/16	05:58 AM	06:24 PM	08:18 AM	02:19 PM	12/12/16	06:34 AM	03:54 PM	08:53 AM	03:18 PM
9/27/16	05:59 AM	06:22 PM	09:16 AM	03:18 PM	12/13/16	06:35 AM	03:54 PM	09:47 AM	04:12 PM
9/28/16	06:00 AM	06:20 PM	10:07 AM	04:10 PM	12/14/16	06:35 AM	03:55 PM	10:40 AM	05:05 PM
9/29/16	06:01 AM	06:18 PM	10:52 AM	04:57 PM	12/15/16	06:36 AM	03:55 PM	11:32 AM	05:17 AM
9/30/16	06:02 AM	06:17 PM	11:32 AM	05:21 AM	12/16/16	06:37 AM	03:55 PM	12:25 PM	06:10 AM
10/1/16	06:04 AM	06:15 PM	12:09 PM	05:59 AM	12/17/16	06:38 AM	03:56 PM	01:18 PM	07:04 AM
10/3/16	06:06 AM	06:11 PM	01:17 PM	07:08 AM	12/19/16	06:39 AM	03:56 PM	03:10 PM	08:57 AM
10/4/16	06:07 AM	06:09 PM	01:52 PM	07:43 AM	12/20/16	06:39 AM	03:57 PM	04:09 PM	09:57 AM
10/5/16	06:09 AM	06:07 PM	02:29 PM	08:19 AM	12/21/16	06:40 AM	03:57 PM	05:10 PM	10:59 AM
10/6/16	06:10 AM	06:06 PM	03:09 PM	08:58 AM	12/22/16	06:40 AM	03:58 PM	05:46 AM	12:01 PM
10/7/16	06:11 AM	06:04 PM	03:53 PM	09:40 AM	12/23/16	06:41 AM	03:58 PM	06:41 AM	01:00 PM
10/8/16	06:12 AM	06:02 PM	04:42 PM	10:28 AM	12/24/16	06:41 AM	03:59 PM	07:32 AM	01:54 PM
10/10/16	06:15 AM	05:58 PM	06:21 AM	12:19 PM	12/26/16	06:42 AM	04:00 PM	09:02 AM	03:27 PM
10/11/16	06:16 AM	05:57 PM	07:17 AM	01:18 PM	12/27/16	06:42 AM	04:01 PM	09:42 AM	04:06 PM
10/12/16	06:17 AM	05:55 PM	08:12 AM	02:16 PM	12/28/16	06:42 AM	04:02 PM	10:19 AM	04:43 PM
10/13/16	06:19 AM	05:53 PM	09:04 AM	03:11 PM	12/29/16	06:42 AM	04:03 PM	10:55 AM	05:18 PM
10/14/16	06:20 AM	05:51 PM	09:53 AM	04:03 PM	12/30/16	06:43 AM	04:03 PM	11:31 AM	05:20 AM
10/15/16	06:21 AM	05:50 PM	10:41 AM	04:54 PM	12/31/16	06:43 AM	04:04 PM	12:08 PM	05:56 AM
10/17/16	06:24 AM	05:46 PM	12:17 PM	06:04 AM	1/2/17	06:43 AM	04:06 PM	01:29 PM	07:18 AM
10/18/16	06:25 AM	05:45 PM	01:08 PM	06:54 AM	1/3/17	06:43 AM	04:07 PM	02:15 PM	08:04 AM
10/19/16	06:26 AM	05:43 PM	02:00 PM	07:46 AM	1/4/17	06:43 AM	04:08 PM	03:06 PM	08:55 AM
10/20/16	06:28 AM	05:41 PM	02:56 PM	08:41 AM	1/5/17	06:43 AM	04:09 PM	04:02 PM	09:51 AM
10/21/16	06:29 AM	05:40 PM	03:56 PM	09:39 AM	1/6/17	06:42 AM	04:10 PM	05:04 PM	10:53 AM
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10/25/16	06:34 AM	05:33 PM	07:57 AM	02:03 PM	1/10/17	06:41 AM	04:15 PM	08:39 AM	03:06 PM
10/26/16	06:36 AM	05:32 PM	08:53 AM	03:01 PM	1/11/17	06:41 AM	04:16 PM	09:35 AM	04:02 PM
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11/2/16	06:45 AM	05:22 PM	01:20 PM	07:11 AM	1/18/17	06:37 AM	04:25 PM	03:34 PM	09:23 AM
11/3/16	06:47 AM	05:20 PM	01:56 PM	07:47 AM	1/19/17	06:36 AM	04:26 PM	04:29 PM	10:19 AM
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11/5/16	06:49 AM	05:18 PM	03:18 PM	09:07 AM	1/21/17	06:35 AM	04:29 PM	05:53 AM	12:18 PM
11/7/16	05:52 AM	04:15 PM	04:00 PM	09:47 AM	1/23/17	06:33 AM	04:31 PM	07:39 AM	02:08 PM
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11/14/16	06:02 AM	04:07 PM	10:05 AM	04:27 PM	1/30/17	06:26 AM	04:41 PM	12:26 PM	06:14 AM
11/15/16	06:03 AM	04:06 PM	10:56 AM	05:19 PM	1/31/17	06:25 AM	04:43 PM	01:09 PM	06:57 AM
11/16/16	06:04 AM	04:05 PM	11:48 AM	05:34 AM					

Tide information listed is estimated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Although these are estimates, they are expected to be useful for planning purposes.

TIDE CONVERSIONS: Tide information listed is for PORTLAND. For Merrymeeting Bay (Richmond), add 2 hrs. 48 minutes for high tide; for Jonesport, subtract 23 minutes; for Bath, add 1 hr. 1 minute; for Rockland, subtract 16 minutes; for Waldoboro, subtract 16 minutes.

All times listed through October 31 are Eastern Daylight Time; after that date, they are Eastern Standard Time (for Bangor).

MIGRATORY GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

In accordance with the Revised Statutes of 1964, Title 12, Sections 10104 and 11855, the following regulations have been adopted, governing the lawful hunting and possession of migratory game birds. For the purpose of this section, migratory game birds include and are limited to species in the following families: 1. Anatidae (wild ducks, geese, and brant); 2. Rallidae (rails, coots, moorhens and gallinules); and 3. Scolopacidae (woodcock and snipe). Except as expressly provided in the regulations, it shall be unlawful to hunt, capture, kill, take, possess, transport, buy or sell any migratory game bird or part thereof.

1. Hunting Methods

It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds by the aid of dogs, artificial decoys, manually or mouth-operated bird calls, with hand-held bow and arrow, crossbow, or by the practice of falconry, or with shotgun (not larger than No.10 gauge and incapable of holding more than three shells) fired from the shoulder. Every other method is unlawful.

It shall be lawful to hunt migratory game birds from floating craft (except a sinkbox), including those capable of being propelled by motor, sail and wind, or both, only when (1) the motor of such craft has been completely shut off and/or the sails furled, as the case may be, and (2) the progress or motion of the craft in the water has ceased and the craft is drifting, beached, moored, resting at anchor, or is being propelled solely by paddle, oars, or pole.

It shall be lawful to use a motor or sail on a craft as a means of retrieving or picking up dead or injured birds.

2. Transportation

Any person, without a permit, may transport lawfully killed and possessed migratory game birds into, within, or out of any State, or export such birds to a foreign country during and after the open seasons in the State where taken, subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in this part.

If such birds are dressed, one fully feathered wing must remain attached to each bird so as to permit species identification while being transported between the place where taken and the personal abode of the possessor or between the place where taken and a commercial preservation facility.

Any package or container in which such birds are transported shall have the name

and address of the shipper and of the consignee and an accurate statement of the numbers and kinds of birds contained therein clearly and conspicuously marked on the outside thereof.

3. Possession for the Purpose of Processing, Transportation, or Storage

No hunter who legally takes and possesses any migratory game birds shall place or leave any such birds in the custody of any other person for picking, cleaning, processing, shipping, transportation, or storage (including temporary storage) unless such birds have a tag attached signed by the hunter stating his address, the total number and kinds of birds, and the date such birds were killed.

No person may receive or have in custody any migratory game birds belonging to another person unless such birds are tagged as provided above.

No hunter who legally takes and possesses any migratory game birds shall place or leave such birds at any place for storage (including temporary storage) other than at his personal abode unless such birds are tagged as provided above. Legally possessed migratory game birds being transported in any vehicle as the personal baggage of the possessor shall not be deemed to be in storage or temporary storage.

Any commercial picking establishment or cold-storage or locker plant receiving, possessing, or having in custody any migratory game birds shall maintain accurate records showing the numbers and kinds of such birds, the dates received and disposed of, and the names and addresses of the persons from whom such birds were received and to whom such birds were delivered. The records required to be maintained shall be retained by the person or persons responsible for their preparation and maintenance for a period of 1 year following the close of the open season on migratory game birds prescribed for the State in which such picking establishment or cold-storage or locker plant is located.

4. Termination of Possession

For the purposes of this part, the possession of birds legally taken and properly tagged by any hunter shall be deemed to have ceased when such birds have been delivered by him to another person as a gift; or have been delivered by him to a post office, a common carrier, or a commercial cold-storage or locker plant for transportation by the postal service or a

common carrier to some person other than the hunter.

5. Wounded Live Migratory Game Birds

Every migratory game bird wounded by hunting and reduced to possession by the hunter shall be immediately killed and become a part of the daily bag limit.

6. Possession of Plumage

Any person, without a permit, may possess and transport for his own use the plumage and skins of lawfully taken migratory game birds.

7. Wanton Waste of Migratory Game Birds

No person shall kill or cripple any migratory game bird pursuant to this regulation without any visible means to retrieve and without making a reasonable effort to retrieve the bird and include it in his daily bag limit. The shooting of crippled waterfowl from a motorboat under power will be permitted on those coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams lying seaward from the first upstream bridge. Additionally, Maine state law states that a person may not waste a wild bird that has been wounded or killed by that person while hunting. A person cannot intentionally leave a wounded or killed animal in the field or forest without making a reasonable effort to retrieve and render it for consumption or use.

8. Open Seasons, Limits, and Other Provisions

Migratory game birds may be taken only in accordance with the open seasons, the daily bag limits, possession limits, and within the shooting hours as stated herein.

No person may take in any one day more than the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies.

No person may possess more birds lawfully taken than the possession limit or the aggregate possession limit, whichever applies. No person on the opening day of the season may possess any migratory game birds in excess of the daily bag limit or aggregate daily bag limit, whichever applies, and no person may possess any freshly killed migratory game birds during the closed season.

HELP STOP THE SPREAD OF INVASIVE PLANTS!

Please clean boat trailer and gear of all plants and plant fragments.

SUMMARY OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS

NOTICE: The material below is only a summary of Federal rules. Each hunter should also consult the actual Federal regulations, which may be found in Title 50, code of Federal Regulations, Part 20.

RESTRICTIONS. No person shall take migratory game birds:

- A. While possessing shot (either in shot shells or as loose shot for muzzleloading) other than steel shot or such shot approved as nontoxic while taking Anatidae (ducks, geese, and brant), coots and any species that make up aggregate bag limits during concurrent seasons.
- B. With a trap, snare, net, rifle, pistol, swivel gun, shotgun larger than 10-gauge, punt gun, battery gun, machine gun, fishhook, poison, drug, explosive, or stupefying substance.
- C. With a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells, unless it is plugged with a one-piece filler which is incapable of removal without disassembling the gun.
- D. From a sink box (a low floating device, having a depression affording the hunter a means of concealment beneath the surface of the water).
- E. From or with the aid or use of a car or other motor-driven land conveyance, or any aircraft, except that paraplegics and single or double amputees of the legs may take from any stationary motor vehicle or stationary motor-driven land conveyance. "Paraplegic" means an individual afflicted with paralysis of the lower half of the body with involvement of both legs, usually due to disease of or injury to the spinal cord.
- F. By the use or aid of live decoys. All live, tame or captive ducks and geese shall be removed for a period of 10 consecutive days prior to hunting, and confined within an enclosure which substantially reduces the audibility of their calls and totally conceals such tame birds from the sight of migratory waterfowl.
- G. Using records or tapes of migratory bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls.
- H. By means or aid of any motor driven land, water, or air conveyance, or any sailboat used for the purpose of or resulting in the concentrating, driving, rallying, or stirring up of any migratory bird.
- I. By the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area, where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. However, nothing in this paragraph prohibits the taking of migratory game birds on or over the following lands or areas that are not otherwise baited areas: a) standing crops or flooded standing crops; standing, flooded, or manipulated natural vegetation; flooded harvested croplands; or lands or areas where seeds or grains have been scattered safely as a result of a normal agricultural planting, harvesting, post-harvest manipulation or normal soil stabilization practice; b) from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with natural vegetation; c) from a blind or other place of concealment camouflaged with vegetation from agricultural crops, as long as such camouflaging does not result in the exposing, depositing, distributing or scattering of grain or other feed.
- J. A person must also retain the bird in his actual custody, at the place where taken or between that place and either (a) his automobile or principle means of land transportation; or (b) his personal abode or temporary or transient place of lodging.

PHONE NUMBERS YOU MIGHT NEED

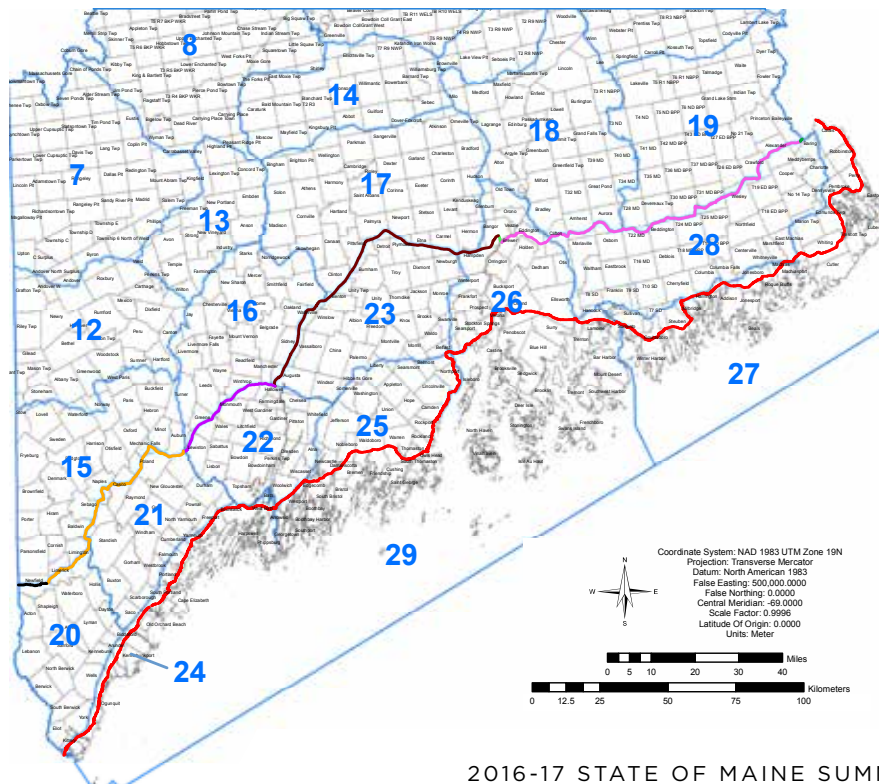
Game Warden Headquarters

Ashland.....	(207) 435-3231
Gray.....	(207) 657-2345
Greenville.....	(207) 695-3756
Bangor.....	(207) 941-4470
Sidney	(207) 547-5300

If you are unable to locate a warden at one of the above headquarters, contact either the Fisheries and Wildlife Department headquarters in Augusta at (207) 287-2766 or the nearest State Police Barracks.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

E. Orland	(207) 469-6842
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Maine Waterfowl Hunting Zones

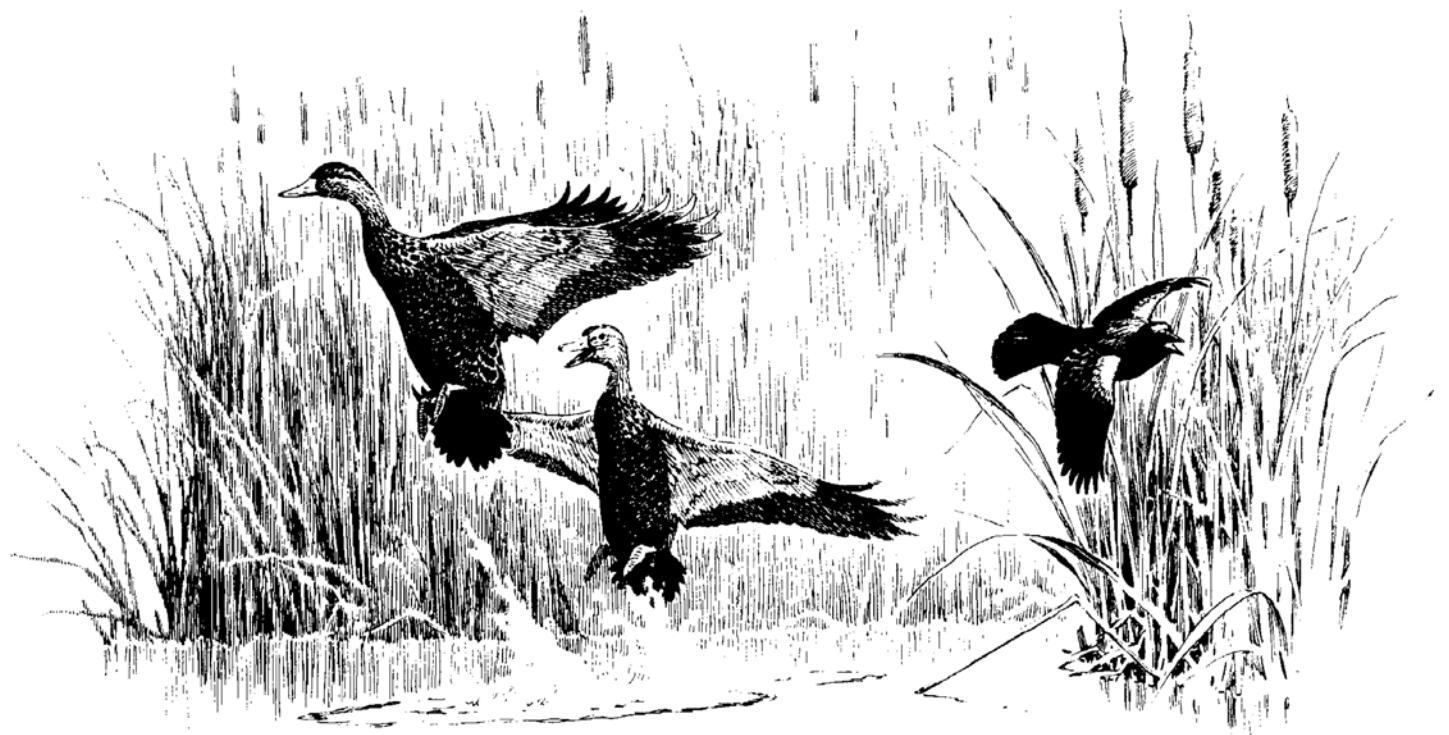
- Wildlife Management Districts
- South/Coastal Zone Line

North/South Zone Line Segments

- Stony Brook to Rte 9
- Rte 9 to Rte 15
- Rte 15 to I-95
- I-95 to Rte 202
- Rte 202 to Rte 11
- Rte 11 to Rte 110
- Rte 110 to Maine-New Hampshire Border

Definition for North & South Zone Line:

Maine-New Brunswick border in Baileyville, Maine west along Stony Brook to Route 9 in Baileyville. West along Route 9 to Route 15 in Bangor. West along Route 15 to I-95 in Bangor. Southwest along I-95 to Route 202 (Exit 109A) in Augusta. Southwest along Route 202 to Route 11 in Auburn. Southwest along Route 11 to Route 110 in Newfield. West along Route 110 to Maine-New Hampshire Border.



FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT

No person shall possess more than one daily bag limit while in the field or while returning from the field to one's car, hunting camp, home, etc.

IMPORTATION

For information regarding the importation of migratory birds killed in another country hunters should consult 50 CFR 20.61 through 20.66. One fully-feathered wing must remain attached to all migratory game birds being transported between the port of entry and one's home or to a migratory bird preservation facility. No person shall import migratory game birds killed in any foreign country, except Canada, unless such birds are dressed (except as required in 20.63), drawn, and the head and feet are removed. No person shall import migratory game birds belonging to another person.



Dual Violation

Violation of State migratory bird regulations is also a violation of Federal regulations.

Caution

More restrictive regulations may apply to National Wildlife Refuges open to public hunting. For additional information on Federal refuge regulations, see contact information on page 25. ■

HELP STOP WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

Dial Operation Game Thief
1-800-ALERT US (253-7887)

BAND RECOVERY REPORTS

Anyone finding a band or recovering one while hunting should log onto:

reportband.gov or call
1-800-327-BAND(2263)

Results will provide better estimates of survival and harvest rates and will reduce high costs associated with banding studies.

BARROW'S GOLDENEYE

The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife wishes to continue the lawful hunting of Common Goldeneyes while ensuring adequate protection of the Barrow's Goldeneye, a Threatened Species under the Maine Endangered Species Act. Barrow's and Common Goldeneyes look very similar. Our goal is to reduce the unintentional take of Barrow's in Maine by improving duck hunter's ability to distinguish Barrow's from Common Goldeneyes. Further, we desire to alert waterfowl hunters that Barrow's are known to congregate in certain areas. Despite our efforts, we suspect that a few Barrow's Goldeneyes may be unintentionally shot. In these cases, hunters are required to surrender to the Department any that are taken incidentally to legal waterfowl hunting activities. There will be no penalty for reporting this to the Department. To accomplish this we ask that you contact your local game warden.



SUMMARY OF HUNTING LAWS

Stewards of Maine's Inland Fisheries & Wildlife, protecting and preserving Maine's natural resources, quality of place and economic future.

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Augusta, ME 04333-0041
(207) 287-8000

WEBSITE

mefishwildlife.com

OPERATION GAME THIEF

In State: 1-800-ALERT US (253-7887)
Out of State: (207) 287-6057

REGIONAL COMMUNICATION CENTERS

If you are in need of the services of a game warden call the Department of Public Safety Dispatch at the following toll-free numbers:

Augusta.....1-800-452-4664
Gray.....1-800-228-0857
Houlton.....1-800-924-2261
Bangor.....1-800-432-7381

Note! The State Police numbers may be used to report a fire, ONLY if a fire warden or forest ranger cannot be reached. To report wildfire arson call 1-800-987-0257 — The Maine Forest Service, Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry.

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Region C – Jonesboro (207) 434-5927

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