

Appendix B: Fishing and Hunting Programs

Fishing and Hunting Licenses

Fishing licenses may be purchased online at <http://www.nj.gov/NJFish/> or from Municipal and County Clerks. Hunting licenses may be applied for by mail. License forms are available online at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/pdf/resfshnt.pdf>.

Fishing and hunting licenses are also available from private agents in Sussex County:

SUSSEX COUNTY FISHING & HUNTING LICENSE AGENTS		
LOCATION	AGENT	PHONE
Branchville	Hainesville Sporting Goods	973-948-7650
Branchville	Stokes Forest Sport Shop	973-948-5448
Franklin	Wal-Mart	973-209-4242
Hamburg	Hamburg Hardware	973-827-7670
Lafayette	North Country Outfitters	973-300-0344
Newton	Simon Peter Sports	973-786-5313
Newton	Wal-Mart	973-300-1859
Newton	YOJ Sports	973-786-7382
Stanhope	Flanders Bait & Boat	973-347-5797
Vernon	Mastodon Sports	973-764-0200
Vernon (McAfee)	Sig Borstad Archery & Hunting	973-827-6527

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- Hook-A-Winner Program - Every year NJDFW jaw tags more than 1,000 brook trout for pre-release in New Jersey water's. Lucky anglers who land these fish are to send their name, address, fish tag number and location of catch to the Pequest Trout Hatchery, 605 Pequest Rd., Oxford, NJ 07863, Attn: Hook a Winner Program.¹ In return they will receive a certificate and award patch and have their names entered into a Trout Unlimited drawing for a rod & reel.
- New Jersey Record Fish – For those who caught the “big one.” Fish must be hooked and landed by entrant. Records are determined solely by weight. Fish must be weighed on a certified scale. A clear photograph of the fish next to a yardstick must be furnished to clearly show length. In cases of uncertain identification fish should be refrigerated to permit inspection by a biologist. Photos of winners with their record fishes are published on the Record Fish website.²
- Skillful Angler Awards Program - This program has been administered by NJDFW for over 20 years. It recognizes anglers who catch fish of “not quite record size, but are impressive and worthy of recognition”.³ Qualifying “skillful anglers” receive a signed certificate and a bronze pin.
- Outstanding White-tailed Deer Program – This program is jointly sponsored by NJDFW and several private sportsmen's organizations. It is designed to “recognize the quality of the state's deer resource and the sports men and women who hunt for them.”⁴ It includes categories for the largest deer taken and finest antler development. Awards are given each season for the season's best. Winners for each season are posted on the programs web page.
- Outstanding Gobbler Award Program – This program was developed to recognize what the NJDFW likes to refer to as “one of the greatest success stories in wildlife management”.⁵ Each year winners are selected in both typical and non-typical categories. Birds must be weighed on a certified scale, before or after gutting. Submitters must obtain a receipt with the date, store location and name of person who weighed the bird recorded.
- Hunters Helping the Hungry – Taking advantage of the liberal season length and bag limits, it is currently possible to harvest as many as 14 deer (possibly more in some zones) during the seasons.⁶ This program allows hunters who wish to spend the time and money to take full advantage of the deer season, to provide valuable meat for needy families. In Sussex County there is one participating butcher:
Mr. Dave Pede, Newton H.S. Agriculture Dept., 973-383-7573 X243.

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- ¹ New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. “Hook-A-Winner Program”.
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/hookwinr.htm>. Accessed: January – June 2003.
- ² New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. “New Jersey Record Fish”.
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/recfish.htm>. Accessed: January – June 2003.
- ³ New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. “Skillful Angler Awards Program”.
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/skflang.htm>. Accessed: January - June 2003.
- ⁴ New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. “Outstanding White-Tailed Deer Program”.
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/outdeer.htm>. Accessed: January - June 2003.
- ⁵ New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. “Outstanding Gobbler Award Program”.
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/outgoblr.htm>. Accessed: January - June 2003.
- ⁶ New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. “Hunters Helping the Hungry”.
<http://www.state.nj.us/dep/fgw/hlphngry.htm>. Accessed: January - June 2003.

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