

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

GAME COMMISSION

[58 PA. CODE CHS. 143 AND 147]

Hunting and Furtaker Licenses and Special Permits

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission), at its January 27, 2009, meeting, proposed the following rulemaking:

Rescind Chapter 143, Subchapter M (relating to mentored youth hunting program license exemption) and add Chapter 147, Subchapter X (relating to mentored youth hunting program permit) to implement a permitting process to gain authorization to participate in the program.

The proposed rulemaking will have no adverse impact on the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

The authority for the proposed rulemaking is 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to Game and Wildlife Code) (code).

The proposed rulemaking was made public at the January 27, 2009, meeting of the Commission. Comments can be sent to the Director, Information and Education, Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797, until April 17, 2009.

1. Purpose and Authority

Since the successful implementation of the Mentored Youth Hunting Program (MYHP) in the fall of 2006, the Commission has been striving to find ways to improve this innovative new program. In October this past fall, the Commission first improved the program with the addition of the coyotes to the list of species that may be lawfully pursued by mentored youth. The Commission is now proposing to further improve the MYHP by implementing a permitting process to gain authorization to participate in the program. The use of a permitting process will provide a two-fold benefit by providing the Commission with an accurate identification and count of participants in the program as well as provide participants with official big game tags appropriate for the species that may be taken by mentored youth.

When the MYHP was in its initial development, the steering committee recommended that a permit or a junior license be required. Unfortunately, the Commission did not have access to a financially feasible administrative process to issue the permit in this manner at that time. Now, with the advent of the Pennsylvania Automated License System (PALS), there is an economic and efficient mechanism to facilitate issuance of the permits and their big game tags. While functionality of the MYHP in the field will remain largely the same, participants will now be required to apply for and receive a permit through the PALS system at any of its issuing agent locations across this Commonwealth prior to participating in the program. Permit application will require participants to supply the required identification information and pay a nominal fee of \$1, plus any transactional and issuing agent fees.

Section 2701(a) of the code (relating to license requirements) states that "Except in defense of person or property or pursuant to exemptions authorized by the commission for implementing a mentored youth hunting program, every person, prior to engaging in any of the

privileges granted by this title, shall first obtain the applicable license subject to any conditions or other requirements imposed by this title." Section 2102(a) of the code (relating to regulations) provides that "The commission shall promulgate such regulations as it deems necessary and appropriate concerning game or wildlife and hunting or furtaking in this Commonwealth, including regulations relating to the protection, preservation and management of game or wildlife and game or wildlife habitat, permitting or prohibiting hunting or furtaking, the ways, manner, methods and means of hunting or furtaking, and the health and safety of persons who hunt or take wildlife or may be in the vicinity of persons who hunt or take game or wildlife in this Commonwealth." The rescission of Chapter 143, Subchapter M and creation of Chapter 147, Subchapter X was adopted under this authority.

2. Regulatory Requirements

The proposed rulemaking will rescind Chapter 143, Subchapter M and add Chapter 147, Subchapter X to implement a permitting process to gain authorization to participate in the MYHP.

3. Persons Affected

Persons wishing to hunt or trap within this Commonwealth under the MYHP will be affected by the proposed rulemaking.

4. Cost and Paperwork Requirements

The proposed rulemaking may result in some additional cost and paperwork associated with the implementation of the MYHP permit within the Commission's new PALS system. However, the Commission has determined that if there is any additional expense associated with this effort, it will not be substantial and would be absorbed by the current budget.

5. Effective Date

The proposed rulemaking will be effective upon final publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and will remain in effect until changed by the Commission.

6. Contact Person

For further information regarding the proposed rulemaking, contact Richard A. Palmer, Director, Bureau of Wildlife Protection, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797, (717) 783-6526.

CARL G. ROE,
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Fiscal Note: 48-283. No fiscal impact; (8) recommends adoption.

(Editor's Note: As part of this proposal, the Commission is proposing to rescind the regulations which appear in Chapter 143, Subchapter M, which currently appear in 58 Pa. Code pages 143-35—143-37, serial pages (341023), (341024) and (322037).

Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART III. GAME COMMISSION

CHAPTER 143. HUNTING AND FURTKER LICENSES

Subchapter M. (Reserved)

§§ 143.241—143.247. (Reserved).

(Editor's Note: The following text is new and has been printed in regular to enhance readability.)

CHAPTER 147. SPECIAL PERMITS

Subchapter X. MENTORED YOUTH HUNTING PROGRAM PERMIT

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§ 147.801. Purpose and scope.

(a) The purpose of this subchapter is to define and implement the Mentored Youth Hunting Program and provide for the issuance of hunting permits to eligible youths.

(b) The Mentored Youth Hunting Program is intended to provide mentors who are dedicated to promoting and sharing this Commonwealth's hunting heritage with interested youths, the opportunity to provide these younger unlicensed youths with one-on-one, hands-on experience and in-field training on the mechanical, ethical, safety, responsibility and enjoyment aspects of the hunting experience.

§ 147.802. Definitions.

The following words and terms, when used in this subchapter, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

Lawful hunting device—Any firearm or implement that is lawful to be possessed during the current season and used to harvest the particular species hunted.

Mentor—A licensed person, 21 years of age or older who is serving as a guide to a mentored youth while engaged in hunting or related activities.

Mentored youth—An unlicensed person, under 12 years of age who is accompanied by a mentor while engaged in hunting or related activities.

Stationary—The state or condition where a person is still, fixed in place or static, indicated by a cessation of all forward, backward or lateral movement, whether in the standing, kneeling, sitting or prone position.

§ 147.803. Application.

(a) Applications for mentored youth hunting permits issued under this subchapter shall be made through the Commission or any of its authorized license-issuing agents on the appropriate form designated by the Commission for this purpose. Each application must include the name, address, telephone number, date of birth and Social Security number of the applicant.

(b) Applications may be submitted on behalf of an eligible mentored youth upon presentation of a written request executed by a parent or legally constituted guardian.

(c) The fee for a mentored youth hunting permit will be \$1, plus any applicable transactional and issuing agent fees.

§ 147.804. General.

(a) A mentor shall possess a valid Pennsylvania hunting license or qualify for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions) prior to engaging in any mentored youth hunting activities.

(b) A mentored youth shall possess a valid mentored youth hunting permit prior to engaging in any mentored youth hunting activities.

(c) A mentored youth's hunting eligibility is restricted to the following species: squirrel, woodchuck, coyote, deer and wild turkey. A mentored youth's hunting eligibility is further limited to:

(i) Spring gobbler season only for turkey.

(ii) Antlered deer only during any applicable deer seasons. However, mentored youth hunters are subject to the same antler restrictions that apply to junior license holders as provided in the definition of antlered deer in § 131.2 (relating to definitions).

(d) A mentored youth's hunting eligibility is further constrained by applicable hunting seasons, daily limits, field possession limits and season limits provided in § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year).

(e) A mentored youth is eligible to hunt during any special youth hunting seasons that apply to any species specified in subsection (6).

(f) A mentored youth shall tag and report all big game harvested in the manner provided in section 2323 of the act (relating to tagging and reporting big game kills).

§ 147.805. Safety.

While engaged in mentored youth hunting activities:

(1) A mentored youth shall be stationary, within arms reach and subject to the immediate control of the mentor at all times while in possession of any lawful hunting device.

(2) A mentor may not accompany more than one youth, including junior hunters, at any given time.

(3) A mentor and mentored youth may not collectively possess more than one lawful hunting device at any given time.

(4) A mentor and mentored youth shall both comply with section 2524 of the act (relating to protective material required) and with any regulations promulgated by the Commission relating to protective material.

§ 147.806. Liability.

A mentor is responsible and accountable for all actions of the mentored youth occurring while engaged in mentored youth hunting activities. A mentor who causes or allows a mentored youth to engage in an unlawful act shall be punishable as the principal offender as provided in section 924 of the act (relating to liability for actions of others).

§ 147.807. Violations.

It is unlawful for a mentor or mentored youth to fail to comply with any of the requirements, standards or limitations of this subchapter. A person violating this subchapter shall, upon conviction, be sentenced to pay the fine prescribed in the act. The Director may additionally deny, revoke or suspend any permit for any violation of this subchapter upon written notice to the permittee.

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[58 PA. CODE CH. 131]
Preliminary Provisions

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission), at its January 27, 2009, meeting, proposed the following rulemaking:

Amend § 131.8 (relating to replacement costs for wildlife killed) to provide a more comprehensive list of applicable costs for all of the various wildlife species found within this Commonwealth.

The proposed rulemaking will have no adverse impact on the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

The authority for the proposed rulemaking is 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to Game and Wildlife Code) (code).

The proposed rulemaking was made public at the January 27, 2009, meeting of the Commission. Comments can be sent to the Director, Information and Education, Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797, until April 17, 2009.

1. *Purpose and Authority*

Section 925(i) of the Code specifically states that "In addition to the fines and costs incurred by the Commission for the species involved in the violation shall be assessed by the magisterial district judges in the amount as is fixed by the regulation of the Commission." Despite the fact that the Commission has set replacement cost values for bear, elk and threatened or endangered species, it has never done so for any other species. Without clear authority or guidance on assessing replacement costs for these other species, the courts rarely assess replacement costs for the same resulting in unanswered losses to the Commonwealth. In an effort to avoid these losses, the Commission is proposing to amend § 131.8 to provide a more comprehensive list of applicable costs for all of the various wildlife species found within this Commonwealth.

Section 2102(a) of the code (relating to regulations) provides that "The commission shall promulgate such regulations as it deems necessary and appropriate concerning game or wildlife and hunting or furtaking in this Commonwealth, including regulations relating to the protection, preservation and management of game or wildlife and game or wildlife habitat, permitting or prohibiting hunting or furtaking, the ways, manner, methods and means of hunting or furtaking, and the health and safety of persons who hunt or take wildlife or may be in the vicinity of persons who hunt or take game or wildlife in this Commonwealth." The amendments to § 131.8 were proposed under this authority.

2. *Regulatory Requirements*

The proposed rulemaking will amend § 131.8 to provide a more comprehensive list of applicable costs for all of the various wildlife species found within this Commonwealth.

3. *Persons Affected*

Persons unlawfully killing game or wildlife within this Commonwealth may be affected by the proposed rulemaking.

4. *Cost and Paperwork Requirements*

The proposed rulemaking should not result in any additional cost or paperwork.

5. *Effective Date*

The proposed rulemaking will be effective upon final publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* and will remain in effect until changed by the Commission.

6. *Contact Person*

For further information regarding the proposed rulemaking, contact Richard A. Palmer, Director, Bureau of Wildlife Protection, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797, (717) 783-6526.

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Annex A

TITLE 58. RECREATION

PART III. GAME COMMISSION

CHAPTER 131. PRELIMINARY PROVISIONS

§ 131.8. Replacement costs for wildlife killed.

[In addition to the penalties provided for the violation of any of the provisions of the act or this title, every person who unlawfully kills or possesses wildlife shall be assessed the following replacement costs:

(1) Each elk, bear or threatened or endangered bird or mammal not less than \$800 nor more than \$5,000.

(2) Each elk with at least six points on one antler, not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$10,000.]

Under section 925(i) of the act (relating to fines and penalties for violations), in addition to any fines and costs imposed for violations of the act and this title, any person who unlawfully kills or possesses wildlife may be assessed replacement costs according to the following minimum cost scale:

(1) *General class.*

(i) Each threatened or endangered bird or mammal, \$5,000.

(ii) Each elk, \$1,500.

(iii) Each bear, \$1,500.

(iv) Each deer, \$800.

(v) Each bobcat, \$500.

(vi) Each otter, \$500.

(vii) Each turkey, \$300.

(viii) Each beaver, \$300.

(ix) Any other wildlife, \$200.

(2) *Trophy class.*

(i) Each elk with a Boone and Crockett green score of 200 points or more, \$5,000.

(ii) Each deer with a Boone and Crockett green score of 115 points or more, \$5,000.

(iii) Each black bear with a field dressed weight over 350 pounds or more, \$5,000.

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**[58 PA. CODE CH. 139]
Seasons and Bag Limits**

To effectively manage the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth, the Game Commission (Commission), at its January 27, 2009 meeting, proposed the following rulemaking:

Amend § 139.4 (relating to seasons and bag limits for the license year) to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2009-2010 hunting license year.

The proposed rulemaking will have no adverse impact on the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth.

The authority for the proposed rulemaking is 34 Pa.C.S. (relating to Game and Wildlife Code) (code).

The proposed rulemaking was made public at the January 27, 2009, meeting of the Commission. Comments can be sent to the Director, Information and Education, Game Commission, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797, until April 17, 2009.

1. Purpose and Authority

The Commission is required to set hunting and furtaking seasons and bag limits on an annual basis. Although the 2009-2010 seasons and daily season and possession limits are similar to those set in 2008-2009, the 2009-2010 seasons and bag limits have been amended to conform to current available scientific data, population and harvest records, field surveys and professional staff observations, as well as recommendations received from staff, organized sporting groups, members of the agricultural community and others interested in the wildlife resources of this Commonwealth. Some notable proposed changes for hunters next season will be closures to all pheasant hunting in any area designated as a wild pheasant area within any WMU, (WMU) reduced wild turkey hunting opportunities in WMUs 2D, 5C and 5D, expanded wild turkey hunting opportunities in WMU 2F, and finally expanded flintlock muzzleloader deer hunting opportunities in WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D. As the next license year is fast approaching, the Commission is proposing to amend § 139.4 to provide updated seasons and bag limits for the 2009-2010 license year.

Section 322(c)(1) of the code (relating to powers and duties of the commission) specifically empowers the Commission to “fix seasons, daily shooting or taking hours,

and any modification thereof, and daily, season and possession limits for any species of game or wildlife.” Section 2102(b)(1) of the code authorizes the Commission to “promulgate regulations relating to seasons and bag limits for hunting or furtaking . . .” The amendment to § 139.4 was proposed under this authority.

2. Regulatory Requirements

The proposed rulemaking will amend § 139.4 by establishing when and where it is lawful to hunt and trap various game species and also place limits on the numbers that can be legally taken during the 2009-2010 license year.

3. Persons Affected

Persons wishing to hunt or trap game or wildlife within this Commonwealth during the 2009-2010 license year will be affected by the proposed rulemaking.

4. Cost and Paperwork Requirements

The proposed rulemaking should not result in any additional cost or paperwork.

5. Effective Date

The effective dates of the proposed rulemaking are July 1, 2009, to June 30, 2010.

6. Contact Person

For further information regarding the proposed rulemaking, contact Richard A. Palmer, Director, Bureau of Wildlife Protection, 2001 Elmerton Avenue, Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797, (717) 783-6526.

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(Editor’s Note: As part of this proposed rulemaking, the Commission is proposing to delete the text of § 139.4 which appears in 58 Pa. Code pages 139-3—139-14, serial pages (335309)—(335318) and (341021) and (341022) and replace it with the following text.)

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PART III. GAME COMMISSION

CHAPTER 139. SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS

§ 139.4. Seasons and bag limits for the license year.

**(SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS TABLE)
2009-2010 OPEN HUNTING AND FURTAKING SEASONS, DAILY LIMIT,
FIELD POSSESSION LIMIT AND SEASON LIMIT
OPEN SEASON INCLUDES FIRST AND LAST DATES LISTED**

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After First Day
Squirrels—(Combined species) Eligible Junior Hunters only, with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law	Oct. 10	Oct. 16	6	12
Squirrels—(Combined species)	Oct. 17	Nov. 28	6	12
	Dec. 14	and Dec. 23		
	Dec. 26	and Feb. 6, 2010		

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After First Day
Ruffed Grouse	Oct. 17 and Dec. 14 and Dec. 26	Nov. 28 Dec. 23 Jan. 23, 2010	2	4
Rabbits, Cottontail	Oct. 24 and Dec. 14 and Dec. 26	Nov. 28 Dec. 23 Feb. 6, 2010	4	8
Ring-necked Pheasant—There is no open season for the taking of pheasants in any area designated as a wild pheasant recovery area within any wildlife management unit.				
Ring-necked Pheasant—Male only in WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B Eligible Junior Hunters only, with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law.	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	2	4
Ring-necked Pheasant—Male or female combined in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5C and 5D Eligible Junior Hunters only, with or without the required license, when properly accompanied as required by law.	Oct. 10	Oct. 17	2	4
Ring-necked Pheasant—Male only in WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 4C, 4E, 5A and 5B	Oct. 24	Nov. 28	2	4
Ring-necked Pheasant—Male or female combined in WMUs 1A, 1B, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4B, 4D, 5C and 5D	Oct. 24 and Dec. 14 and Dec. 26	Nov. 28 Dec. 23 Feb. 6, 2010	2	4
Bobwhite Quail—The hunting and taking of bobwhite quail is permitted in all WMUs except in WMUs 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D where the season is closed.	Oct. 24	Nov. 28	4	8
Hares (Snowshoe Rabbits) or Varying Hares	Dec. 26	Jan. 1, 2010	1	2
Woodchucks (Groundhog)	No closed season except during the regular firearms deer seasons and until noon daily during the spring gobbler turkey season.			Unlimited
Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Turkey—Male or Female			1	1
WMUs 1A, 1B and 2A (Shotgun, Bow and Arrow only)	Oct. 31	Nov. 14		
WMU 2B (Shotgun, Bow and Arrow only)	Oct. 31	Nov. 21		
WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 4A and 4B	Oct. 31	Nov. 14		
WMUs 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4C, 4D and 4E	Oct. 31	Nov. 21		

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Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
WMUs 5A and 5B	Closed to fall turkey hunting			
WMUs 5C and 5D (Shotgun, Bow and Arrow only)	Oct. 31	Nov. 4		
Turkey (Spring Gobbler) Statewide ¹ Bearded Bird only	May 1, 2010	May 31, 2010	1	2
Turkey (Spring Gobbler) Statewide Youth Hunt ¹ Bearded Bird only Eligible Junior Hunters only with the required license and when properly accompanied.	April 24, 2010	April 24, 2010	1	1

MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Except as further restricted by this chapter, the seasons, bag limits, hunting hours and hunting regulations for migratory game birds shall conform to regulations adopted by the United States Secretary of the Interior under authority of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C.A. §§ 703—711) as published in the *Federal Register* on or about August 27 and September 28 of each year.

Exceptions:

(a) Hunting hours in § 141.4 (relating to hunting hours).

(b) Nontoxic shot as approved by the Director of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service is required for use Statewide in hunting and taking of migratory waterfowl.

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Field Possession Limit After First Day
Crows (Hunting permitted on Friday, Saturday and Sunday only)	July 3	April 4, 2010		Unlimited
Starlings and English Sparrows	No closed season except during the regular firearms deer seasons and until noon daily during the spring gobbler turkey season			Unlimited

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Squirrels—(Combined species)	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2010	6	12
Quail	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2010	4	8
Ruffed Grouse	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2010	2	4
Cottontail Rabbits	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2010	4	8
Snowshoe or Varying Hare	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2010	1	2
Ring-necked Pheasant—Male and Female—(Combined)	Sept. 1	Mar. 31, 2010	2	4

Migratory Game Birds—Seasons and bag limits shall be in accordance with Federal regulations.

WHITE-TAILED DEER

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
Deer, Archery (Antlered and Antlerless) ² (Statewide)	Oct. 3	Nov. 14	One antlered and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
	Dec. 26	Jan. 9, 2010	
Deer, Archery (Antlerless) WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Sept. 19	Oct. 2	An antlerless deer with each required license.
	Nov. 16	Nov. 28	
	Dec. 14	Dec. 23	
Deer, Regular firearms (Antlered and Antlerless) ² WMUs 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2E, 2F, 3A, 3B, 3D, 4A, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 5B, 5C, and 5D	Nov. 30	Dec. 12	One antlered, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

Species	First Day	Last Day	Season Limit
Deer, Regular firearms (Antlered only) ² and ³ WMUs 2D, 2G, 3C, and 4B	Nov. 30	Dec. 4	One antlered deer.
Deer, Regular firearms (Antlered and Antlerless) ² and ³ WMUs 2D, 2G, 3C, and 4B	Dec. 5	Dec. 12	One antlered, and an antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Special firearms (Antlerless only) (Statewide) Only Junior and Senior License Holders, ⁴ Commission Disabled Person Permit Holders (to use a vehicle as a blind), and Residents serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces, or in the U.S. Coast Guard, with required antlerless license	Oct. 22	Oct. 24	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Muzzleloading (Antlerless only) (Statewide)	Oct. 17	Oct. 24	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless) ² (Statewide)	Dec. 26	Jan. 9, 2010	One antlered, or one antlerless-plus an additional antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Flintlock (Antlered or Antlerless) ² WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Dec. 26	Jan. 23, 2010	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Extended Regular firearms (Antlerless) WMUs 2B, 5C and 5D	Dec. 14 and Dec. 26	Dec. 23 and Jan. 23, 2010	An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.
Deer, Antlerless (Letterkenny Army Depot, Franklin County and New Cumberland Army Depot, York County and Fort Detrick, Raven Rock Site, Adams County)	Hunting is permitted on days established by the United States Department of the Army.		An antlerless deer with each required antlerless license.

BLACK BEAR

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Bear, any age (Archery only) ⁵ WMUs 2C, 2D, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 4A, 4B and 4D	Nov. 18	Nov. 19	1	1
Bear, any age (Statewide) ⁵	Nov. 23	Nov. 25	1	1
Bear, any age ⁵ Portions of WMU 3B, East of Rt. 14 from Troy to Canton, East of Rt. 154 from Canton to Rt. 220 at Laporte and East of Rt. 42 from Laporte to Rt. 118 and that portion of 4E, East of Rt. 42.	Nov. 30	Dec. 5	1	1

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Portions of WMUs 2G in Lycoming and Clinton Counties and 3B in Lycoming County that lie North of the West Branch of the Susquehanna River from the Rt. 405 Bridge, West to Rt. 15 at Williamsport, Rt. 15 to Rt. 220, and North of Rt. 220 to the Mill Hall exit, North of SR 2015 to Rt. 150; East of Rt. 150 to Lusk Run Road and South of Lusk Run Road to Rt. 120, Rt. 120 to Veterans Street Bridge to SR 1001; East of SR 1001 to Croak Hollow Road, South of Croak Hollow Road to Rt. 664 (at Swissdale), South of Rt. 664 to Little Plum Road (the intersection of SR 1003), South of SR 1003 to SR 1006, South of SR 1006 to Sulphur Run Road, South of Sulphur Run Road to Rt. 44, East of Rt. 44 to Rt. 973, South of Rt. 973 to Rt. 87, West of Rt. 87 to Rt. 864, South of Rt. 864 to Rt. 220 and West of Rt. 220 to Rt. 405 and West of Rt. 405 to the West Branch of the Susquehanna River.				
Bear, any age ⁵ WMUs 4C, 4D, 4E, 5B and 5C	Dec. 2	Dec. 5	1	1
ELK				
Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Elk, (Antlered and Antlerless) ⁶ With each required license	Nov. 2	Nov. 7	1	1
FUR TAKING—TRAPPING				
Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Minks and Muskrats (Statewide)	Nov. 21	Jan. 10, 2010		Unlimited
Beaver (Statewide)	Dec. 26	Mar. 31, 2010		
WMUs 2E, 2F and 2G (Combined)			20	20
WMUs 1A, 1B, 3A, 3B, 3C and 3D (Combined)			20	40
WMUs 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 4A, 4B, 4C, 4D, 4E, 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D (Combined)			10	10
Coyotes, Foxes, Opossums, Raccoons, Skunks, Weasels—(Statewide)	Oct. 25	Feb. 21, 2010		Unlimited
Coyotes and Foxes—(Statewide) (Cable restraint devices may be used)	Jan. 1	Feb. 21, 2010		Unlimited
Bobcat ⁷ WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4D and 4E	Oct. 25	Feb. 21, 2010	1	1
FUR TAKING—HUNTING				
Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Coyotes—(Statewide)		Outside of any deer or bear season may be taken with a hunting license or a furtaker's license and without wearing orange.		Unlimited

Species	First Day	Last Day	Daily Limit	Season Limit
Coyotes—(During any archery deer season)	May be taken while lawfully hunting deer or with a furtaker's license.			
Coyotes—(During the regular firearms deer season and any bear season)	May be taken while lawfully hunting deer or bear or with a furtaker's license while wearing 250 square inches of daylight fluorescent orange-colored material in a 360° arc.			
Coyotes—(During the spring gobbler turkey season)	May be taken by persons who have a valid tag and meet fluorescent orange and shot size requirements.			
Opossums, Skunks, Weasels ⁸ (Statewide)	No closed season. These species may not be hunted prior to noon during the spring gobbler turkey season.			
Raccoons and Foxes—(Statewide) ⁸	Oct. 24	Feb. 20, 2010		Unlimited
Bobcat ⁷ WMUs 2A, 2C, 2E, 2F, 2G, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 4A, 4D and 4E	Oct. 24	Feb. 20, 2010	1	1

No open seasons on other wild birds or wild mammals.

¹Only persons who possess a special wild turkey license as provided for in section 2709 of the act (relating to license costs and fees) may take a second spring gobbler during the hunting license year; all other persons, including mentored youth hunters, may take only one spring gobbler. A maximum of 2 gobblers per license year may be taken by any combination of licenses or exceptions for mentored youth.

²Only one antlered deer (buck) may be taken during the hunting license year.

³Season changes in WMUs 2D, 2G, 3C and 4B are for the purpose of a 4 year study which must be completed before additional units are modified.

⁴Includes persons who have reached or will reach their 65th birthday in the year of the application for the license and hold a valid adult license or qualify for license and fee exemptions under section 2706 of the act (relating to resident license and fee exemptions).

⁵Only one bear may be taken during the hunting license year.

⁶Only one elk may be taken during the hunting license year.

⁷ Bobcat may only be taken by furtakers in possession of a Bobcat Hunting-Trapping Permit and may not be taken during the regular antlered and antlerless deer season from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

⁸May not be taken during the regular antlered and antlerless deer season from 1/2 hour before sunrise to sunset.

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