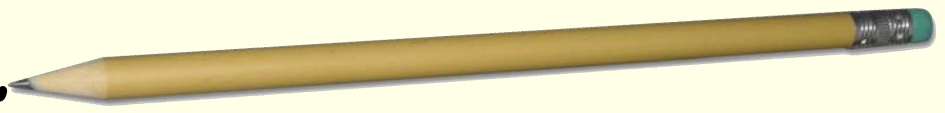


# Field Notes...



## Noteworthy News from the Division of Fish, Wildlife and Marine Resources

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### **Significant Notes**

#### **Opportunities Still Exist to Get a Deer Management Permit.**

Two different opportunities remain for hunters to receive a [Deer Management Permit \(DMP\)](#) for select [Wildlife Management Units \(WMUs\)](#) for the 2011-2012 hunting season. Details of these two opportunities are listed below with links to more information.

- **Leftover DMPs** exist for the following WMUs as of today, November 4: 1C, 3M, 3S, 8A, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8J, and 9A. Hunters in these WMUs can apply for up to two DMPs by visiting a license issuing outlet (*most town clerks and sporting good stores*). These DMPs are issued on a first-come, first-serve basis until the desired target is reached.
- **Bonus DMPs** are offered throughout the 2011-2012 hunting season for hunters in WMUs 1C, 3S, 4J, 8C, and 9A who harvest an antlerless deer. To get the bonus DMP, hunters must bring their harvested antlerless deer to a check station and fill out an application.

#### **Long Island Sound Designated as a "No Discharge Zone."**

The Long Island Sound has been designated as a "No Discharge Zone" (NDZ) making it illegal for boaters to release treated or untreated sewage into these waters. Boaters are now required to dispose of their waste by using pump-out stations located at many marinas along the Sound. This new NDZ will help improve the quality of water in the area, thereby reducing the amount of beach and shellfish harvest closures that must take place. [More details about NDZs](#) are on the DEC website.

#### **Get Up-To-Date with Division Highlights.**

In our [September Division Monthly Highlights \(PDF\)](#), read about the most recent management and research activities, as well as outreach and other efforts occurring in our division.

In this issue you'll find out about:

- A new look for several of our fish stocking trucks;
- The abundance of young walleye based on our Lake Erie Gill Net Survey;
- The grand opening of a new boat launch in Plattsburgh;

- An update on flooding impacts and clean up after Tropical Storm Irene;
- A Wildlife Forensics Training for Environmental Conservation Officers; and, more!

## **Marine Commercial Fishery Harvest Updates.**

The [commercial fishing limits](#) have changed for the following species:

- Summer flounder fishery daily trip limit decreased to 70 pounds as of November 1.
- Spiny dogfish fishery re-opened with a daily trip limit of 3,000 pounds as of November 4.
- Black sea bass fishery closed as of November 4. [Details on this early black sea bass closure](#) is on the commercial fishing webpage.

## **Noteworthy Dates**

### **November 15 - Marine Resources Advisory Council Public Meeting**

Join in on the discussions regarding New York's management of commercial and recreational fisheries at the next Marine Resources Advisory Council (MRAC) meeting. Open to the public, this November 15 meeting starts at 2 P.M. and is held at the DEC Bureau of Marine Resources Office in East Setauket. Please check the [Marine Resources Advisory Council](#) page on the SUNY Stony Brook website to view an agenda as it becomes available and to find more details about MRAC.

## **Recreational Sporting Season Reminders**

### ***November 1 Seasons***

In our last issue, we missed reminding you of several recreational sporting seasons that started on November 1. These November 1 openers are listed below:

#### **Saltwater Fishing**

Black sea bass fishing re-opened and will continue through December 31. The minimum length limit is 13 inches per fish and the daily catch limit is 10 fish.

#### **Hunting**

The following hunting seasons opened for Long Island.

*(Click on the links to view the season map)*

- [Bobwhite Quail](#)
- [Cottontail Rabbit](#)
- [Pheasant](#)
- [Squirrel](#)
- [Weasel, opossum, raccoon, skunk, and fox](#)

#### **Trapping**

*(Click on the links to view the season map)*

- [Beaver](#) and [River Otter](#) trapping opened for northern areas of New York.
- [Weasel, opossum, raccoon, skunk, and fox](#) trapping opened for Long Island.

## Upcoming Seasons

The recreational season reminders listed below include season dates that extend over the next two weeks. For all season dates and to view more information about hunting and fishing in New York, visit DEC's [Outdoor Activities](#) webpage.

### Youth Hunting (Ages 12-15)

#### For Waterfowl (Duck, Coot, Merganser, Canada Goose, and Brant):

- **November 12-13** - Two-day [youth waterfowl hunt](#) weekend on **Long Island** (Nassau & Suffolk Counties). Juniors must register with [HIP](#) and have a junior [hunting license](#) prior to going afield. Junior waterfowl hunters do not need a federal duck stamp. Juniors must be accompanied by a licensed adult hunter (including current HIP registration and duck stamp), but the adult may not shoot any birds unless the regular season is open. The daily bag limits for Canada geese are two per day. For duck, coot, merganser, and brant, the daily limit is the same as the [regular season bag limits](#).

### Deer & Bear (Big Game) Hunting

(view the [big game hunting map](#) to identify hunting zones)

- **November 18**: Final day for bowhunting in the Southern Zone.
- **November 19**: Opening day for firearm and crossbow hunting in the Southern Zone. Please view the [rifle, shotgun, and bow area](#) map to identify where and what weapons you may legally use when hunting. Additionally, hunters in Southern Zone Wildlife Management Units 3C, 3H, 3J, 3K, and a portion of 3A south and west of Route 28 must abide by the [antler restrictions](#).

### Turkey Hunting

(view the [turkey hunting map](#) to identify hunting zones)

- **November 4** - Final day for a portion of New York's central and western regions (e.g. Lake Ontario regions).
- **November 18** - Final day for all remaining open areas. This closes turkey hunting for all of upstate New York.
- **November 19** - Opening day for Long Island (Suffolk County). This season remains open through November 23. Hunters may take only one turkey of either sex for the season.

### Game Bird Hunting

#### For Snipe, Gallinule, and Rail:

- **November 9** - Final day for hunting in all open areas of NY (upstate NY, north of Bronx-Westchester County boundary).

#### For Woodcock:

- **November 14** - Final day for hunting in all open areas (all of upstate NY and Long Island).

### Waterfowl Hunting

(view the following maps to identify [waterfowl hunting zones](#) and [Canada goose hunting areas](#) that are described below)

#### For Duck, Coot, Merganser:

- **November 5** - Opening day in the Southeastern Waterfowl Zone.

#### For Canada Goose:

- **November 18** - Final day of split season in the following Goose Hunting Areas: East Central and Hudson Valley.

#### For Brant:

- **November 19** - Final day in the Northeastern Waterfowl Zone.



## Furbearer Trapping

- **November 10** - the following furbearer seasons open for eastern portions of upstate NY - Hudson Valley and Catskill Regions.  
(Click on links to view season maps):
  - [Beaver](#)
  - [Otter](#)
  - [Mink & Muskrat](#) - also available are [special mink/muskrat hunting](#) opportunities.

## Other News in the Press

Below are additional links to noteworthy DEC press releases:

- ["Ship Canal Commons" Opens at Buffalo Lakeside Commerce Park](#): New, 22-acre Public Park Located in the Footprints of a Transformed Brownfield.



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## Did You Know...?

Moose can grow to a massive size of 1,400 pounds, yet they can move swiftly on both land and water -- obtaining running speeds of up to 35 mph and reaching swimming distances of up to 10 miles!

*Find out about rebounding moose populations in New York by watching [moose tracking on DEC TV](#). Also, read more about this magnificent animal in the [moose fact sheet](#) online.*

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