



## DEC announces success of collaborative fish pen rearing program Chinook salmon and steelhead stocked into Black River Bay

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced that Region 6 fisheries staff released 50,000 Chinook salmon and 10,000 steelhead (rainbow trout) into Black River Bay in early May 2021.

The fish are part of an innovative pen rearing program conducted in partnership with Navy Point Marina in Sackets Harbor and volunteer anglers from the Henderson Harbor Guides Association.

Navy Point Marina used a crane to move the pens into the water and will store the pens during winter months. Volunteer anglers helped care for the fish prior to the stocking effort.

"Working with DEC fisheries experts, angler volunteers provided daily care for the fish and pens to support this innovative program, and undertook feeding, cleaning, recording mortality, and monitoring fish health," said Randall C. Young, Region 6 Regional Director.

"Chinook salmon growth was larger than the expected target size for release and steelhead growth was the exact size targeted for release. We anticipate that pen-rearing will improve returns of Chinook and steelhead to the Black River and enhance the fishery."

"The project helps the fish to have a better chance at survival. They are imprinted to come back to the Eastern Basin of Lake Ontario. Fisherman can enjoy better fishing in the future and better odds at catching a Chinook salmon or rainbow trout," said Fred Kucik, Henderson Harbor Guides Association president.

Future pen rearing efforts will be led by angler volunteers with support from Navy Point Marina and DEC Region 6 Fisheries staff. The true success of the project will be determined in the future once DEC sees more adults return to the fishery.



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### Lake Michigan Spring 1988 Council meeting

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## New state-record Chinook tops 47 lbs



Using a Moonshine raspberry carbon spoon lure, an angler from Ortonville, Michigan, turned in a new state-record fish!

Luis Ricardo Hernandez Martinez was troll fishing with Capt. Bobby Sullivan of Icebreaker Charters on Lake Michigan near Ludington early Saturday morning, Aug. 7, when he caught a Chinook salmon weighing in at 47.86 pounds and measuring 47.5 inches.

"I never expected a catch like this would happen," Martinez said. "It's possible for anyone if I can do it! I would like to extend a great 'thank you' to Capt. Bobby, as it was he who made this catch possible for me."

Captain Sullivan added, "Luis did an amazing job, executing perfectly everything I asked him to do in order to bring this fish in."

This record breaks the previous state-record Chinook salmon – 46.06 pounds, 43.5 inches long – caught in 1978 by Ray Essex, of Grand Rapids, out of the Grand River in Kent County.

The new state-record Chinook salmon was verified by Jay Wesley, Lake Michigan Basin coordinator with the Michigan DNR, with Scott Heintzelman, the DNR's Central Lake Michigan Management Unit supervisor, also present.

Michigan's state-record fish are recognized by weight only. To qualify for a state record, fish must exceed the current listed state-record weight, and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

To view a current list of Michigan state fish records by species, visit [Michigan.gov/StateRecordFish](http://Michigan.gov/StateRecordFish). ✧

## WIS trout fishing regulations, 2021-2022

Effective July 23, 2021, the daily bag limit for lake trout increased to 5 (in aggregate with other trout and salmon) for Lake Michigan, Green Bay and their tributaries, excluding the Mid Lake Reef Complex. Lake trout fishing will be open year-round on most waters. Check the regulations below for more details.

The following state map shows different sections of the state and is meant to be a general guide to help you locate trout waters. The maps do not include unnamed streams or all spring ponds. For exact boundaries of regulations and open seasons see the [Guide to Wisconsin Trout Fishing Regulations, 2021-2022 \[PDF\]](#)

To view a trout waters map, select the region of Wisconsin you plan on fishing from the map. Each trout waters map is contained within an Adobe Acrobat [PDF] file. Note that the map files can be large, so please allow a few moments to download them. Your best option may be to right-click on the maps, choose "Save Target As" to save them to your hard drive and then open the file. Because the maps rely on color to denote the various regulation categories, the maps are best printed on a color printer or viewed on your monitor. ✧

## Ludington, Michigan fishery, 1988



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## Trout and salmon stocked in Lake Michigan and tributaries

DNR's hatchery staff recently completed spring stockings for Lake Michigan and its tributaries, adding more than 589,100 trout and salmon to public waters.

Locations stocked include East Chicago Marina, East Branch Little Calumet River, Salt Creek, Trail Creek, and the St. Joseph River. Among the fish stocked were 90,280 brown trout fingerlings, 77,166 coho salmon yearlings, 225,776 skamania steelhead yearlings, and 195,915 Chinook salmon fingerlings.

Due to the COVID-related cancellation of the spring 2020 egg take at the Little Manistee Weir in Michigan, no winter-run steelhead yearlings were stocked. To make up for this shortfall in fish production,

Indiana raised extra skamania steelhead yearlings and obtained twice as many brown trout as usual from Illinois DNR.

Indiana also experienced sourcing issues with Chinook salmon. Indiana does not have the infrastructure to spawn Chinook salmon, so the DNR relies on partners in other states for eggs. Wisconsin DNR was not able to provide enough viable eggs to meet Indiana's target. To make up for most of the shortfall, Indiana's hatchery staff worked with other Lake Michigan partner states, securing more than 59,000 surplus Chinook from Illinois DNR and 39,000 from Michigan DNR.

"The last year has been a challenge to navigate with

production shortages, canceled egg takes, and many pandemic-related issues," said Ben Dickinson, DNR's Lake Michigan biologist. "I'm proud of our hatchery staff for being adaptable, and very grateful for all our Lake Michigan state agency partners for helping to ensure we can stock a variety of species to maintain our diverse fishery."

Although fish stockings are complete for this spring, coho salmon fingerlings are scheduled to be stocked during October, and winter-run steelhead fingerlings will be stocked in December.

For more information about Lake Michigan fishing, visit wildlife.[IN.gov/fishing/lake-michigan-fishing/](https://www.in.gov/fishing/lake-michigan-fishing/). ✦

## DNR completes stocking of striped and hybrid striped bass

Indiana DNR recently completed its annual stocking of striped bass and hybrid striped bass across several lakes in Indiana.

DNR staff stocked more than 125,000 2-inch striped bass fingerlings in four southern Indiana public lakes and more than 134,000 2-inch hybrid striped bass fingerlings in nine lakes throughout the state. The stockings met or exceeded DNR's 2021 stocking goals for the two species.

Striped and hybrid striped bass were stocked in the following lakes:

- Brookville Lake (Union and Franklin County) – 72,600 striped bass
- Cecil M. Harden Lake (Parke County) – 40,600 striped bass
- Cedar Lake (Lake County) – 7,810 hybrids
- Clare Lake (Huntington County) – 420 hybrids
- Hardy Lake (Scott County) – 1,000 striped bass; 10,000 hybrids
- Lake Shafer (White County) – 12,910 hybrids

- Monroe Lake (Monroe County) – 53,750 hybrids
- Nyona Lake (Fulton County) – 1,040 hybrids
- Patoka Lake (Dubois County) – 11,353 striped bass; 44,000 hybrids
- Shadyside Park Lake (Madison County) – 1,575 hybrids
- Worster Lake (St. Joseph County) – 3,270 hybrids

Indiana does not have the native sources to spawn striped and hybrid striped bass. DNR relies on commercial sources and state partners to supply fry for its hatchery system. In 2021, East Fork State Fish Hatchery staff developed a new relationship with the Jack D. Bayless Fish Hatchery in St. Stephen, South Carolina. The hatchery supplied Indiana with 500,000 striped bass fry. Good conditions in the hatchery ponds resulted in a surplus of fingerlings.

The fish stocked in 2021 should reach a fishable size of 14 inches in 2023 and begin to exceed 20 inches in 2024. Thanks to stockings like this, Indiana anglers can look forward to continued quality striped and hybrid striped bass fishing opportunities. Learn more about fishing for these species at [wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/striped-and-hybrid-striped-bass-fishing/](https://www.wildlife.IN.gov/fishing/striped-and-hybrid-striped-bass-fishing/). ✦



*Lake Huron Fishing Club Hatchery, Spring of 2001*

## Indiana DNR begins brown trout rearing program

The Indiana DNR is expanding its inland trout program to include rearing brown trout in-house at state hatcheries.



*Ludington, Michigan fishery, 1988*

In June, Indiana DNR Fish & Wildlife officials received nearly 2,500 brown trout from the Ohio DNR. Most of those trout were stocked into streams in northern Indiana, including Pigeon River, Little Elkhart River, and Solomon Creek, but 400 were held back at Curtis Creek Trout Rearing Station to develop as broodstock. These are adult trout used for egg production. Once mature, the adult trout will produce enough fertile eggs to meet the demands of the new rearing program.

“There has been a great deal of angler demand for brown trout here in northern Indiana,” said Matt Horsley, Indiana DNR fisheries biologist. “Hopefully now we can meet those demands with our own source.”

Indiana has not had its own brown trout program since 1985. All recent brown trout stockings have either been through privately funded stockings, fish acquired from federal hatcheries or partnerships with hydroelectric companies.

“Hatchery staff were instrumental in making this happen,” Horsley said. “An opportunity arose, and the hatcheries were able to step up and quickly adjust their current programs to accommodate new fish.” Indiana DNR anticipates the first lot of brown trout raised solely within Indiana hatcheries to hit streams by April 2024.

To view more DNR news releases, please see [dnr.IN.gov](http://dnr.IN.gov). ✧

## Aug. 16 closure of lake trout fishing season in Apostle Islands Region of Lake Superior

**MADISON, Wis.** – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) announced the lake trout recreational harvest trigger in the Apostle Islands region (WI-2) of Lake Superior has been reached. As a result, lake trout season for sport and charter anglers will close at 11:59 p.m. on August 15, 2021.

“As more people have participated in the fishing opportunities available in Lake Superior, lake trout harvest has increased,” said Brad Ray, DNR Lake Superior Fisheries Supervisor. “To continue the excellent lake trout fishing opportunities, we need to make sure we do not exceed the safe harvest limit.”

Wisconsin waters of Lake Superior are divided into two management units: WI-1, including all waters from Superior to Bark Point (the Western Arm), and WI-2 waters, including waters from Bark Point to the Michigan border (the Apostle Islands region). Lake trout harvest and

trophy opportunities will still be available west of Bark Point until September 30, 2021.

[Lake trout in Lake Superior](#) are managed using a quota system where various user groups are allocated an allowable catch. These user groups include sport and charter fishers, state-licensed commercial fishers, and tribal home use and commercial fishers.

Since 2016, lake trout regulations in WI-2 have included a trigger set at 75% of the total allowable harvest. This trigger, implemented in response to angler concerns about overly restrictive bag limits, allows data to be compiled and analyzed with enough time to close the fishery before exceeding safe harvest limits.

Sustainable harvest levels are determined based on the most up-to-date lake trout population information. While commercial fishers are given their allotment in the form of tags at the beginning of the season, sport harvest is monitored by using a creel survey and mandatory charter reports.

The current quota was revised for the 2021 fishing season and the current recreational fishing allotment in WI-2 is 12,670 with a trigger at 9,500.

“Although the lake trout season in WI-2 will close, there are numerous cold and cool water fishing opportunities still available in Lake Superior,” said Dray Carl, DNR Lake Superior Fisheries Biologist.

Nearshore fishing opportunities for coho salmon, brown trout and splake will increase as we move into mid- to late-summer, with coho salmon fishing projected to be above average this summer and fall. Walleye continue to provide excellent fishing opportunities along the western arm, Long Island and within Chequamegon Bay. Chequamegon Bay also features a world-class smallmouth bass fishery, which can still bring fast-paced action during late summer and fall. Lake whitefish jigging has also become more prevalent in recent years.

[For more information on Lake Superior fisheries management, visit the DNR website.](#) ✧

## Update to lake trout harvest regulations for Lake Michigan & Green Bay

As a result of an emergency rule, the Wisconsin DNR is restoring previous recreational regulations for harvesting lake trout for Lake Michigan and Green Bay as of July 23, 2021. [The previous regulations ended earlier this year](#) and returned to a daily bag limit of two lake trout and a season running from March to October. With this emergency rule, the season will be open year-round for waters of Lake Michigan, Lake Michigan tributaries, Green Bay and major Green Bay tributaries, and have a daily bag limit of five trout or salmon, but all five may be lake trout.

This bag limit will also apply to all tributary streams, rivers and ditches to Green Bay upstream to the first dam or lake. However, the regular fishing season, from the first Saturday in May to the first Sunday in March, will remain in place. The Mid-Lake Reef Complex will remain closed to lake trout fishing. This change will provide additional fishing opportunities for anglers and charter businesses while maintaining a balance between lake trout and their alewife prey base. The DNR is working on a permanent rule to continue these changes into the future. ✧

## Lake Huron Fishery, 2001



## IDNR accepting applications for Boat Access Area Development program grants

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The Illinois DNR announced applications are being accepted for grants through the Boat Access Area Development grant program.

The Boat Access program is a state-financed grant program that provides funding assistance to local government agencies for acquisition and/or development of land for public boat and canoe access areas in Illinois. This program can provide up to 100 percent reimbursement funding assistance on approved development project costs and 90 percent reimbursement on land acquisition costs. The local agency must demonstrate and possess the ability to finance the costs of an approved project prior to receipt of grant funds.

The applications must be submitted by **5:00 p.m. September 1, 2021**. To view The Notice of Funding Opportunity: <https://www.illinois.gov/sites/gata/Pages/default.aspx>. ✧

## Lake Huron Fishery, 2001



## New Zealand mudsnails discovered in two new southern Wisconsin streams

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin DNR announced recent monitoring of southern Wisconsin streams has uncovered two new populations of New Zealand mudsnails in Token and Elvers Creeks in Dane County.

Water Action Volunteers from the Rock River Coalition discovered the mudsnails in Token Creek, a trout stream, headwater tributary to Lake Mendota and part of the Yahara Chain of Lakes. This is the first finding of New Zealand mudsnails in the Yahara River and Lake Mendota watershed.

A DNR biologist also discovered a population of New Zealand mudsnails in Elvers Creek, a trout stream in western Dane County north of Mount Horeb. Mudsnails were already known to exist in neighboring watersheds, but the recent finding is the first-known population in the Blue Mounds watershed.

First discovered in Wisconsin in 2012, New Zealand mudsnails have now been identified in ten southern Wisconsin streams within seven different watersheds.

“This is not the first time that citizens have identified a new population of New Zealand mudsnails, and we are all gaining confidence in our detection abilities,” said Maureen Ferry, DNR Statewide Aquatic Invasive Species Monitoring Coordinator. “The DNR and other researchers are assessing streams in southern Wisconsin to determine impacts of mudsnails on fish diets and condition as well as the abundance and diversity of aquatic macroinvertebrates.”

The DNR will work with Water Action Volunteers and partners to assess densities at both sites and monitor their distribution. ✧

# Cormorants – Two Decades Ago

Western Lake Ontario islands, Snake and Pigeon Islands, province of Ontario, spring 1999, where cormorants were found to nest on the ground as well as in the trees



## Waterfowl season details available

You can find duck and goose season dates and regulations in the 2021 Minnesota Waterfowl Hunting Regulations handbook on the DNR website. Printed copies of the handbook were delivered to hunting license vendors the first week of August. Hunting licenses went on sale Sunday, Aug. 1, and are available at any DNR license agent, by telephone at 888-665-4236, or online. The early Canada goose season and experimental teal season begin Saturday, Sept. 4, and the regular duck and goose season opens Saturday, Sept. 25.

More details: [DNR waterfowl hunting page](#). ✧

## Apply for special youth deer hunts

Minnesota has special hunting opportunities for youth deer hunters. There is a limited number of permits for each hunt, with the individual hunts taking place on various dates during the fall in state parks and a national wildlife refuge. Adults must accompany youth during these hunts. Hunters may apply for special youth hunt permits through Friday, Aug. 20. Special youth deer hunts are different from the statewide youth deer season that does not require an application and takes place October 21-24.

More details: [DNR special youth deer hunt page](#). ✧

## New Indiana Hunting & Trapping Guide now available

The new DNR Hunting & Trapping Guide is on shelves now. Pick up a copy at your [local retailer](#), [a DNR property](#), or when you visit us at the Indiana State Fair. The new guide is available online at [hunting.IN.gov](#). ✧

## MN Deer hunting season details available

With the release of the online version of the 2021 Minnesota Hunting and Trapping Regulations handbook, you can read up on what's new to prepare for this year's deer hunting season. The handbook is now available on the DNR website and printed copies of the handbook were delivered to hunting license vendors the first week of August. Hunting licenses went on sale August 1, and are available at any DNR license agent, by telephone at 888-665-4236, or online. Archery deer season opens Saturday, Sept. 18, and firearms deer season opens Saturday, Nov. 6. More details: [DNR deer hunting page](#)

### What's new for deer hunters

- Five-deer bag limits in areas that were previously under an unlimited antlerless bag limit.
- Mandatory sampling of deer harvested in chronic wasting disease zones will resume this year and that those zones have expanded following detections of the disease in wild and captive deer.
- Name changes for bag-limit designations to make the bag limits more clear. The one-deer limit categories are "bucks only," "antlerless permit lottery" (formerly "lottery") and "either-sex" (formerly "hunter choice"). "Managed" is now "two-deer limit," and "intensive" is now "three-deer limit."
- Several deer permit area boundaries in southwest and northeast Minnesota have changed based on input from the public, tribal communities and DNR staff.
- Expanded early antlerless deer season, October 21-24, to include more deer permit areas in central and southeastern Minnesota.
- Late chronic wasting disease hunts are scheduled for December 17-19 and December 31-January 2; additional details will be posted on the DNR website closer to hunt dates.

## Canada geese bag limits increase; migratory bird hunting seasons

Indiana hunters can now take more Canada geese as a result of a recent increase in bag limits. The daily bag limit for dark geese (Canada geese, white-fronted geese, and brant) is now five in aggregate for the entire season. This means that hunters can harvest any combination of the three species as long as the total does not exceed five. Previously, a daily bag limit of dark geese could only include up to three Canada geese, except during September. The daily bag limit for light geese (snow and Ross's geese) remains 20.

"Canada goose populations in the Mississippi Flyway are doing very well," said Adam Phelps, DNR's waterfowl biologist. "We remain above our population goal for this species, so additional hunting opportunities makes sense. We will continue to monitor populations and harvest to ensure that hunting remains sustainable."

There are no changes in other migratory bird bag limits from 2020-21, including for ducks. This includes the scaup daily bag limit, which is one scaup during the first 15 days of the season and two for the remainder of the season. The DNR also released dates for the 2021-22 migratory bird seasons. These include season dates for mourning doves, waterfowl (ducks, coots, mergansers, and geese), woodcock, snipe, and sora rails.

Season dates and migratory bird hunting regulations are available at [wildlife.IN.gov/hunting-and-trapping/waterfowl-and-migratory-game-birds/migratory-gamebird-seasons-and-regulations](http://wildlife.IN.gov/hunting-and-trapping/waterfowl-and-migratory-game-birds/migratory-gamebird-seasons-and-regulations) ✧

- The Camp Ripley archery hunt will be a single, three-day hunt (October 29-31), instead of two, two-day hunts. Apply for the Camp Ripley lottery by **August 20**. ✧

## DEC opens Hashamomuck Marine Waterway Access Site

### Site provides DEC's first Peconic Bay public fishing and boating access site

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos recently announced the opening of the Hashamomuck Marine Waterway Access Site in the town of Southold, Suffolk County. The site is DEC's first and only unrestricted waterway access site on the Peconic Bay and will provide public fishing and recreational boating access to this popular waterbody.

"The Peconic Bay is a spectacular recreational resource for the region and DEC is thrilled to announce the grand opening of this new boat launch, which will improve visitors' access to these waters," Commissioner Seggos said. "DEC thanks our federal partners and the generous property owners who helped us to create the Hashamomuck Marine Waterway Access Site and support our ongoing work to help secure free, publicly accessible fishing and boating destinations on Long Island's coast."

The Hashamomuck Marine Waterway Access Site is a 3.2-acre waterfront property located at 750 Old Main Road, Southold, and now includes a public boat ramp, canoe and kayak launch, accessible pathway, and



37-vehicle parking lot for 31 trailers and six cars. These amenities are universally accessible and available to the public free of charge. A boat pump-out station, wash-down station,

and additional plantings will be added to the site later this year.

DEC purchased the Southold property, formerly known as The Old Barge Restaurant, in 2012 from the Reiter family of Mattituck. The purchase and construction was funded with a Sport Fish Restoration Program grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), matched by State funding. In addition, a generous charitable donation from the Carl D. and Helen Reiter and Reiter-Denson families helped DEC acquire the parcel.

"My brother, Dan Reiter, and I are extremely pleased that the State of New York and its Department of Environmental Conservation have made it possible to transform our property from one that was, for nearly three quarters of a century, a commercial seafood restaurant to a property having a much broader scale of application,"

Carol Denson, former manager of the property for the Reiter family, said.

"The Hashamomuck

Marine Waterway Access Site will create public boating access to Long Island's abundant natural resources on the Peconic Bay. We believe that this shift in focus is in alignment with the

values held by our parents, Carl D. and Helen Reiter. They treasured, respected and nurtured the marine environment of this community. We further believe that this action, by the State will sustain the importance of this community's marine heritage."



"The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proud to partner with DEC's Division of Marine Resources, along with boaters and anglers on the Hashamomuck Marine Waterway Access Site," stated Bill Perry, who coordinates grants for boating access, boating infrastructure, and the National Coastal Wetland Conservation Grant Program for the USFWS's North Atlantic-Appalachian Region. "This site will provide free public access to the waters of Long Island and New York State. Thanks to excise taxes on fishing tackle, motorboat fuel, and small engines, which pay into the Sport Fish Restoration Trust Fund, the Boating Access program provided over \$2 million in federal funds to this fantastic project. This site becomes one of only five state-owned and managed facilities that provide access to the waters around Long Island. These areas are critical access points for the public to be able to boat, fish, and connect with nature."

Southold Town Supervisor Scott A. Russell said, "This marine waterway access site allows residents the opportunity to fully enjoy our

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### Hashamomuck Marine Waterway Access Site - *continued*

water bodies especially the Peconic Bay. What this new facility offers is astonishing and we are proud to serve as host. We owe a debt of gratitude to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for taking a vision and making it a reality."

DEC successfully used Sport Fish Restoration funding to develop and maintain its other [Long Island Waterway Access Sites](#), including Mattituck Inlet, Oyster Ponds (East Marion), Oyster Bay Western Waterfront, and Moriches Bay. However, this is the first time DEC has used Sport Fish Restoration funds to acquire a marine access site.

The opening of this new access site supports Governor Cuomo's Adventure NY Initiative to connect people to nature and provide increased access to the outdoors so that New Yorkers of all ages and abilities can experience a wide range of hands-on recreational activities. Additionally, improved fishing access to Peconic Bay is part of the Governor Cuomo's NY Open for Fishing and Hunting, an effort to improve recreational activities and boost tourism opportunities throughout the State.

The access site is one of many other achievements by Governor Cuomo to help promote recreational fishing, restore marine ecosystems, strengthen Long Island's economy, and combat climate change. They include New York's Artificial Reef Program, the nation's largest offshore wind agreement, record investments in the Environmental Protection Fund and clean water infrastructure, a ban on offshore drilling, passage of the 'bunker bill' to prohibit the use of purse seines for menhaden, and continued progress on the Long Island Shellfish Restoration initiative.

For more information on [Saltwater Fishing](#) opportunities in New York and to enroll in the [recreational marine fishing registry](#), visit DEC's website. ✧

## August is National Shooting Sports Month

August is National Shooting Sports Month, dedicated to encouraging participation in the shooting sports and emphasizing firearms safety. It's a great chance to introduce friends, family, and newcomers to shooting sports, and the perfect time to practice target shooting before hunting season. Indiana DNR has many public shooting ranges across the state suitable for rifle, shotgun, handgun, and archery. Visit our website for more information on locations, hours, and available lane types. ✧

## Learn to process your own deer

Are you interested in learning the skills to take wild game from field to table? The [Purdue Cooperative Extension Service](#) in partnership with Indiana DNR will hold its award-winning deer processing workshop at two locations this September. The workshop includes a demonstration of deer processing and packing techniques, venison recipes, and food safety information.

- **Sept. 7, 6–9 p.m. ET** – Purdue Extension Food Safety Hub at the Vincennes U Ag Center, 4207 Purdue Rd, Vincennes 47591. Call Valerie Clingerman at 812-882-3509 to register.
- **Sept. 17, 6–9 p.m. ET** – Davis Purdue Ag Center, 6230 North State Rd 1, Farmland 47340. Call Jonathan Ferris at 765-973-9281 to register.

Adult registration is \$10, and children are admitted free of charge. Advance registration is appreciated ✧

## Points to Ponder

The Seven Blunders of the Modern World:

- Wealth without work.
- Pleasure without conscience.
- Knowledge without character.
- Commerce without morality.
- Science without humanity.
- Worship without sacrifice.
- Politics without principles.

*Mahatma Gandhi*

The daytime talk shows have become bottom-fishers in the lives of desperate and pathetic people. They recruit pathology. They encourage the ignorant, the sleazy and the immoral to come on television and boast to the nation about the sordid details of their lives.

The talk-show hosts are merely voyeurs, their interest wholly prurient. Under the guise of wanting to help and advise their guests, they hide their main interest: exploiting them. The hosts pretend to speak with the authority of those who are trained in human behavior, and offer their own solutions to their guests' problems. They are unqualified, and therefore dangerous.

*Sheryl McCarthy, Newsday*

We increasingly know things about each other (or think we do) that we should not know, have no right to know, and have a right, actually, not to know.

*Peggy Noonan, in the Wall Street Journal*

## Truth in humor

Politics is the art of looking for trouble, finding it everywhere, diagnosing it incorrectly, and applying the wrong remedies.

*Groucho Marx*

## 2021-22 New York hunting and trapping licenses on sale now

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced that hunting and trapping licenses and Deer Management Permits (DMPs) for the 2021-2022 seasons are on sale now. In addition, DEC announced new opportunities for hunters this year, including expanded hunting seasons and allowing youth ages 12 and 13 to hunt deer with a firearm or crossbow in upstate counties that have passed a local law and 'opted in' to participate.

"Hunting is a longstanding tradition for many and an estimated half a million New Yorkers enjoy the sport each year. The upcoming, expanded hunting seasons bring even greater excitement and opportunities to encourage greater participation in the sport," said Commissioner Seggos. "As always, DEC encourages hunters to plan ahead, get outdoors responsibly, and follow the principles of hunter safety."

Licenses and permits can be purchased [online](#) (leaves DEC's website), at any one of DEC's [license-issuing agents](#) (leaves DEC's website), or by telephone at 866-933-2257. New hunting and trapping licenses are valid from September 1, 2021, through August 31, 2022; annual fishing licenses are valid for 365 days from date of purchase.

New York's habitat serves a critical role in maintaining healthy and sustainable fish and wildlife resources. Purchasing a hunting, fishing, or trapping license helps support conservation projects and ensures the protection of the State's natural resources. In addition, DEC encourages outdoor enthusiasts to consider purchasing a [Habitat & Access Stamp](#) each year. Funds from the \$5 Habitat & Access Stamp support projects to conserve habitat and improve public access for fish- and wildlife-related activities. This year's Habitat & Access Stamp features a bobcat.

### Expanded Call Center Hours

Beginning immediately, the DEC Call Center's hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays through November 30. Regular call center weekday hours will resume on December 1.

Individuals should have the following items ready when buying a license:

1. Complete contact information (e.g. name, address, email address, telephone number);
2. DEC customer ID number (if applicable);
3. Proof of residency (e.g., driver's license or non-driver's ID with a valid New York State address); and
4. If purchasing by phone or internet, a valid credit card.

If not already entered in DEC's automated licensing system, individuals are required to provide proof of hunter or trapper education certification or a copy of a previous license for all hunting and trapping license purchases. For additional information, visit the [General Sporting License Information](#) webpage on DEC's website.

### Deer Management Permits (DMPs)

DMPs are available at all license-issuing outlets, by phone, or online through October 1. DMPs are used to manage the deer herd and are issued through an instant random selection process at the point of sale. The chances of obtaining a DMP remain the same throughout the application period; hunters need not rush to apply. The [2021 chances of selection for a DMP](#) in each Wildlife Management Unit are available online, through license-issuing agents, or by calling the DMP Hotline at 1-866-472-4332. Detailed information on [Deer Management Permits](#) and this fall's [Deer Season Forecast](#) is available on DEC's website.

The 2021-22 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Guide, which provides an easy-to-read collection of pertinent rules and regulations, is [available on the DEC Hunting](#)

[webpage](#). Copies will be available soon at license-issuing agents.

### Online and In-Person Hunter Education Training Courses

All first-time hunters, bowhunters, and trappers must pass one or more courses before purchasing a license. Online and in-person courses are available. In-person courses have a field day where new hunters can get hands-on experience. All in-person courses are free of charge, but space may be limited. Courses fill quickly, so early sign-ups are encouraged. Visit [DEC's website for more information on materials](#), including a list of courses and course registration.

The requirements to earn a New York State hunter education certificate can be met by completing DEC's online hunter education course and passing the exam. Upon passing, participants will receive a hunter education certificate, enabling the purchase of a hunting license. Participants must be New York State residents and the cost of the course is \$19.95. The [online course can be accessed at DEC's website](#).

New York State also offers an [online bowhunter education certification course](#). Upon passing, hunters receive their bowhunter education certificate so they can purchase a bowhunting privilege. Participants must be New York State residents and the cost of the course is \$30. The [online course can be accessed at DEC's website](#).

### New Hunting Opportunities

Deer hunters will have several new opportunities this year, with a law change that allows 12- and 13-year-old hunters to pursue deer with a firearm or crossbow under the supervision of an experienced adult hunter in upstate counties that opt-in to participate (see the [Junior Big Game Hunting map](#)). In addition, DEC created a new holiday deer hunt, an [extended portion of the late bow and muzzleloader season](#) from December 26 to January 1, in the Southern Zone. These are new opportunities for young hunters to be mentored by experienced adults and

for families to hunt together during the holiday season.

DEC is also proposing [additional hunting-related changes](#), which are currently out for public review and comment. If these proposals are adopted, DEC will notify the public by means of a press release and email newsletters.

### Opportunities for Junior Hunters and Trappers

To foster the next generation of hunters in New York, DEC has expanded opportunities for junior hunters (licensees aged 12-15) and trappers (under 12 years old) by designating special youth hunts for deer, wild turkey, pheasants, and waterfowl. These opportunities allow youth hunters and trappers to spend time in the field with experienced adults and gain the necessary knowledge and skills to become safe and responsible members of the hunting and trapping community. More information about these programs and other [opportunities for junior hunters and trappers is available on DEC's website](#).

### Hunt Safe, Hunt Smart!

The number of hunting-related shooting incidents is declining, but even one incident is too many. Hunters can prevent injuries and fatalities by following the cardinal rules of hunting safety:

1. Assume every gun to be loaded;
2. Control the muzzle in a safe direction;
3. Keep your finger off the trigger until firing;
4. Be sure of your target and beyond; and
5. Wear hunter orange or pink.

Tree stand falls are a major cause of hunting injuries. These hunting-related injuries are easily preventable. Hunters are advised to use a full-body harness and fall-arrest system and stay connected from the time they leave the ground until the time they return. Hunters are advised to check their stands (including straps and chains) every season and replace worn or missing parts. The proper use of tree stands and full-body harnesses helps prevent injuries and fatalities.

### Keep Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Out of New York

Hunters should take the threat of [Chronic Wasting Disease \(CWD\)](#) seriously. CWD is always fatal to deer, elk, moose, and caribou. If introduced, CWD could spread rapidly and be practically impossible to eliminate once established, threatening the future of New York's deer population, hunting tradition, and many of the other benefits associated with deer. The most effective disease management strategy is to prevent CWD from entering New York. A recent detection of CWD in a captive deer herd in Pennsylvania near the New York State border is a reminder that the disease can be unintentionally moved to new locations. Hunters can help protect New York's deer herd from CWD by following these tips:

1. If hunting any type of deer, elk, moose, or caribou outside of New York, debone the animal before bringing it back, & follow the law about importing carcass parts from outside of New York. See [CWD Regulations for Hunters](#). DEC will confiscate and destroy illegally imported carcasses and parts;

2. Avoid products containing real deer urine, like scent lures. Prions are shed in the bodily fluids (saliva, feces, urine) of infected deer before they appear sick. Prions bind to soil and plants where they remain infectious for years. There is no way to ensure that products containing deer urine are free of prions. Choose synthetic alternatives;
3. Dispose of carcass waste in a landfill, not on the landscape;
4. Hunt only wild deer and support fair chase hunting principles; and
5. Report any deer that appears sick or is acting abnormally.

### Hunters, Want Older Bucks in New York? It's Your Choice

Many deer hunters dream of seeing and shooting a large buck but there is great temptation for a hunter to take the first buck they see, often a young buck, when the opportunity presents itself. New York hunters can increase the likelihood of harvesting an older, larger buck, by choosing to pass up shots at young, small-antlered bucks. Older bucks create more rubs and scrapes, are more challenging to hunt, and yield more meat.

Many New York hunters are already voluntarily choosing to pass on young bucks. As a result, the availability and harvest of older, larger antlered bucks is increasing. To see and take more older bucks, DEC encourages hunters to work with neighbors and hunting partners to cooperatively reduce harvest of young bucks, improve habitat conditions, and ensure adequate harvest of antlerless deer. ✧

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