

What You Need To Know About Depredation Permits:

According to the *New Jersey Regulations –Possession of Nongame & Exotic Wildlife; Subchapter 4: Nongame and Exotic Wildlife*, a depredation permit is to be issued to persons or establishments to control nongame species, which are creating a hazard to public safety, crops, livestock or similar concerns.

As defined, property owners and occupants of dwellings, or their agents designated in writing, suffering damage from: **squirrel, raccoon, opossum, skunk, weasel, woodchuck, gray fox, red fox and coyote** may control these animals by lawful procedures at any time subject to state law and local ordinances. In order to control any other animal not listed, you must obtain a depredation permit first!!

Farmers, or their agents, may also control the above species by lawful procedures when found destroying livestock, crops or poultry at any time subject to state and local ordinances.

Please be advised that any person who violates the regulations set for Depredation Permits, (according to the N.J. Regulations) are liable to a penalty not less than \$100.00 and no more than \$3,000.00 for each day of every individual offense. Also note that any person who kill a coyote must notify a Fish and Wildlife Regional Law Enforcement Office within 24 hours.

In order to prevent such fines, it is necessary to submit a filled out depredation application to the New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife. If there are any questions regarding these permits please feel free to contact the President of the association.

****A downloadable version of the Depredation Application is available on this website****