

Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources

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Permit to Take Protected Game Causing Crop or Property Damage

It shall be a violation of this regulation for any person during the closed gun season to kill protected birds and animals causing crop or property damage without first procuring a permit from the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Permits for the removal of protected game birds and animals will be issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources or his designee if after investigation it has been determined that such protected wildlife should be removed to protect agricultural crops or other property from excessive damage. Such permits will only be issued to the person owning the land or his/her official agent or to any person who has a lease on such lands, provided the lessee has the permission of the landowner to remove protected wildlife causing the damage. Except for feral swine, permits shall not be issued to take protected wildlife causing damage to crops planted for wildlife management purposes. All wildlife killed shall be disposed of under the supervision of the local conservation officers.

Only those arms and ammunition legal for use during the open deer season may be used to kill deer under the authority of a crop or property damage permit. Exceptions may be stipulated in the conditions of the permit to allow the use of non-lethal methods when safety is a factor.