Introduction

Hunting and trapping are rich traditions in the State of Illinois, and one of the main goals for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is to provide an enjoyable recreational experience for its constituents. IDNR is proud to present the ***2006-2007 Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations***, an informative guide to regulations, season dates, daily bag and possession limits and state licensing, permit and stamp requirements.

The digest provides a summary of hunting and trapping regulations based on laws in effect on April 1, 2006, and that information is subject to change.

Also included are the location of numerous public hunting sites, and sportsmen are advised to remember regulations on Department-owned sites may be more restrictive than those for the state as a whole. Hunters planning to use Department-owned sites should call ahead and check with the site manager upon arrival to learn of site-specific variations in the regulations.

We wish you a safe 2006-2007 hunting season!

Division of Wildlife Resources Staff

Message From the Governor

As Governor of Illinois, I welcome you to the 2006-07 hunting season in the Prairie State.

Illinois enjoys a great heritage in hunting and trapping. Your support of our outdoor recreation programs is very important. All of us who enjoy spending time outdoors are well aware of the key role sportsmen and women play in managing wildlife populations, conserving our natural resources, and protecting the environment.

As Governor, I look forward to working with you to expand outdoor opportunities in Illinois.

We take very seriously our obligation to protect our streams, rivers, lakes and wetlands...to conserve our open spaces and natural areas...and to enhance and expand habitat for wildlife.

Thank you for reviewing this edition of our annual Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations as you prepare to head to the field, and best wishes for a successful hunting and trapping season in Illinois.

Rod R. Blagojevich,

Message From the Director

Thank you for picking up this edition of the annual Illinois Digest of Hunting and Trapping Regulations.

This booklet includes a detailed review of our hunting and trapping season dates, possession limits, hunting zone boundaries for all of our game species, statewide hunting regulations, license and permit information, sunrise and sunset tables, and other details you will find helpful.

The new or amended regulations for 2006-07 are in shaded print to highlight them. Be sure you are familiar with all the regulations before heading to the field.

The digest also contains information on our public hunting areas, frequently asked questions regarding firearms, outfitter regulations, and efforts to maintain healthy wildlife populations in Illinois.

Illinois has a great tradition as an outstanding place to enjoy outdoor recreation opportunities, including hunting and trapping. We take pride in our ongoing efforts to expand hunting opportunities and to make it more convenient for hunters and trappers to participate.

This year, the Department of Natural Resources has made the process of buying required licenses and permits easier and more efficient through DNR Direct. Whether you are buying a hunting or sportsmen's license through your home computer or from one of the hundreds of point-of-sale agents around the state, you will find the state-of-the-art DNR Direct system easy to use.

We recognize the important role hunters and trappers play in managing wildlife here in Illinois. We thank you for taking part in these activities and for buying the licenses and permits that support our programs.

As director of the IDNR, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the new hunting and trapping season in Illinois. Best wishes for a great season.

Sam Flood, Acting Director
Illinois Department of Natural Resource

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