

The NJDEP Division of Fish and Wildlife black bear permit lottery application period will open on September 15 at 10 a.m. and remain open until 11:59 p.m on October 15. Only hunters with a current, valid NJ firearm license may apply.

There will be two lotteries this year; an initial permit lottery and a secondary/leftover permit lottery. Black bear hunters have the option of applying for a second permit in the secondary/leftover permit lottery, however the second application can not be for the same black bear hunting area. Only one bear may be taken, regardless of the number of permits one possesses

For more information on the permit process, award notification and permit pick-up dates, as well as the sale of leftover permits, visit <http://www.njfishandwildlife.com/news/2011/bearlottery11.htm> on the division website.