



**OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
WADE S. STEIN**

Dear Federation Members,

As you have heard, on November 10, 2022, Governor Murphy has announced that he will allow New Jersey to have a black bear hunt. On Tuesday November 15, 2022, the NJ Fish & Game Council voted unanimously to approve the Comprehensive Black Bear Management Policy and as of this morning, November 16, 2022, Governor Murphy is opening the State lands by issuance of Executive Order No. 310.

That change in the Governor's thinking was instituted by your statements to Conservation Police Officers, Fish & Game Councilmen, NJ Fish & Wildlife staff, and DEP staff. They took time to listen to our statements of safety issues while being in the woods with an exponential growing black bear population.

With all this in mind, I am asking that you write a **THANK YOU** note or letter to each one. Those people are:

- Governor Phil Murphy
  - a. [Office of the Governor | Contact Us \(nj.gov\)](https://www.nj.gov/governor/contact-us)
  - b. **Office of Governor PO Box 001 Trenton, NJ 08625**
- DEP Commissioner Shawn LaTourette
  - a. **401 E. State St. 7th Floor, East Wing P.O. Box 402 Trenton, NJ 08625-0402**
- Assistant Commissioner Dave Golden
- NJ Fish & Wildlife Assistant Director Lisa Barno
- NJ Fish & Wildlife Bureau Chief of Wildlife Management Carole Stanko
- NJ Fish & Game Council Chairman Frank Virgilio
- NJ Fish & Game Council Members (Sportsmen)– Jim DeStephano, Ken Whildin, and Loren Robinson
- NJ Fish & Game Council Members (Farmer) – Mitch Jones, Ed Kertz, and Robert Puskas
- NJ Fish & Game Council Member (Endangered Non-Game Species) – Rick Lathrop
- NJ Fish & Game Council Member (Public) – Robert Pollock
  - a. For NJF&W personnel and Councilmen – use **NJ Fish and Wildlife Mail Code 501-03 P.O. Box 420 Trenton, NJ 08625-0420**
- NJ Conservation Police Officers
  - a. Law Enforcement – 908-735-8240 (Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union, Warren)
  - b. Law Enforcement – 609-259-2120 (Burlington, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean)
  - c. Law Enforcement – 856-629-0555 (Atlantic, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Salem)

So, with spirit of the upcoming Thanksgiving holiday season, send each one of them a thank you.

Have a great hunting season and a happy holiday season as well.