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TITLE 26. Fisheries & Game

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**Department of Environmental Protection**

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**Private Shooting Preserves**

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**Private Shooting Preserves**

**Sec. 26-48-1. Permits**

Any person or organization who owns or controls by lease or agreement the hunting rights on an area may apply for a regulated private shooting preserve permit. When the hunting rights are under lease or agreement, a true copy of such lease or agreement shall be filed with the department before the first permit is issued. Copies of any subsequent leases or agreements that add to the area shall be filed with the department and any lease or agreement that is cancelled shall be reported to the department.

(Effective August 20, 1974)

**Sec. 26-48-2. Area**

- (a) No permit shall be issued for an area of less than two hundred contiguous acres.
- (b) The area shall be suitable for the purpose, and such use shall not endanger public safety or conflict with any reasonable prior public interest.
- (c) The external boundaries of the area included in the permit shall be described in the original application and shown on a map that shall accompany the original application. Any subsequent changes in the area shall be shown on a map filed with the department.
- (d) The external boundaries of the area included in the permit shall be adequately posted by the permittee at intervals of not more than five hundred feet with conspicuous signs of a size not less than 11" x 16". These signs shall include thereon the name of the person or organization holding the permit and the words "Private Shooting Area—Authorized under the regulation of the department of environmental protection.

(Effective January 1, 1983; Amended April 27, 2005)

**Sec. 26-48-3. Repealed**

Repealed January 1, 1983.

**Sec. 26-48-3a. Season**

Permits issued by the department shall authorize the hunting of legally propagated gamebirds on the area covered by the permit during the period September fifteenth through March thirty-first of the following year, both dates inclusive.

(Effective January 1, 1983)

**Sec. 26-48-4. Hunting limited to persons authorized by permittee**

Only persons authorized by the permittee shall be permitted to hunt on the property during the period covered by the permit.

**Sec. 26-48-5. Repealed**

Repealed January 1, 1983.

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**Sec. 26-48-5a. Limitation on taking**

(a) Permits issued by the department shall authorize the hunting of legally propagated pheasants, quail, chukar partridge and/or ducks, without regard to sex or daily and seasonal bag limits during the period specified in Section 26-48-3a.

(b) The number of pheasants, quail, chukar partridge and/or ducks harvested on the area included in the permit shall not exceed the total number of each species liberated by the permittee.

(c) The hunting of all other wildlife species not authorized under the permit shall be in accordance with state-wide regulations governing the season, and daily and season bag limits for each particular species.

(d) Repealed June 11, 2014.

(e) Repealed June 11, 2014.

(Effective January 1, 1983; Amended June 11, 2014)

*Notes:* Publisher's note: Public Act 14-187 repealed subsections (d) and (e), effective June 11, 2014. (June 11, 2014)

**Sec. 26-48-6. Sunday hunting**

Sunday shall be included as a day when hunting is permitted only if the permittee has obtained permission to hunt on Sunday on the area in conformance with section 26-73 of the general statutes. Any permittee who obtains permission to hunt on Sunday shall file with the department a true copy of such permission. When permission to hunt on Sunday has been revoked, the permittee shall inform the department of this fact within forty-eight hours.

(Effective August 20, 1974)

**Sec. 26-48-7. Identification and Records of Game Shot**

(a) (1) All pheasants, quail, chukar partridge and/or ducks shot on the property included in the permit and recovered shall be identified with a tag furnished at no cost by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection upon which the permittee shall have written their name and the date of taking. The department shall furnish said tags to any such permittee electronically through the department's website and in the applicable annual Connecticut Hunting and Trapping Guide.

(2) A separate record shall be kept of all birds killed and recovered that are dressed and frozen and held on property.

(b) The permittee shall keep accurate, written daily records that shall be open to inspection by any duly authorized representative of the Department at any time. These records shall include (1) the name of each person hunting on the area; the day person was hunting and the amount of game, pheasant, quail, chukar partridge and ducks taken each day. (2) The number of all pheasant, quail, chukar partridge and ducks liberated on the area included in the permit, together with the dates when such birds were liberated. Not later than thirty days following the period for which the permit was issued, the permittee shall

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submit to the department a true copy of the permittee's records on forms provided by the department.

(Effective September 15, 1976; Amended September 9, 2013)

**Sec. 26-48-8. Condition of game**

All pheasants, quail, chukar partridge and/or ducks liberated on the area shall be healthy and free from disease, full winged and capable of maintaining reasonable flight according to age, in a condition suitable for release, capable of maintaining themselves in the wild and, with the exception of Cortuniz quail, shall not be less than twelve weeks of age.

(Effective August 20, 1974)

**Sec. 26-48-9. Renewal of permits**

Permission to operate a regulated private shooting preserve is renewable annually at the option of the department and such application shall be made on forms provided by the department for this purpose.

(Effective August 20, 1974)

**Sec. 26-48-10. Revocation of permits**

Permits to operate are subject to revocation at any time for a violation of any provision of chapter 490 of the general statutes, or for a violation of any regulation made by the department pertaining to regulated private shooting preserves.

(Effective August 20, 1974)

**Sec. 26-48-11. Liberation of legally propagated game birds**

Upon written request from the permittee, the department may grant permission authorizing the liberation and subsequent shooting of legally propagated game birds, in addition to pheasants, quail, chukar partridge and/or ducks, on the area and during the period covered by the permit in effect at the time of such application. The required liberation and the number of birds authorized to be shot will be determined by the department for each specific request. All birds liberated and shot under such authorization shall be subject to sections 26-48-5, 26-48-7 (a) (1), (2), 26-48-7 (b) and 26-48-8.

(Effective August 20, 1974)

**Sec. 26-48-12. Repealed**

Repealed August 20, 1974.