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October 7, 1952

To Roland H. Cobb, Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game
Re: Archery Licenses.

In your memo of October 1, 1952, you stated that on the archery licenses issued under the provisions of sections 96-A et seq. there has been stamped: "Expires December 31st". You then asked, "Can this license be used during the regular open season - after the special season is over?"

The answer to your question is, No.

While generally all licenses and permits issued by your department expire at midnight on December 31st of the calendar year in which the licenses and permits were issued, section 122 of Chapter 33 further provides that the license or permit shall expire on December 31st, unless the license or permit specifically provides otherwise.

Under section 96-A the archery season expires on October 15th. Section 96-B provides that if a person does take a deer with bow and arrow during the special season, he is precluded from further hunting for deer during that year. The last sentence of this section states that if a person does not take a deer he is not precluded from obtaining a hunting license for the regular season.

We think the law clearly states that the archery license expires on October 15th and if the person in possession of such a license has not obtained a deer by that date, he must obtain a regular hunting license if he desires to hunt beyond October 15th.

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