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## DES MOINES TO HOST REAP CONGRESS JANUARY 4

DES MOINES - The 2014 session of the Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP) Congress will meet at 8:30 a.m., Jan. 4, in the House of Representatives chamber at the Iowa State Capitol.

The REAP Congress is made up of 90 delegates elected at the 18 regional REAP assemblies held across Iowa last fall.

Delegates at the one-day congress will discuss REAP funding, if the current REAP allocation formula should be retained, funding Iowa's natural resources and outdoor recreation trust fund.

The recommendations of the Congress are developed and may be voted on. The recommendations are submitted to the Governor, General Assembly and or the Natural Resource Commission for further consideration.

In celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of REAP, the delegates will be watching the first showing of a video detailing how the idea of REAP became a law as told by those who were there.

Resource Enhancement and Protection is a state program that invests in the enhancement and protection of the state's natural and cultural resources. Governor Branstad signed REAP into law on May 27, 1989.

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## **ADVENTURE READY GIVEAWAY LAUNCHED NEW HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES IN 2013**

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources has capped its successful year-long campaign to introduce several new hunting and fishing licenses. Iowans purchased more than 68,000 of the new licenses during the last 12 months.

As part of the promotion, the DNR hosted a weekly drawing of \$50 gift cards donated by Iowa retailers; any Iowan purchasing a qualifying license was eligible for one of 37 gift cards from April through the end of December.

Those retailers donating gift cards included: The Baker's Pantry, Dallas Center; Bass Pro Shops of Altoona and Council Bluffs; Cappel's Ace Hardware, Atlantic; Fin and Feather, Iowa City; Four-Seasons Bait and Tackle, Seney; Hy-Vee, Sheldon; Jerry's Bait & Tackle, Anamosa; Mills Fleet Farm of Mason City and Ankeny; Scheels All-Sports, West Des Moines; Sportsman's Warehouse, Ankeny; and Theisen's, Dubuque. Mills Fleet Farm and Bass Pro Shops each donated 10 gift cards for the promotion, and Scheels donated four. Each of the other retailers donated between one and three gift cards.

"We greatly appreciate the partnership of license retailers from all across Iowa that participated and helped make the new license offerings successful," said DNR Director Chuck Gipp.

The number of new hunting and fishing licenses sold between January 1 and December 31, 2013 included:

- 16,439 Angler's Specials (three-year fishing licenses);
- 6,356 Hunter's Special (three-year hunting licenses);
- 6,388 Bonus Line Licenses (license to fish with one additional line; the regular fishing license allows two); and
- 38,975 Outdoor Combo Licenses (hunting, fishing and habitat stamp combination license).

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources introduced the new licenses after surveying hunters and anglers to find what license offerings most interested them. The new licenses provide convenience by bundling several privileges into one purchase, or by offering the opportunity to purchase for three years instead of just one.

"We plan to continue to look for ways to provide value and customer service to our hunters and anglers, who are supporting Iowa's natural resources through their license dollars," Gipp said.

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## **2013 HUNTING, FISHING LICENSES EXPIRE JANUARY 10**

All 2013 Iowa hunting and fishing licenses expire on Jan. 10, 2014. All hunters and anglers will need a 2014 license to hunt or fish beginning Jan. 11.

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## **REMAINING HUNTING SEASONS STARTING TO CLOSE**

Iowa's pheasant, late muzzleloader and archery deer, and archery fall turkey seasons close on Jan. 10. The January antlerless deer season is Jan. 11 to 19, in select counties. Furbearer seasons, squirrel, quail, partridge and grouse remain open until Jan. 31.

Rabbit season is open until Feb. 28. Crow season is Jan. 14 to March 31. Beaver trapping season closes

on April 15.

For waterfowl, the north zone Canada goose season closes on Jan. 3, and the light goose season closes on Jan. 12. The south zone for Canada goose season closes Jan. 10 and the light goose season closes Jan. 17. The Missouri River zone Canada goose season and light goose season both close on Jan. 17.

The light goose conservation order season is open Jan. 18 to April 15 statewide; additional regulations apply.

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