

## HUNTERS TOLD: OBEY THE LAW

**H**unting season can be safe and profitable, but hunters are being urged to respect the law at all times.

This was the advice from Secretary of the Division of Agriculture, Marine Affairs, Marketing, and the Environment Godwin Adams ahead of the 2016-2017 hunting season, which starts on October 1 and

ends on February 28, 2017.

“Cooperate with laws and regulations by submitting a data form on time,” Adams said during Wednesday’s (September 21) post Executive Council media briefing at the Administrative Complex, Calder Hall.

The forms enable hunters to list the animals they catch, so the Division can keep

track. Adams also announced that the price of hunting permits has increased from \$20 to \$100.

Interested persons can apply for game licenses from Monday (September 26, 2016) at Revenue Collecting Offices at the Victor E. Bruce Financial Complex, Scarborough, as well as Roxborough, between 8 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.



**SMILING STEWART:** Tobago’s track and field hero Akeem Stewart, centre, is all smiles after receiving a token from Chief Secretary Orville London, right, during today’s (September 23) courtesy visit at the Office of the Chief Secretary, Administrative Complex. Also in photo is Secretary of Education, Youth Affairs and Sport, Huey Cadette. Stewart won javelin gold and discus silver at the 2016 Rio Paralympic Games in Brazil, which ended on the weekend.

## EVEN BETTER BLUE FOOD FESTIVAL FOR 2016

**I**n 2015, Tobago’s Annual Blue Food Festival was rated by the US Cable Channel CNN as one of the World’s best food festivals.

This year, organisers are hoping to make the event even better. Held at the Bloody Bay Recreation Ground, the Festival provides a unique twist on traditional culinary events, highlighting the indigenous dasheen.

Secretary of Tourism and Transportation Assemblyman Tracy Davidson-Celestine said the village councils of Bloody Bay, L’Anse Fourmi and Parlatuvier on Tobago’s

north coast are collaborating with the Division to stage the event.

“The fair has evolved,” the Tourism Secretary declared, “and continues to intrigue and attract many locals as well as visitors regional and international interested in sampling the innovative entrees, inventive appetizers, creative desserts and robust liqueurs on sale.”

All menus are prepared by residents of these communities. The event will also feature live entertainment, a kids’ fun zone, live demonstrations and other attractions.

## CARIBBEAN TOURISM HEALTH IN FOCUS

**E**fforts are being made to eliminate food borne diseases on the island.

That’s one of the aims of the Caribbean Tourism and Health Care programme, which was launched yesterday by the Division of Health and Social Services, in collaboration with the Division of Tourism and Transportation and the Caribbean Public Health Agency (CARPHA).

Health Division Administrator Cheryl-Ann Solomon says this initiative will help officials better monitor and report on health issues in Tobago.

“Destinations such as ours cannot afford the negative faults from illnesses resulting from food borne disease,” the Administrator said. “No doubt we have all heard of such situations elsewhere, on cruises, hotels or the cold food stuff from supermarkets.”

Tourism Secretary Tracy Davidson-Celestine said Tobago can benefit from such an initiative.

“There exists no regional tourism health information system, or even monitoring and response system across the Caribbean. Tobago wants to benefit from that system,” Davidson-Celestine said. “What we’re attempting to achieve is a regional tourism health information, surveillance, monitoring, and response system.”