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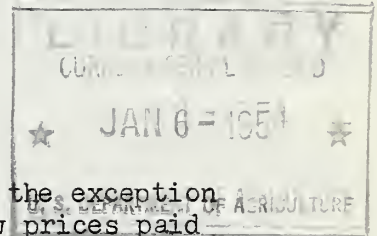
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ABSTRACT OF FUR LAWS, 1953-54

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The fur animal populations in many States, with the exception of the muskrat, are perhaps the largest in years. The low prices paid for raw furs during recent years have caused a sharp decline in trapping activities. Trappers have gone into other fields of employment because it has been more profitable for them. The catch this season (1953-54) will depend on prices paid for raw furs.

There are still large quantities of long-haired furs in the raw fur storage houses and the outlook for style trends to change this situation materially is not promising.

Regulations governing trapping of fur animals are made by the individual States, not by the Federal Government.

The information in this leaflet on the open seasons for 1953-54 and the summaries of the provisions of State and Provincial laws concerning possession, sale, shipment, export, and licenses have been prepared to aid Federal officials in conducting investigations under the Lacey Act and enforcing its provisions, and to answer inquiries of State game officials and other conservationists. This leaflet is also beneficial to farmers, farm tenants, and farm boys, who trap the largest number of fur animals, and to professional trappers, fur tradesmen, and others who are interested in fur animals as an important crop.

Every effort has been made to have the summaries correct, but the trapping seasons in many States and Provinces are subject to change by orders or regulations of the respective conservation authorities. Therefore, it would be well for trappers and others concerned to apply direct to the proper agency for the latest information on State and Provincial laws, orders, and regulations before engaging in trapping or other activities involving fur animals.

The addresses of officials from whom information may be obtained are listed on pages 38 and 39 of this leaflet. The Federal Lacey Act is on page 40.

ALABAMA

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver (See exception).	Dec. 1-Feb. 20
<u>Exception</u> - Autauga, Barbour, Baldwin, Bullock, Clarke, Coffee, Covington, Fayette, Geneva, Macon, Tallapoosa.	
Civet Cat, skunk, fox, mink, weasel, opossum, otter, and raccoon	Dec. 1-Feb. 20
Muskrat (Statewide)	Dec. 1-Feb. 20

Possession and sale - Possession of furs, skins, or pelts by trapper, fur buyer, or dealer longer than 20 days after the close of the season is illegal unless permission to keep furs longer has been granted by the Department of Conservation before the expiration of the 20-day period. No restrictions on sale of skins legally taken and on which State tax has been paid.

Shipment and export - No restrictions on skins legally taken and on which State tax has been paid.

Licenses - Resident, \$2.50. A nonresident is not permitted to trap. Fur buyer or trader must obtain a license based on gross sales of the preceding year, the minimum cost of license being \$25.00.

State fur tax tags must be attached as follows: opossum, 1¢; civet cat, 2¢; gray fox, 3¢; red fox, 4¢; weasel, 5¢; raccoon, 6¢; skunk, 7¢; muskrat, 8¢; mink, 20¢; otter, 90¢; beaver, \$1.00.

ALASKA

Mink, land otter, fox, lynx, and weasel:	
Fur District 1.	No open season
Fur District 2 (except for mink on Montague Island), 3 (except for mink on Kodiak Island), 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8	Nov. 16-Jan. 31
White fox: (Provided, That any fox may be killed at any time when molesting or about to molest domestic fowl or animals)	Dec. 1-Mar. 15
Muskrat:	
Fur District 1.	No open season
Fur District 2 (except in drainage into Prince William Sound), 3, 4, 6, 7.	Nov. 16-May 31
Fur District 5 (North of Vnalakleet River).	Nov. 16-May 31
Fur District 8.	Nov. 16-June 7
Beaver:	
Fur District 1.	No open season
Fur District 2.	Feb. 1-Mar. 21
Fur District 3, 4 (except in Togiak-Nushagak areas), 5, 6 (except in Tok River area, Chena River and tributary sloughs from its confluence with Little Chena River to Tenana River), and 7	Feb. 1-Mar. 31
Wolf, coyote, wolverine, marmot, squirrel:	
Fur District 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8	No closed season
Marten:	
Fur District 1.	No open season
Fur District 2, 3 (except Afognak Island), 4, 5 (except in the Kobuk and Selawik drainages), 6, and 7	Nov. 16-Jan. 31
Polar bear: Fur Districts 5 and 8.	No closed season

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Bag Limits: Beaver, Fur District 2 - 15 season; elsewhere 10.
Polar bear, 3 a year.

Methods and Means: May be taken by any means, except by means, aid or use of a set gun, a shotgun, artificial light of any kind, a steel bear trap or other trap with jaws having a spread exceeding 9 inches, poison, a dog (except wolves and coyotes in Fur Districts 5, 6, 7, and 8), a fish trap or net, or by setting any trap or snare within 25 feet of a beaver home or den or within 100 feet of a fox den, or by use of smoke or chemicals; or by destroying or disturbing homes, houses, dens, dams, or runways of such animals: Provided, That mink may be taken only by means of a steel trap or snare and that beaver may be taken only by means of a steel trap or snare and by persons over the age of 11 years: Provided further, That snares larger than No. 1 are prohibited on the Kenai Peninsula, except in the taking of beaver, and that wolves and coyotes may be killed at any time by means of a rifle, shotgun, or pistol, by any person permitted to carry firearms: And Provided further, That no aircraft shall be used in taking fur animals, other than polar bear, except as a means of transportation between a settlement or point of outfitting and a single base camp, and except in the taking of wolves and coyotes by authorized predator control agents or under authority of a permit: And Provided further, That no helicopter shall be used for the purpose of taking fur animals, including polar bear, or for transporting any such animals.

Permits to take wolves, coyotes, and wolverines during closed season or other fur animals. During the closed season on mink, land otter, weasel, fox, lynx, and marten, in the respective fur districts, no person shall set, maintain, or attend traps for wolves, coyotes, or wolverines without first procuring a permit, issuable at the discretion of the Commission, authorizing him to do so. Applications for such permit shall be addressed to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Service field office and shall contain a statement of the nature and extent and locality of the proposed operation and the species of animals to be taken.

Possession and sale. No restrictions on prime skins legally taken, except that beaver skins must be presented to an enforcement agent or other officer authorized by the Alaska Game Commission for sealing within 30 days after close of the season.

Shipment and export. No restrictions of skins legally taken, but no person who is engaged in fur farming or is a fur dealer shall possess or transport furs without a license. Packages containing furs must be marked to show contents in detail and the names and addresses of consignors and consignees, and shipper must deliver to freight or express agent or postmaster at shipping point, a statement showing contents of package and that no illegal or unsealed beaver skins are contained therein. Shipment of unsealed beaver skins is prohibited.

Licenses. Resident, trapping \$3.00. Three years' residence required to qualify for a resident trapping license. Trapping license is not required of native Indians or Eskimos, nor of resident under 16 years of age.
Nonresident: general hunting, trapping, and game fishing, \$50.00. Fur farm, \$2.00. Alien: special hunting, trapping, and fishing, \$100.00.
Fur dealer: (a) resident \$10.00; or association or co-partnership of residents organized under laws of the Territory, \$10.00 for each individual; (b) nonresident but citizen or national of the United States, or corporation,

Alaska (continued)

association, or co-partnership composed of citizens or nationals of the United States, organized under the laws of the Territory or of a State of the United States, any member of which is a nonresident, \$100.00; (c) alien, or corporation, association, or co-partnership, not organized under laws of the Territory or of a State of the United States, any stockholder or member of which is an alien, \$500.00; (d) resident and agent in charge of a fur dealer station under (a), (b), or (c), \$10.00; (e) nonresident but a citizen or national of the United States and agent in charge of a fur dealer station under (a), (b), or (c), or a nonresident citizen or national itinerant agent of such dealer, \$100.00; (f) alien and agent in charge of a fur dealer station under (a), (b), or (c), or an alien itinerant agent of such dealer, \$500.00. No license issued to any agent whose principal has not procured a license under (a), (b), or (c).

ARIZONA

	<u>Open Season</u>
Badger, coati-mundi, raccoon.	No closed season
(No limit. Trappers license required.)	
Beaver.	No open season
Muskrat (See exception.)(Trappers license required)	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
<u>Exception</u> - There shall be no open season for the taking of muskrat within the arbitrary high-water level of the Colorado River or its connecting sloughs.	
Ring-tailed cat	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
(No limit. Trappers license required.)	

ARKANSAS

Beaver, bear, otter, elk, buffalo	No open season
Other fur animals, including fox.	Nov. 20-Jan. 20

Possession and sale. Open season, November 20 to January 20, inclusive. Allowed to January 30 to dispose of pelts. Dealers may get permit to hold longer. Each dealer required to furnish Game and Fish Commission itemized list on or before the tenth day after the close of each season, giving number and kind and from whom all furs are purchased during season.

Shipment and export. Shipments must be plainly marked with name, address, and license number of shipper, date of shipment, also the words "Fur Pelts."

Licenses. Resident using 12 or less traps, \$1.50; using more than 12 traps, \$20. Nonresident, \$50. Fur dealer: resident, \$5; nonresident, \$50.

CALIFORNIA

Coyote, opossum, raccoon, ringtail, skunk, wolf, wild-cat, weasel, badger	No closed season
Fisher, wolverine, sea otter, marten.	No open season
Other fur animals	Nov. 16-Feb. 28 (incl.)

Note - Trapping license (license year, July 1-June 30) is required for trapping minks, river otters, foxes, and

California (continued)

Muskrat for profit and these species cannot be killed during the closed season except when destroying property. Spike or sawtooth traps cannot be used.

Possession and sale. Trapping license required. (Muskrat - exception below.)

Shipment and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken outside the boundaries of the agricultural districts described in Chapters 653 and 654, Statutes of 1951 (Secs. 1252 and 1311, Fish & Game Code.)

Licenses. Citizen, \$1; alien, \$2. Licensee must submit, before July 1, a report of his catch, giving names and addresses of persons to whom pelts were sold or shipped.

Beaver, whenever and wherever found within the boundaries of the agricultural districts described in Chapter 654, Statutes of 1951 (Section 1252, Fish & Game Code) and in Fish and Game District No. 22, may be taken at any time in any manner by anyone who has first secured a license as provided in the Fish and Game Code. The hides of such beaver must be inspected and tagged with the official tag of the Department of Fish and Game by a representative of the Fish and Game Commission before removal from the above described areas.

Muskrat, whenever and wherever found within the boundaries of the agricultural districts described in Chapter 653, Statutes of 1951 (Section 1311, Fish & Game Code) and in Fish and Game District No. 22, may be taken at any time in any manner by anyone who has first secured a license as provided in the Fish and Game Code. The hides of such muskrats, taken from the above described area, may be possessed and sold at any time.

COLORADO

Beaver, fisher, opossum, and otter. Open Season
Muskrat: No open season

Above 8,000 feet elevation, Oct. 15 to Nov. 15, 1953*

Below 8,000 feet elevation, Nov. 15 to Dec. 15, 1953*

Statewide March 15, 1954 to April 15, 1954, below 8,000 feet elevation.

Statewide April 15, 1954 to May 15, 1954, above 8,000 feet elevation.

*Part of state excepted on these seasons.

Raccoon Sept. 15-Mar. 31

Ringtail cat. Nov. 1-Dec. 31

Weasel (See exception.) Nov. 1-Dec. 31

Exception - There shall be no open season on weasel in the White River and Cameron Pass Game Refuge.

Possession and sale. Skins legally taken may be processed during the open season and for 15 days thereafter. A permit is required for possession of skins by trapper and dealer 30 days after close of season. These permits expire on September 1 of the year of issue but may be renewed upon application on or before that date. The permit must accompany pelts sold by trappers or dealer whether sold within or out of the State. If the trapper or dealer disposes of only part of the pelts covered by the permit

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the original permit must accompany the pelts disposed of and an application made for a new permit to cover the remainder.

Shipment and export. (See Possession and sale.) Shipping tags provided by the State Game and Fish Commission must be attached to each bundle shipped, and each bundle must show name, post office address, and license number of shipper. Licensed trappers, dealers, and all persons must obtain a shipping permit from the Commission for each shipment of furs out of the State. The permit must be attached to each bundle shipped and must show the number and kind of each pelt in the shipment, names of shipper and consignee, and license number of consignor. Licensed dealers must furnish the Commission on or before June 30 next or at any time required to do so, a written report showing number and kinds of skins purchased from trappers and the amount paid. Fur purchased from other dealers shall not be included in this report.

Licenses. Resident, \$3; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer: resident, \$25; nonresident, \$50. The Commission may require licensees to submit such reports as it may deem necessary. Special resident trappers permits are issued without charge to children under fourteen years of age of a resident land-owner or farm tenant when application is made to the nearest game warden or fur inspector in writing.

CONNECTICUT

	<u>Open Season</u>
Fox, opossum, weasel.	No closed season
Mink, otter, skunk.	Nov. 1-Mar. 15
Muskrat (see note).	Nov. 1-Mar. 15
<u>Note</u> - Shall not be taken by shooting.	
Raccoon	Oct. 17-Dec. 31
Squirrel, gray (see note)	Oct. 17-Nov. 28

Note - Henceforth the season will open on raccoon and squirrels on the third Saturday in October and will close on squirrels on the last Saturday in November. Hunting of squirrels within the limits of the city or borough is prohibited.

Bag limits. Gray squirrels, 5 daily, 30 season; raccoon, 20 season; skunk, mink, otter, and muskrat, no bag limit.

Licenses. Resident hunting, \$4.35; resident trapping and hunting, \$6.35; resident trapping only, \$3.35. Resident trapping for boys under sixteen years, \$1.35. Nonresident hunting, \$11.35; nonresident property owners, \$4.35.

DELAWARE

Beaver.	No open season
Mink, muskrat (see exception), otter.	Dec. 1-Mar. 10

Exception - On embanked meadows in New Castle County muskrats may be taken until March 20. In Kent and Sussex Counties, December 15 to March 10.

Opossum, raccoon (See exception.) Nov. 1-Jan. 31

Exception - It shall be lawful for any person or persons to trap or otherwise take raccoon from any lands in New Castle County or Kent County from the Southerly boundary limits of the City of Wilmington, and East and Southeast of the center line of U.S. Route 13, thence following said center line of the U.S. Route 13, to the point where U.S. Route 13 forms a junction with U.S. 113, and thence along the center line of U.S. Route 113 to a line dividing Kent County and Sussex County, during any time of the year, excepting on Sunday.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that it is illegal to sell or export red foxes or red fox hides.

Licenses. Resident hunting and trapping, \$2.25; nonresident hunting and trapping, \$15.50. Aliens cannot hunt or trap except on a farm of 20 acres or more on which they reside. Fur dealer, \$5, required for purchasing all pelts except muskrat.

FLORIDA

Bobcat, civet cat, fox, opossum, skunk, raccoon,
weasel, wildcat No closed season
Mink, otter Dec. 1-Mar. 1

Possession and sale. Skins legally taken may be possessed, bought, and sold during the open season and 30 days thereafter, but fur dealers may handle manufactured furs at any time.

Shipment and export. Skins legally taken may be shipped and exported during the open season and 30 days thereafter. Packages must show name and address of trapper.

Licenses. Resident (State wide) \$25.50; county, \$3.25; county other than that of residence, \$10.50. License is not required of resident Confederate veterans or of other residents 65 years of age or over. Nonresident (State wide) \$100.50; county, \$25.50. Applicants for licenses must report previous year's catch. Fur dealer: resident, \$100, and \$5 for each agent or traveling buyer; resident local dealer, \$10; nonresident, \$500, or \$100 for each agent or traveling buyer or acting as agent for nonresident buyer. Dealers and buyers must report every two weeks the names of trappers from whom pelts were purchased, their license numbers, and the number and kinds of pelts purchased.

GEORGIA

Beaver, otter (See exception.)	<u>Open Season</u> No open season
<u>Exception</u> - All counties south of Carroll, Fulton, DeKalb, Walton, Oconee, Oglethorpe, Wilkes, and Lincoln open to trapping beaver and otter from January 1 through 31.	
Fox, opossum, mink, muskrat, raccoon, skunk, wildcat.	Nov. 20-Feb. 15

Shipment and export. Trappers must report number of hides shipped to the State Game and Fish Commission.

No bag limit. Opening dates begin with sunrise on the opening date and closing dates end with sundown on the closing date.

Licenses. Combination hunting and fishing license, \$1.25; nonresident hunting licenses, reciprocal. State resident trappers license, \$3.00; nonresident trappers license, \$25.00. State nonresident fur dealers license, \$200.00; State resident fur dealers license, \$10.00.

IDAHO

Beaver, fisher.	No open season
Districts 1 and 2:	
Fox, marten, otter, and muskrat	Nov. 1-Dec. 31
Mink.	No open season
Raccoon	Jan. 1-Dec. 31
District 3:	
Fox, marten, otter, and mink.	No open season
Muskrat:	
Boise River drainage above Diversion Dam.	No open season
Payette River drainage above Montour Bridge, except that part of the North Fork of the Payette River from Smith Ferry north to the Lardo Bridge.	No open season
That part of the North Fork of the Payette River from Smith Ferry north to the Lardo Bridge.	Apr. 1-Apr. 20
Owyhee County	Nov. 15-Apr. 30
Balance of district	Nov. 15-Jan. 15
Raccoon	Jan. 1-Dec. 31
District 4:	
Fox and marten.	Nov. 1-Dec. 31
Otter and mink.	No open season
Raccoon	Jan. 1-Dec. 31
Muskrat:	
Blaine, Butte and Camas Counties and that part of Custer County lying outside the Salmon River drainage.	Nov. 1-Dec. 31
Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls Counties and that portion of Custer County lying within the Salmon River drainage.	Nov. 1-Apr. 21

Note - Hagerman Refuge is closed to all trapping.

Idaho (continued)

District 5:

Otter and mink	No open season
Marten and fox:	
Fremont, Clark, Teton and Bonneville Counties	Oct. 25-Dec. 15
Raccoon	Jan. 1-Dec. 31
Muskrat:	
Clark, Fremont, Caribou (except Gray's Lake and its tributaries), Bannock, Oneida and Power Counties	Oct. 25- Dec. 15 and Mar. 15-Apr. 20
Bonneville (except Gray's Lake, its tributaries and outlet down to Idaho Falls Highway bridge), Madison, Jefferson and Bingham Counties	Oct. 25-Apr. 20
Teton County	Oct. 25-Nov. 10
Bear Lake and Franklin Counties	Mar. 15-Apr. 20
Gray's Lake, all its tributaries and the outlet down to Idaho Falls Highway bridge in Caribou and Bonneville Counties	Apr. 20-May 10

District 1 - Includes Boundary, Bonner, Kootenai, Shoshone and Benewah Counties.

District 2 - Includes Latah, Clearwater, Nez Perce, Lewis and Idaho Counties.

District 3 - Includes Ada, Adams, Boise, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette, Valley and Washington Counties.

District 4 - Includes Camas, Cassia, Butte, Blaine, Custer, Gooding, Jerome, Lemhi, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls Counties.

District 5 - Includes Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Madison, Teton, Bonneville, Bingham, Power, Bannock, Caribou, Bear Lake, Oneida and Franklin Counties.

Possession and sale. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, exchange, ship, transfer, market, purchase, receive from another, or in any way deal with marten, mink, fisher, or otter pelts unless the same be officially tagged by an authorized officer of the Idaho Fish and Game Department. Tagging of all marten, mink, fisher, and otter will be done by conservation officers without cost to the trapper with official fur tags of the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession any marten, mink, fisher, or otter pelts after fourteen days from the close of the respective trapping season for said marten, mink, fisher, or otter, as set by the Fish and Game Commission, unless the same are tagged with the official fur tags of the Idaho Fish and Game Department.

Licenses: Resident, \$5; nonresident, \$75; alien, \$150; fur-buyer-resident, \$5; nonresident, \$20.

ILLINOIS

Otter	No open season
Beaver (limit of 10 per season)	Feb. 1-Feb. 15

All beaver pelts must be tagged by a representative of the Department of Conservation before they may be legally sold. The fee for each tag is 50¢.

Illinois (continued)

Badger, fox (red and gray). No closed season
Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk, weasel (See note) Nov. 15-Jan. 15

Note - The Northern Zone comprises the counties of Boone, Bureau, Carroll, Cook, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Henderson, Henry, Iroquois, JoDaviess, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Knox, Lake, LaSalle, Lee, Livingston, Marshall, McHenry, Mercer, Ogle, Peoria, Putnam, Rock Island, Stark, Stephenson, Warren, White-side, Will, Winnebago, and Woodford.

The Central Zone comprises the counties of Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Cass, Champaign, Christian, Clark, Coles, Cumberland, DeWitt, Douglas, Edgar, Ford, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Logan, Macon, Macoupin, Mason, McDonough, McLean, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Moultrie, Piatt, Pike, Sangamon, Schuyler, Scott, Shelby, Tazewell and Vermilion.

The Southern Zone comprises the counties of Alexander, Bond, Clay, Clinton, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Johnson, Lawrence, Madison, Marion, Massac, Monroe, Perry, Pope, Pulaski, Randolph, Richland, Saline, St. Clair, Union, Wabash, Washington, Wayne, White, and Williamson.

Possession and sale. Possession of green hides is permitted during the open season and 20 days thereafter. Every person taking fur bearing animals shall make a sworn report to the Department, upon blanks supplied by the Department for such purpose, of all hides of fur-bearing animals taken, sold, shipped or dealt in, during the months of November, December and January, together with the names and addresses of the parties to whom the same were sold or shipped. Such reports shall be made to the Department not later than March 1st, and if false, the person making the same shall be prosecuted accordingly. All fur buyers, or tanners of the green hides of fur-bearing or game animals, shall keep a record on a form furnished by the Department showing the name and address and license number of each person, whether within or without the State of Illinois, from whom such hides are received, collected or purchased, the number and kinds of such hides received, collected or purchased, the date of receipt, collection, or purchase, and the price, if any, paid therefor. Such record shall be open to inspection by the officers and employees of the Department, any sheriff, deputy sheriff, constable or any other police officer.

Licenses. Resident Fur Bearing Animal Trapping License \$3.00. No provision is made for nonresidents of the State of Illinois to trap fur bearers in this State. Resident Wholesale Fur Buyer, \$50.00; Resident Retail Fur Buyer, \$10.00; Traveling Fur Buyer, \$10.00; Nonresident Fur Dealer, \$100.00. Expiration date January 31 of each year.

INDIANA

Fox No closed season
Mink, muskrat, opossum, skunk, raccoon, beaver. . . . Noon, Nov. 15-Jan. 15, Noon

Bag limit. Daily bag limit on raccoon, 2.

Possession and sale. Fresh skins legally taken may be possessed and disposed of 5 days after close of season. Licensed fur buyers may possess untanned hides taken in the open season 60 days after close of season, and for a longer

Indiana (continued)

period if report showing number and kinds of skins and place of storage is made to the Director of the Division of Fish and Game. No other restrictions on skins legally taken, except on beaver as shown below.

Shipment and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that shipment must be labeled to show contents, and license must be exhibited to carrier.

Licenses. Resident, \$2.00; nonresident, \$15.50. Fur buyer, resident, \$10.00; nonresident, \$25.00. Nonresident jobber to purchase from licensed buyers, \$10.00.

Beaver tag. A \$2.00 tag or seal is required on each beaver or untanned hide. Unlawful to sell or purchase without tag.

IOWA

	<u>Open Season</u>
Badger, civet cat, opossum, raccoon, skunk.	Noon, Nov. 10-Jan. 10*
Mink, muskrat, beaver (See exception.)	" Nov. 10-Dec. 9*
<u>Exception</u> - An extended season on mink, muskrat, and beaver will close midnight, December 19, in the area east of the Milwaukee railroad tracks from the north city limits of Muscatine to the Minnesota line.	*Midnight
Coyote, fox (red and gray), weasel.	No closed season
Otter	No open season

Possession and sale. Skins legally taken may be possessed and sold during the open season and 10 days thereafter, or for a longer period under permit of the Conservation Commission. Licensed dealer may possess at any time hides legally acquired. Special permit is required for trappers to ship, transport, or sell to dealers outside the State. Green hides in process of manufacture may be possessed at any time. Dealers or buyers must, within 15 days after close of season, file with the Conservation Commission a sworn inventory of the number and kinds of skins purchased.

Shipment and export. See possession and sale. Skins of protected fur animals legally taken may be exported under permit during the open season and the first 10 days of the closed season.

Licenses. Resident, using 15 traps or less, \$1; using more than 15, 15¢ per trap, including tag. Nonresident shall be charged the same fee that the State of the applicant's residence charges a resident of Iowa for a nonresident license, providing such fee shall not be less than \$10; providing further no such license shall be issued to a resident of any State which does not grant nonresident trapping licenses. Fur dealers must be licensed; resident, \$10; nonresident license shall be determined similar to nonresident trapping license providing such shall not be less than \$50.

KANSAS

Open Season

Badger, civet cat, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk	◆ Dec. 1-Jan. 31
Beaver (see note), otter.	No open season

Note - The State game warden is authorized after investigation, to have taken under his supervision as many beavers as he deems necessary for protection of property.

Fox	No closed season
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Possession and sale. Skins legally taken may be possessed by licensed fur dealer during the first 10 days of the closed season. No other restrictions on possession and sale of skins legally taken.

Shipment and export. Skins may not be shipped except during the open season and 10 days thereafter, but licensed dealers may make shipments out of season under permit.

Licenses. Resident, \$1; nonresident not permitted to trap. Fur dealer, resident, \$10; nonresident, \$25.

KENTUCKY

(All dates incl.)

Opossum, raccoon, mink, skunk, muskrat, red fox	Nov. 20-Jan. 18
Opossum and raccoon may be taken with dogs only . . .	Oct. 21-Nov. 19

There is no bag limit on opossum, mink, raccoon, skunk, muskrat or red fox.

No person shall use a steel trap with a jaw spread of more than 5-3/4 in., or the jaws of which have a sharp or jagged edge, or that have more than one spring for the purpose of closing the jaws or that has a spring which would normally be expected under ordinary circumstances to exert a pressure sufficient to instantly cut through or break the leg of any wild animal protected by this chapter.

LOUISIANA

Mink. (See note.)	Nov. 15-Jan. 10
Muskrat	Dec. 1-Feb. 15
Nutria.	Jan. 1-Feb. 15
All other fur bearers	Nov. 15-Feb. 15

Note - All trapping in Plaquemines Parish, below

Pointe a la Hache (except mink)	Dec. 1-Feb. 15
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Mink, in Plaquemines Parish, below Pointe a la Hache.	Dec. 1-Jan. 10
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Rigid enforcement of trapping and fur buying laws. Special effort to prevent dog hunting and shooting of mink, and the taking of early nutria.

Fur Tax. Muskrat, opossum, skunk, civet cat, ring-tailed cat, wildcat, fox, wolf, and raccoon: 1¢ on each skin; mink, 10¢ on each skin; nutria (coypu), 5¢ on each skin; otter, 25¢ on each skin.

Louisiana (continued)

Licenses. Resident trapper, \$2; nonresident not permitted to trap. Fur dealer: resident, \$150; nonresident, \$300. Fur buyer: resident, \$25; nonresident, \$100.

MAINE

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver, fisher.	No open season
Bobcat, Canada lynx	No closed season
Fox, raccoon, skunk, weasel	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
Mink.	Nov. 1-Nov. 30
Muskrat: York and Washington counties.	Mar. 20-Apr. 20
All other counties.	Nov. 1-Nov. 30
Otter	November - and Jan. 1-Feb. 7

Possession, sale, shipment, and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that beaver skins must bear the seal of the Commissioner.

Licenses. Resident, State-wide, \$10; in organized territory, \$5; non-resident and alien, \$200. State-wide license required when season is opened on beavers, \$10. Fur dealer, resident \$25. Licensed trappers are required to make report of their catch before they are issued a new license.

MARYLAND

Beaver.	No open season
Mink, otter	Jan. 1-Mar. 15
Muskrat: Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Montgomery, Washington counties	Dec. 15-Mar. 1
All other counties.	Jan. 1-Mar. 15
Raccoon, opossum.	Nov. 1-Jan. 31

Possession, sale, shipment, and export. Possession of green hides of muskrats is prohibited except from January 1 to March 25. Cured muskrat skins may be possessed at any time for business purposes. Out of State shipments require tags by anyone other than a licensed fur dealer; number of license of fur dealer must appear on all shipments outside of State. Shipping tags available from field personnel.

Licenses. Trapping is permitted on regular hunting license. Resident: State, \$5.25; county, \$1.25. Nonresident, \$20. Fur dealers: resident, \$2; nonresident, \$25.

MASSACHUSETTS

Beaver.	No open season
Mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, opossum.	Nov. 1-Dec. 31
Fox, skunk, weasel, wildcat	Nov. 1-Mar. 1

Massachusetts (continued)

Note - All traps must be registered with the Division of Fisheries and Game annually, marked with the user's name, permanently stamped with the registration number, visited between 4 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day, and designed to kill mammal at once or to take alive unhurt unless city or town has voted suspension of Anti-Steel Trap provisions.

It shall be unlawful for any person:

- To trap before 6 a.m. on November 1;
- To trap between March 2 and November 1, 6 a.m. E.S.T. inclusive;
- To use poison in any form or have in possession skins of poisoned mammals;
- To destroy or spring trap of another;
- To possess an unregistered trap on land of another;
- To trap on the enclosed, improved, or posted land of another without written permission;
- To use scent or scented bait; to use snares;
- To trap within ten feet of a muskrat house, beaver house or dam;
- To trap in public way, cart road or path;
- To trap mammals from trap of another;
- To use trap capable of taking more than 1 mammal.

MICHIGAN

	<u>Open Season</u>
Badger, skunk	Nov. 1-Jan. 31
Beaver, otter (open seasons, if any, to be announced by the Conservation Commission later.)	
Coyote, wolf, lynx, bobcat, fox, opossum, weasel.	No closed season
Fisher, marten.	No open season
Mink (See exception.) - hunting:	
Zone 1.	Nov. 1-Dec. 31
Zones 2 and 3	Nov. 1-Jan. 31
Muskrat, mink (See exception.):	
Zone 1.	Nov. 1-Nov. 30
Zone 2.	Nov. 15-Dec. 15
Zone 3.	Dec. 1-Dec. 31
<u>Exception</u> - Special season on mink and muskrats, Dec. 1 to Jan. 31, in the following described area: Beginning at a point on the southern boundary of Michigan where it is intersected by highway U.S. 25; thence northward along highway U.S. 25 to its junction with M 56; thence along M 56 to its junction with highway No. 379; thence along highway No. 379 to its junction with Oak Street in the city of Wyandotte; thence east to the international boundary; thence southeast along the international boundary to its junction with the Ohio boundary line in Lake Erie; thence southwest along the Ohio boundary line to the place of beginning. All of Grosse Ile is included in this area.	
Raccoon (Nonresident may not hunt or trap raccoon):	
Hunting -	
Zones 1 and 2	Oct. 1-Dec. 15
Zone 3.	Oct. 20-Dec. 31
Trapping -	
Zone 1.	Nov. 1-Nov. 30
Zone 2.	Nov. 15-Dec. 15
Zone 3.	Dec. 1-Dec. 31

Note - All trapping seasons open at 12:00 Noon, E.S.T. on first day.

Zones 1, 2, and 3 are defined as follows:

- Zone 1 - Upper Peninsula
- Zone 2 - North of M 20
- Zone 3 - South of M 20

Possession and sale. Skins of fur animals in possession 5 days after close of season must be reported to the Conservation Department. Persons selling skins of fur animals must report name and address of purchaser and number and kinds of skins sold.

Shipment and export. Dealers must have a permit to export furs. Packages must be labeled with the names and addresses of consignor and consignee.

Licenses. Resident (except for beavers and otters), \$2. Licensees must report to the Conservation Department not later than Feb. 15 the number and kinds of animals taken. Special beaver license (also includes otters if there is an open season on them), \$2, and \$1 additional for seal to be attached to each skin. Nonresidents are not permitted to trap.

MINNESOTA

	<u>Open Season</u>
Badger.	Nov. 1-Mar. 1
Beaver, muskrat, otter (Consult Department of Conservation, State Office Building, St. Paul 1, Minnesota.)	
Fisher, marten.	No open season
Mink.	Nov. 7-Dec. 13
Raccoon (Hunting only Oct. 17-Nov. 6)	Nov. 7-Dec. 31
Skunk and other fur animals	No closed season

Possession and sale. Skins of protected fur-bearing animals legally taken during the open season must be sealed or permit in possession within 5 days after the close of the season. Such protected fur-bearing animals may be bought and sold at any time. Possession of protected fur-bearing animals in closed season not sealed or having a permit is presumptive evidence they have been taken during closed season.

Shipment and export. Protected fur-bearing animals sealed and having a permit may be transported at any time. When shipping furs taken under trapping license, the parcel must be plainly marked on the outside stating the name, address, and license number of shipper and kind and number of skins contained in the package. The waybill or receipt issued by any common carrier to a shipper shall specify the number and species of wild animals so shipped.

Licenses. Trapping license, issued only to residents, \$3. A small game hunting license is required in addition. Residents under 16 years of age not required to have a license to hunt and trap fur bearers except beaver and otter.

MISSISSIPPI

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver (may be taken by licensed trappers by permit from landowners and the State Game and Fish Commission). . . .	Dec. 1-Feb. 15
Mink (see note), muskrat (exception), skunk, weasel	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
<u>Exception</u> - Muskrat may be taken in Hancock, Harrison, and Jackson Counties.	Dec. 1-Feb. 15
Opossum, raccoon.	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
Otter: Lauderdale, Kemper, Jones, Perry, Stone, George, Harrison, Jackson, Hancock, Clarke, Wayne, Greene, Pearl River, Lamar, Adams, Jefferson, Claiborne, Amite, Wilkinson, Noxubee, Covington, and Copiah.	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
All other counties.	No open season

Note - Mink shall not be hunted or killed with dogs or guns.

Possession and sale. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession the green pelt of any such animal except during the open season and ten days thereafter. It shall be unlawful for any person to buy, sell, or to offer for sale the pelt of any fur-bearing animal knowing that same has been unlawfully taken.

Licenses. Resident, \$5.25; nonresident, \$201.00.

MISSOURI

Opossum, raccoon, skunk, spotted skunk, weasel.	Dec. 1-Jan. 15
<u>Note</u> - Opossum and raccoon, gun and dog only.	Nov. 10-Jan. 15
Mink, muskrat (may not be taken by any method except trap)	Dec. 1-Dec. 31
Fox, red and gray	Dec. 1-Jan. 15
<u>Note</u> - Fox, gun and dog only.	No closed season
Coyotes, bobcats.	No closed season
Beaver, otter	No open season

Note - Contact Missouri Conservation Commission for information regarding any change. Beaver and otter may be taken by landowners, under special permit, where they are damaging property.

License. Effective January 1, 1953, each trapper must possess a special trappers license, costing \$3 annually. Only residents of Missouri may legally trap there. No daily or possession limits.

MONTANA

Mink and fox.	Nov. 10-Dec. 31
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Exception - No closed season on fox in Sheridan County.

Muskrat - Western Montana (as designated on Trapper map).	Mar. 1-Apr. 15
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In addition to the regular open muskrat season in western Montana, the lands lying within the following irrigation districts shall be open to the trapping of muskrats from Nov. 10, 1953 to Dec. 31, 1953: Flathead districts in Lake and Sanders Counties, Fairfield district in Cascade and Teton Counties, and Valier district in Pondera County.

Montana (continued)

Muskrat (continued): (See note.)

Eastern Montana (as designated on Trapper map). Nov. 1-May 1
 Marten, otter, and fisher No open season
 Beaver: Forty-nine areas with variable limits and seasons
 open to trapping by holders of General Trappers License
 upon application for General Beaver Season Permit.
 Consult Montana Fish and Game Department, Helena,
 Montana, for information.
 Coyote, wolf, wolverine, mountain lion, lynx, weasel, skunk,
 badger, ferret, bobcat. No closed season

Note - Montana Fish and Game Laws prohibit the shooting of muskrats and the taking of beaver by any method other than trapping; in addition it is unlawful for any person to wilfully destroy, open or leave open, or partially destroy the house of a muskrat or beaver.

All Federal Preserves and the following State Preserves are closed to trapping: Sun River, Gallatin, Skalkaho, Grass Valley, and Seeley Lake.

Exception - Permits to trap on Federal Preserve may be issued by Federal Refuge Manager.

Trapping Licenses. Issued by the State Fish and Game Warden, Helena, Montana. General Trapper's license - \$10.00; applicants must give the number of their 1953 Bird and Fish License. Land Owner's Trapping license - \$1.00; applicants must give description of land owned or leased.

NEBRASKA

Open Season

Muskrat, mink, beaver:

Area I. Dec. 15-Mar. 15
 Includes Arthur, Blaine, Box Butte, Brown, Cherry, Dawes, Garden, Garfield, Grant, Hooker, Logan, Loup, McPherson, Sheridan, Sioux, and Thomas counties, except for State-owned lakes or marshes or areas closed by Federal, State, or Municipal law.

Area II Nov. 15-Jan. 15
 Includes Adams, Antelope, Banner, Boone, Boyd, Buffalo, Burt, Butler, Cass, Cedar, Chase, Cheyenne, Clay, Colfax, Cuming, Custer, Dakota, Dawson, Deuel, Dixon, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Fillmore, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Gage, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Howard, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Kimball, Knox, Lancaster, Lincoln, Madison, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Nemaha, Nuckolls, Otoe, Pawnee, Perkins, Phelps, Pierce, Platte, Polk, Red Willow, Richardson, Rock, Saline, Sarpy, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Seward, Sherman, Stanton, Thayer, Thurston, Valley, Washington, Wayne, Webster, Wheeler, and York counties, except for state-owned lakes or marshes or areas closed by Federal, State, or Municipal law.

Badger, civet cat, fox, opossum, raccoon, skunk (See exception) Jan.1-Dec.31
Exception - State-owned lakes or marshes or areas closed by Federal, State or Municipal law. Hunting raccoon with dogs is prohibited during period April 1 to August 1.

Coyote. No closed season

NEVADA

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver, otter (See note.)	Oct. 1-Mar. 15
<u>Note</u> - Consult Nevada Fish and Game Commission for regulations for the taking of beaver and otter.	
All other fur bearers	Nov. 1-Mar. 15

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Beaver (at discretion of Director and Commission) . . .	Jan. 1-Mar. 31
Fisher, marten.	No open season
Mink, muskrat, otter, skunk:	
Coos, Carroll, and Grafton counties	Oct. 20-Feb. 1
All other counties.	Nov. 1-Feb. 1
Weasel, wildcat, fox, lynx.	No closed season
Bounty on wildcat and lynx collected through conservation officer in locality where animal is killed.	

Licenses. Trapping licenses sold only through the office of the Director of Fish and Game at Concord.

NEW JERSEY

Beaver (See note.)	Feb. 1-Feb. 28
<u>Note</u> - Beaver may only be taken by special trapping permit obtained from the Fish and Game Council. Fee \$5.00. 100 permits will be issued by the Council allowing the taking of 3 beaver per permit during the interval of Feb. 1 to Feb. 28.	
Mink, muskrat, otter (May only be trapped; see note). . .	6 p.m., Nov. 30-Mar. 15
On State Public Hunting and Fishing Grounds	6 a.m., Jan. 1-Mar. 15
<u>Note</u> - No cage trap, metal box trap or diving trap shall be permitted on any of the State Public Hunting and Fishing Grounds, and no trap of any kind shall be set anywhere on any of the State Public Hunting and Fishing Grounds unless it bears a metal tag inscribed with the name and address of the owner of the trap. No trap of any kind shall be permitted to remain set on any property at the close of the trapping season.	
Fox	9 a.m., Nov. 7-Apr. 30
<u>Note</u> - Fox may be trapped at any time of year when destroying poultry, crops or property.	
Raccoon (See note).	Oct. 15-Jan. 15
<u>Note</u> - Between sunset and sunrise only. Cannot hunt raccoon during the firearm deer season. Cannot be trapped except under special permit when causing damage.	

Licenses. Regular hunting license required to trap fur-bearing animals. Resident, \$3.15; nonresident and alien, \$15.50.

NEW MEXICO

Open Season

Weasel, civet cat, ferret, ringtail cat, raccoon, coati-mundi, badger, and fox.	Oct. 1-Mar. 31
Marten.	No open season
Mink, muskrat	Moong, Jan. 15-Feb. 28

Fur bearers may be taken only by persons holding a trapper's license; however, they may be taken with dogs or by shooting as well as by trapping during open season. No trapper's license required for children under 14 years of age.

There is no closed season on mountain lion, bobcat, skunk, prairie dog, or rabbits. No license required for residents to take these species. Non-resident's license is \$10.

NEW YORK

Beaver (See note.) 1954 spring seasons to be announced about Feb. 1. No open season except by Department order.	
Fisher (See note.) In the counties of Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Hamilton, Lewis, St. Lawrence, Warren, and in Herkimer north of Route 28 west of Middleville, and north of Route 29 east of Middleville (Limit, 3 per season)	Oct. 25-Jan. 1
Elsewhere in the State, no open season	
Otter (See note.):	
Fall and Winter - In the <u>Northern Zone*</u>	Oct. 25-Jan. 31 incl.
In the <u>Southern Zone*</u> no open season except in Columbia, Dutchess, Putnam, Rensselaer, and Westchester counties, where season is from.	Nov. 5-Jan. 31
No limit in either zone.	
1954 Spring Seasons: To be announced about Feb. 1.	
Muskrat - No fall season; 1954 spring season to be announced after fall population surveys are completed. (Conservation Department empowered to declare open seasons.)	
Mink: <u>Northern Zone*</u>	Oct. 25-Jan. 31
<u>Southern Zone*</u>	Nov. 5-Mar. 31
Except in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Steuben and Yates counties where the open season is .	Nov. 5-Jan. 31
No limit in either zone.	
Raccoon: <u>Northern Zone*</u>	Oct. 25-Jan. 31
<u>Southern Zone*</u>	Oct. 29-Feb. 15
Except in Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Steuben, and Yates counties where the open season is from Oct. 29, 1953 through Jan. 31, 1954. No limit in either zone.	
Skunk: <u>Northern Zone*</u>	Oct. 25 thru Jan.31
<u>Southern Zone*</u>	Nov. 5 " Feb.28
No limit in either zone.	
Marten.	No open season
Unprotected - Other species not specifically mentioned above are unprotected. These include such furbearers as fox, opossum, weasels, coyote and bobcat.	

New York (continued)

Pelts - Pelts of beaver, fisher and otter legally taken must be presented to a Game Protector for tagging within 5 days after the close of the season in the place where taken.

*Northern and Southern Zone Boundary: Oswego River from Lake Ontario to Oneida River, Oneida River and North Shore of Oneida Lake to Barge Canal, Barge Canal to Rome, main line tracks of New York Central Railroad from Rome to Albany, and main line tracks of Boston and Albany Railroad from Albany to Massachusetts boundary.

Trapping hours: No trap may be staked or set before 7 a.m., E.S.T. on opening day of season for any protected furbearer. Thereafter, at any hours during season.

Trapping Regulations: Consult Division of Fish and Game, Conservation Department, Albany 7, New York.

Licenses. Resident, \$2.25. Nonresident and alien hunting \$10.75, trapping \$25.00. Licensees are required to report the number and species of animals taken during the previous season.

NORTH CAROLINA

Beaver.	<u>Open Season</u>
Mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon (See exception)	No open season
<u>Exception a-</u> Dec. 15-Feb. 15 in Hatteras, Kennekeet, Atlantic, and Nags Head Townships of Dare County and in Currituck County provided that in Fruitville Township of Currituck County the season shall open Jan. 1 and close Mar. 15	Nov. 14-Jan. 30
(b) Dec. 1-Feb. 15 in the following counties: Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Dare, Duplin, Hoke, Hyde, Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Tyrrell, Washington.	
(c) Nov. 2-Jan. 30 in Ashe, Alleghany, Watauga Counties.	
(d) It shall be unlawful to trap raccoon and otter west of U.S. Highway No. 1.	
(e) It shall be unlawful to set steel traps for muskrat or mink west of U.S. Highway No. 1 except in or along waters of lakes, streams, or ponds adjacent to cultivated land.	
(f) Where county laws govern trapping, the local law shall prevail.	

Licenses. State resident, \$3.25; county, \$2.25. Nonresident, \$25.25.

NORTH DAKOTA

Open Season

Badger, raccoon:	Throughout year, except that all trapping of protected fur-bearers shall be illegal prior to Nov. 15	
Beaver.		Nov. 15-Apr. 30
Mink, weasel.		Nov. 15-Dec. 31
Muskrat		Dec. 1-Dec. 31

No bag limit.

Unlawful to damage or injure the personal or real property of another in taking of furbearing animals. Unlawful to molest or destroy the natural burrow, den or retreat of a raccoon. Muskrat house may be opened by cutting a portion not to exceed one square foot in the wall of the house. After the trap is inserted the part removed must be replaced; this also to be done after removal of trap. Muskrats may be shot with a .22 rifle during open season.

Unlawful to trap upon the land of another without first getting permission of land owner or lessee.

Furs legally taken may be possessed indefinitely.

Licenses. A trapping license is required of all except those who trap on land owned or leased by them. No license is required to take coyote, fox, bobcat or wolf.

Resident trapping, \$1.00; nonresident trapping, \$100.00. Resident fur buyer, \$5.00; resident traveling fur buyer, \$15.00; nonresident fur buyer, \$100.00.

OHIO

Fox, red and gray		No closed season
Mink, muskrat:	Inland trapping district (gun and dog).	Nov. 16-Jan. 31
	" " " (trapping)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
	Lake Erie trapping district (gun and dog)	Nov. 16-Jan. 31
	" " " (trapping)	Dec. 1-Mar. 15
Opossum, raccoon, skunk:	(gun and dog)	Nov. 16-Jan. 31
	(trapping)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31

Note - Lake Erie trapping district: Lucas, Ottawa, Sandusky, Erie, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula counties.

Possession, sale, shipment and export. Skins legally taken may be possessed, sold, shipped, and transported at any time. Packages must be marked to show contents, initial point of billing, and names and addresses of consignor and consignee.

Licenses. Resident, \$2.25; nonresident, \$15.25. Fur dealer: resident, no charge; nonresident and agents, \$50. Fur dealer or buyer is required to submit a report within 30 days after close of season on all skins bought which were taken within the State and shipped out of the State or sold within the State. Resident landowner or tenant of at least one year may hunt or trap thereon without a license.

OKLAHOMA

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver, marten, otter	No open season
Other fur animals	Dec. 1-Jan. 31

Possession and sale. It is illegal to possess or sell pelts except during the open season and 10 days thereafter.

Shipment and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that shipment must be made during the open season or within 10 days thereafter. No time limit for licensed dealers to dispose of pelts purchased.

Licenses. Resident: hunting, \$2.00; amateur trapping (20 traps), \$1.25; professional trapping (over 20 traps), \$50. Nonresident: hunting, \$15.00 (minimum fee, otherwise reciprocal with nonresident hunting fee of hunter's home state); trapping, \$250. Fur dealer: resident, \$15; nonresident, \$50. Licensed trappers are required to report their catch. Licensed fur dealers are required to submit three reports of purchases - one for the month of December of the current season, one for January, and one for the first ten days of February.

OREGON

Badger, civet cat, skunk, weasel, raccoon	No closed season
Fisher, ring-tailed cat	No open season
Mink, otter	Nov. 15-Jan. 15
Beaver, muskrat, marten	Nov. 15-Feb. 15

Possession, sale, shipment, and export. Fur animals legally taken within or out of the State may be possessed and sold at any time, but the burden of proving legal taking is on the trapper. Skins legally taken may be shipped at any time.

Licenses. Resident, hunting \$3; trapping license for mink, muskrat, beaver, marten, and otter, \$6. Beaver tags, \$1 each. Fur dealer, \$10. Fur dealer is required to submit a report not later than January 10 on all pelts acquired. Hunting license is required for trapping of predatory animals. Nonresident: hunting, \$25; no nonresident trapping license.

PENNSYLVANIA

Beaver (traps only)	Feb. 15-Mar. 6
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Note - Nonresidents may not trap beavers. One person may set, tend or operate 10 traps only. Traps must not be set on the structure of any beaver dam or house, or within 25 feet of the waterline on the structure of either thereof. Tags must be kept above ice or waterline to facilitate identification without disturbing traps. Pelts must be tagged within 10 days after season, and may not be sold or otherwise disposed of until properly tagged. Present them to Protector in District or County where trapped. No trapping at Commission-Posted Dams.

Mink.	Nov. 9-Jan. 1
Muskrat (traps only).	Nov. 28-Jan. 16

Pennsylvania (continued)

Opossum, raccoon, skunk: Unprotected to Sept. 1, 1954

Otter No open season

Note - Limit for beaver, 4; others unlimited.

Traps shall not be placed, staked, or set before 7 a.m. on the first day of the open season for fur-bearers. Trapping closes at 12 o'clock noon on last day. Traps must be tagged with metal name tags.

Possession. It is unlawful to have in possession the green pelt of fur-bearing animals except during the open season therefor and for 10 days thereafter.

Licenses. Resident: hunting and trapping, \$3.15. Nonresident: hunting only, \$20; trapping only (except beavers), \$25. Fur dealer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$100.

RHODE ISLAND

Mink, muskrat, otter. Dec. 1-Feb. 15

Exception - Providence, Kent, Washington counties . . Nov. 15-Feb. 1

Raccoon Nov. 15-Feb. 1

Exception - Bristol and Newport counties. Dec. 1-Feb. 1

Note - Any person or persons who shall remove or attempt to remove a muskrat, raccoon, mink, otter, or skunk from any hole in the ground, from any stone wall, from within any ledge or from under any stone, from any den or house or from any hole in any log or tree by digging, smoking, or otherwise, and whoever shall set a trap within 8 feet from the outside diameter of a muskrat house shall be punished.

Possession and sale. The possession of a green pelt or any part thereof by any person, except during the open season for such animal and for 10 days thereafter, shall be prima facie evidence that such pelt or part thereof was unlawfully taken and possessed.

Licenses. Resident, \$2; resident under 15 years of age, no fee shall be charged. Nonresident, \$15.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Fur-bearing animals may be trapped from Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 26, 1953) to March 1, 1954, inclusive. Trapping license, \$10, obtained from County Game Wardens in Zone One. Zone One includes Pickens, Oconee, and Greenville counties.

It is illegal to use steel traps in any parts of the State.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Mink may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Harding, Perkins, Corson, Dewey, Armstrong, Ziebach, Meade, Butte, Lawrence, Pennington, Haakon, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Stanley, Gregory, Tripp, Todd, Mellette, Washabaugh, Bennett, Shannon, Fall River and Custer during the period from noon, November 1, 1953, to noon, February 28, 1954;

Mink may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Campbell, McPherson, Walworth, Edmunds, Clark, Spink, Faulk, Potter, Hyde, Hand, Beadle, Jerauld, Aurora, Davison, Brule, Hughes, Hutchinson, Douglas, Charles Mix, Sully, Buffalo, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay and Union during the period from noon, November 15, 1953, to noon, February 15, 1954;

Mink may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Brown, Marshall, Day, Roberts, Grant, Deuel, Hamlin, Codington, Kingsbury, Brookings, Moody, Lake, Miner, Sanborn, Hanson, McCook, Minnehaha, Lincoln and Turner during the period from noon, November 15, 1953, to noon, January 15, 1954;

Opossum may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay and Union during the period from noon, November 1, 1953, to noon, March 31, 1954;

Muskrat may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Butte, Harding, Perkins, Corson, Pennington, Haakon, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Gregory, Tripp, Todd, Dewey, Mellette, Washabaugh, Bennett, Shannon, Fall River, Custer, Ziebach, Armstrong, Stanley, Meade and Lawrence during the period from noon, November 1, 1953, to noon, February 28, 1954;

Muskrat may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Buffalo, Brule, Aurora, Davison, Charles Mix, Douglas, Hutchinson, Bon Homme, Yankton, Beadle, Spink, Faulk, Potter, Walworth, Edmunds, McPherson, Campbell, Clark, Sully, Hughes, Hyde, Hand, Jerauld, Clay and Union during the period from noon, November 15, 1953, to noon, February 15, 1954;

Muskrat may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Codington and Grant during the period from noon, November 15, 1953, to noon, November 30, 1953;

Muskrat may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Day, Sanborn, Miner, Lake, Moody, Brookings, Deuel, Hamlin and Kingsbury during the period from noon, November 15, 1953, to noon, December 15, 1953;

Muskrat may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Marshall, Roberts, Brown, Hanson, McCook, Minnehaha, Turner and Lincoln during the period from noon, November 15, 1953, to noon, December 31, 1953;

Beaver may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Campbell, Walworth, Potter, Faulk, Spink, Grant, Deuel, Hamlin, Buffalo, Brule, Charles Mix, Douglas, Hutchinson, Bon Homme, Yankton, Clay, Union, Lincoln, McPherson, Edmunds, Brown, Marshall, Roberts, Day, Codington, Clark, Sully, Hughes, Hyde, Hand, Beadle, Kingsbury, Brookings, Moody, Lake, Miner, Sanborn, Jerauld, Aurora, Davison, Hanson, McCook and Minnehaha, during the period from noon, November 15, 1953, to noon, March 31, 1954;

South Dakota (continued)

Beaver may be hunted, taken, trapped, or killed in the Counties of Harding, Perkins, Corson, Dewey, Armstrong, Ziebach, Meade, Lawrence, Butte, Haakon, Stanley, Jackson, Jones, Lyman, Gregory, Tripp, Mellette, Washabaugh, Bennett, and Todd during the period from noon, October 15, 1953, to noon, April 30, 1954.

TENNESSEE

	<u>Open Season</u>
Fox (red, gray), skunk, weasel, civet cat, bobcat . . .	No closed season
<u>Exception</u> - No open taking or trapping season on red foxes in Benton, Washington, Carter, Greene, Johnson and Knox Counties.	
In Rutherford County red foxes can be killed or trapped only from Nov. 1 through Jan. 15.	
Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon	Nov. 15-Jan. 25
Otter and Beaver	No open season

No limits on quantity. Raw or untanned hides may be kept in possession for 30 days following close of trapping season.

Licenses. Resident trapping, \$2.00. Resident wholesale fur buyer's license, \$100.00; nonresident wholesale fur buyer's license, \$250.00; Retail fur buyer's license, \$2.00. Licenses expire May 31 following issuance. For details on licenses issued without charge due to age, war disability or blindness, see Chapter 115, Public Acts of 1951, Section 10.

TEXAS

Badger, civet cat, ringtail cat, otter, skunk	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
<u>Exception</u> - Cherokee County, steel traps permitted.	
- Shelby County, if traps or deadfall used	
Beaver	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
<u>Exception</u> - Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kimble, Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, and Val Verde counties	
Shelby, if traps and deadfall used.	
Red River County (Consult Game and Fish Com.)	
Bobcat, coyote, mountain and Mexican lion, weasel, wildcat, wolf	No closed season
Fox	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
<u>Exception</u> - Austin, Burleson, Denton, Freestone, Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Kaufman, Lee, Leon, Madison, Milam, Newton, San Jacinto and Walker counties, pelt sale permitted Dec. 1-Jan. 31, otherwise	
Blanco, Comal, Guadalupe, Hays, Kendall and Robertson counties.	
Brazos, Falls, Shelby, and Upshur counties, unless destroying domestic stock.	
Camp, Jefferson, Navarro and Rusk counties.	
Cass County	
Cherokee County	

Texas (continued)

Mink, raccoon	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
<u>Exception</u> - Cherokee County	Dec. 1-Feb. 15
- Shelby County	No open season
Muskrat (exception and note).	Nov. 15-Mar. 15
<u>Exception</u> - Armstrong, Briscoe, Carson, Castro, Childress, Collingsworth, Cottle, Dallam, Deaf Smith, Donley, Gray, Hall, Hansford, Hartley, Hemphill, Hutchinson, Lipscomb, Moore, Motley, Ochiltree, Oldham, Parmer, Potter, Randall, Roberts, Sherman, Swisher and Wheeler counties.	Dec. 1-Feb. 28
Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, and Terrell counties	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
Erath, Hood, Jack Palo Pinto, Stephens and Young counties.	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
Cherokee County	Dec. 1-Feb. 15
Shelby County	No open season
<u>Note</u> - Muskrats may be taken by persons on own premises at any time, by any means.	
Nutria.	No closed season
<u>Exception</u> - Lake Caddo and its tributaries in Harrison and Marion counties	No open season
Opossum	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
<u>Exception</u> - Cherokee County	Dec. 1-Feb. 15
- Sabine and San Augustine counties	No closed season
- Shelby County	No open season

Note - Communicate with the Game and Fish Commission, Austin, Texas, for information on counties having additional local seasons, on bag limits, and on means and methods of catching.

Possession and sale. With certain exceptions, pelts taken during the open season may be possessed and sold at any time, but the possession of undried pelts later than 15 days after the close of the season is prima facie evidence of illegal taking. A trapper is allowed 15 days immediately following the open season for drying pelts taken during such season. It is illegal to purchase on the land of another, muskrats taken on such land except from the owner or his agent. No restrictions on possession of skins for personal use if legally taken.

Shipment and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses. Resident, \$1; nonresident, \$200. Fur buyer: wholesale, \$25; retail, \$5. Fur dealers must submit a sworn report not later than the 10th of each month showing number and kinds of pelts purchased and shipped out of the State the preceding month. A resident license costing \$50 is required of persons to trap beavers and otters outside the county of their residence.

UTAH

Beaver, nutria, marten, otter No open season

Note - The Fish and Game Director may authorize the trapping of beaver, nutria, marten or otter and the skins of said animals must be delivered to the Fish

and Game Department to be sold by it, and the proceeds shall be deposited in the Fish and Game Fund; provided, when beaver are doing excessive damage to irrigation ditches, canals, headgates or other diversion structures located on private land, the Commission may authorize the landowner or canal company to trap the beaver and keep the skins of such animals. The Department shall pay for the trapping of such animals as herein described a percentage determined by the Commission of the proceeds from the sale of such skins. It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession or transport any hide or fur from such animals without having attached thereto a tag issued by the Fish and Game Department and by it attached, showing that the same has been lawfully taken, and is lawfully in the possession of the holder thereof, except that any person holding a permit to trap such animals shall, by virtue of such permit, be allowed to ship to the Fish and Game Commission all such skins taken and held by it under such permit.

Muskrats (exception), mink. Oct. 16-Dec. 1

Exception - Where muskrats are doing actual damage to dams, farms, crops, ditches, levees, canals or other waterways, the owner or tenant of such property may notify the Fish and Game Department of such damage, and the Department shall immediately open such land to the trapping of muskrat.

Raccoon No open season

Predatory animals No closed season

Note - The Commission may close all or part of seasons when it is deemed advisable. Consult Commission for other open seasons.

Possession and sale. Skins of fur animals legally taken may be possessed and sold at any time, but green pelts may be possessed only during the open season and 15 days thereafter. Skins of beavers, nutria, marten and otter taken under authorization of the State Fish and Game Commission must be turned over to the Commission for sale. Possession of untagged beaver, nutria, marten and otter skins is prohibited.

Shipment and export. Furs legally taken and possessed may be shipped and exported at any time, but shipment and export of untagged beaver, nutria, marten and otter skins are prohibited.

Licenses. Resident, \$6. Nonresident is not permitted to trap. No person shall hunt or trap for fur-bearing animals without having first obtained a state trapper's license from the director. For the purpose of this title the following shall be considered fur-bearing animals: otter, mink, marten, raccoon, muskrat, beaver and nutria.

VERMONT

Beaver (see note.) Director may declare open season during any part of the months of January, February and March.

Note - Skins must be exhibited to warden and tagged within 10 days after open season. Tagging fee \$2 per skin. Taking beaver restricted to residents only.

Vermont (continued)

Fox	Oct. 25-Feb. 14
<u>Exception</u> - Franklin County: Trapping prohibited except in Town of Swanton where fox may be taken any time.	
Mink, otter, skunk.	Oct. 25-Feb. 14
Muskrat	Oct. 25-Apr. 19
<u>Exception</u> - Franklin County Oct. 25-Mar. 31	
Lamoille County	Oct. 25-Feb. 14
Orleans County.	Oct. 25-Nov. 30
Addison and Rutland Counties.	Jan. 1-Apr. 19
Raccoon (Limit per person, not more than 25).	Oct. 25-Dec. 30

Note - A person who traps for fur-bearing or noxious animals other than bear, within twelve hours shall notify the owner of enclosed lands on which he has set traps, the number and location of such traps, and shall visit his traps at least once in every twenty-four hours. A person shall not set a metal trap on lands other than his own which does not have his name and address permanently and legibly stamped or engraved thereon, or on a tag of rustless material securely attached thereto.

Possession and sale. Possession of fur animals during the closed season is prohibited, but furs or skins of animals legally taken may be possessed, bought, or sold at any time. Beaver skins must be tagged and marked within ten days of the closed season.

Shipment and export. Shipments must be tagged to show number and kinds of animals or skins, consignor and consignee, station from which shipped, and destination. No other restrictions on shipment of skins legally taken.

Licenses. Trapping: resident, \$1.75; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyer: resident, \$2; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyers are required to keep records of purchase and sales and file report on same at the end of license year.

VIRGINIA

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver, by permit only.	February
Mink.	Dec. 15-Jan. 31
Muskrat	Jan. 1-Mar. 15
Opossum	Dec. 1-Jan. 31
Otter	Dec. 15-Feb. 28
Raccoon - the following counties: Amelia, Appomattox, Brunswick, Buckingham, Charles City, Cumber- land, Dinwiddie, Greensville, Isle of Wight, James City, Lunenburg, Mecklenburg, Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Prince George, Southampton, Surry, Sussex	Dec. 15-Jan. 31

Note - It is unlawful to trap with steel traps except when done on land by its owner, members of his or her household, tenants, or those having permission to do so from the landowner or his or her agent.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken and possessed.

Licenses. Resident: State \$7.50; county \$3. Nonresident, \$50.

WASHINGTON

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver, fisher.	No open season
Mink.	8 a.m. Nov. 14-Dec. 31 incl.
Muskrat, otter, Canada lynx	" " Nov. 14-Jan. 31 "
Marten.	" " Dec. 1-Jan. 31 "

Note - It shall be unlawful for any trapper to use more than 36 traps in the trapping of marten.

Within 13 days after the close of the lawful open season on marten, each trapper shall present his skins for tagging and inspection to the local game protector in the area in which he traps; and at that time the said game protector shall tag each skin.

It shall be unlawful to sell any marten skin taken in the State of Washington not so tagged; and, on and after Feb. 14, 1954 it shall be unlawful for any person to possess any marten skins taken in the State of Washington not so tagged.

Predatory animals: cougar, coyote, fox, bobcat, wolf, skunk, raccoon, civet cat, weasel, mountain beaver, badger, jackrabbit, ground squirrel, rat and wild house cat. No closed season

All licensed trappers shall, within 30 days after the close of each trapping season report to the Director on a form to be supplied by the Director.

It shall be lawful to trap fur-bearing animals within the boundaries of the Lake Washington, Skagit, Lake Terrell and Schmitten Pond Game Reserves from 8:00 a.m. Nov. 14 to Dec. 31, 1953, both dates inclusive on mink; and from 8:00 a.m. Nov. 14 to Jan. 31, 1954, both dates inclusive on muskrat, otter and Canada Lynx. All other game reserves are closed to trapping.

For trapping closures and other regulations pertaining to fur-bearing animals consult the Director, Department of Game, State Game Commission, Seattle.

WEST VIRGINIA

Beaver (See note.)	Feb. 18-Mar. 13
<u>Note</u> - Six beavers a day; 6 the season. Trapping restricted to residents only. Beavers causing damage to crops may be trapped under permit.	
Fox (red - see exception; gray)	No closed season
<u>Exception</u> - Trapping and shooting red fox unlawful in Clay, Dodderidge, and Wayne counties.	
Mink, muskrat (trapping only)	Dec. 1-Mar. 13
Raccoon, opossum, skunk	Nov. 2-Jan. 9

Note - All trapping seasons open and close at 12:00 Noon on above dates. Hunting or shooting beaver, mink, or muskrat is illegal.

Possession and sale. Possession of fresh skins, except beaver, permitted during the open season and for 10 days after close of season only. (Beaver pelts must be sealed within 30 days after close of the season.) No restrictions on sale of skins legally taken and possessed.

Shipment and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken and possessed. No restrictions on possession of beaver pelts properly sealed.

West Virginia (continued)

Licenses. Resident, \$2; nonresident, \$20. Trapping license for beaver, resident state-wide, \$2. Fur dealer: resident, state-wide, \$10; county, \$1; agent, \$2.50; nonresident, \$50. Fur dealer must submit an annual report of all transactions.

WISCONSIN

	<u>Open Season</u>
Raccoon: Northern Zone	1 p.m. Oct. 3-Dec. 20
Southern Zone	" " Oct. 17-Dec. 20
<u>Note</u> - No bag limit. Possession limit, 20.	
Fox, skunk (no limit)	No closed season
Badger (no limit)	" "Oct. 3-Dec. 20

Information regarding beaver, mink, muskrat, and otter not received.

WYOMING

Badger, bobcat, civet cat, coyote, mountain lion, lynx, raccoon, skunk, weasel, wolf (classed as predators) . .	No closed season
Beaver.	No open season

Note - Beavers may be taken only by landowners or lessees of State-owned lands under permit of the State Game Warden, and pelts so taken must be tagged with "beaver tag" (50¢) and "protected animal tag" (50¢) each P.A. & B. tag.

Mink - in all areas within the State not included within National Forest boundaries, and not including Laramie, Goshen, and Niobrara counties Nov. 10-Jan. 31

Exception - Open season on all fur animals (except otter) from Nov. 10 through Dec. 31 within all National Forest areas situated within Teton, Lincoln, Sublette, Fremont and Park counties.

Possession, sale, shipment and export. No restrictions on skins legally taken except that nonresident buyers are required to have a license for purchase or collection of any fur including beaver. No exportation permit required.

Licenses. Resident, \$3; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$100. Predator license on National Forest Lands only, \$1.

CANADA

ALBERTA

Open Season

Badger.	No closed season
<u>Exception</u> - Any person may at any time, without any license or permit, hunt, take or kill any badger except in that part of the Province comprising the Municipal District of Pincher Creek No. 9.	
Beaver.	March 1-May 15
<u>Note</u> - By Special Permit on registered trap-lines only.	
Fisher.	No open season
Fox	No closed season
Lynx.	Dec. 1-Feb. 28
Marten.	Dec. 1-Jan. 17
<u>Note</u> - Only on registered trap-lines, provided that marten must not be taken on trap-lines lying east of the Fifth Meridian.	
Mink.	Nov. 1-Feb. 28
Muskrat (see note):	
On registered trap-lines only	Nov. 15-May 15
On privately owned or occupied lands only	Mar. 1-May 15
<u>Note</u> - Special Permits may be issued to owners of private lands, authorizing such owners to hunt or trap muskrats on such lands owned by the licensee, but not elsewhere, and where it is shown by a report from a constable or a game officer that the muskrats are causing damage to irrigation projects and works connected therewith, stock watering dams or to public property or public works, such as road grades or culverts.	
Otter	Nov. 1-Mar. 31
Red squirrel.	Nov. 15-Feb. 28

Possession and sale. No person, either by himself or his clerk, servant or agent, shall buy, sell, deal, barter, solicit or traffic in the skin, pelt, or part thereof, of any fur-bearing animal, or conduct any sale of such skin, pelt, or part thereof, either by tender or by auction; or being a furrier shall acquire any skin, pelt, or part thereof, of any fur-bearing animal for the purpose of manufacture; or being a tanner shall receive any skin, pelt, or part thereof, of any fur-bearing animal for processing in any manner whatsoever, without having first obtained a license authorizing him so to do.

Shipment and export. No agent of any express company or other common carrier shall receive for transportation beyond the boundaries of the Province any big game, game birds, or skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals, or parts thereof, unless the transportation thereof is authorized by an export permit issued under authority of the Department of Lands and Mines, "The Game Act, 1946."

Alberta (continued)

Licenses. Resident trapper's license, \$3; Indian trapper's license, free; Metis trapper's license, free; registered trap-line or trapping area, \$10; permit for forest and game preserve resident to keep traps, free.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

	<u>Open Season</u>
<u>Eastern District</u> (see note)	
Beaver, muskrat: North of the 51st parallel of north latitude and in the Yale and Kamloops Electoral Districts	Mar. 1-May 24
Otter (except sea otter).	Mar. 1-Apr. 30
<u>Exception</u> - North main line CPR	Nov. 1-May 24
All other fur animals (except badger)	Nov. 1-Feb. 28
<u>Western District</u> (see note)	
All fur animals (except sea otter):	
North of 51st parallel of north latitude.	Nov. 1-Feb. 28
South of 51st parallel of north latitude.	Dec. 1-Feb. 28
<u>Exception</u> - Beaver, muskrat, and otter (except sea otter) in that part of the Lillooet Electoral District lying east of a line running north and south of the Alta Lake Railway Station on the Pacific Great Eastern Railway and including the Watershed of the Upper Lillooet River.	Dec. 1-Apr. 30
Beaver on Queen Charlotte Island.	No open season
Sea otter	No open season

Note - The Western District comprises that part of the Province that lies west of the summit of the Cascade Mountains and south of the Atlin Electoral District, except that part of the Skeena Electoral District that is in the watershed of Lakelse and Zymagotitz Rivers.

The Eastern District comprises the rest of the Province.

Possession and sale. It is illegal to sell pelts of fur animals taken in the closed season or to possess unprime pelts. Possession of pelts legally taken is permitted during the open season and 14 days thereafter (1 month north of the 52nd parallel). Special permit is required for possession at other times. All beaver pelts must be tagged and no beaver can be trapped even though open season is proved unless permit to do so is first obtained from Game Commission or its authorized agent.

Shipment and export. Shipment and export are allowed under permit, and royalties must be paid in full on all furs exported or shipped to tanner within the Province. Packages must be prepared so they can be easily opened for inspection or labeled with full description of contents and the names and addresses of consignor and consignee, and must be accompanied by an export permit. Importation of live animals is prohibited except under permit.

MANITOBA

	<u>Open Season</u>
Badger, fox	Nov. 1-Jan. 31
<u>Exception</u> - Blue, white or Arctic fox, north of 53rd parallel	Nov. 1-Mar. 31
Any fox (other than blue, white or Arctic) north of 53rd parallel.	Oct. 20-Dec. 31
Beaver, fisher, marten, lynx, raccoon (under Special Permit)	
Mink - North of 53rd parallel	Nov. 1-Mar. 15
South of 53rd parallel	Nov. 1-Feb. 28
Muskrat - North of 56th parallel.	May 1-June 5
Between 54th and 56th parallels	Apr. 10-May 20
Between 53rd and 54th parallels	Apr. 1-May 11
South of 53rd parallel.	Mar. 23-Apr. 24
Otter - North of 53rd parallel (closed south of 53rd parallel)	Nov. 1-Apr. 30
Weasel, squirrel.	Nov. 1-Feb. 28

Shipment and export. Export of the skins of all fur animals is prohibited unless shipment is accompanied by a permit and has attached a declaration of the number and kinds of skins contained. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses. Resident trapper, \$2. Fur dealer: restricted, \$10; general, \$25; auction, \$100; traveling, \$25.

NEW BRUNSWICK

(Information not received)

NEWFOUNDLAND

Beaver, marten.	No open season
Mink.	Nov. 15-Mar. 1
Muskrat:	
Within Northern Peninsula	Nov. 15-May 30
Outside Northern Peninsula.	Nov. 15-May 15
Otter	Nov. 15-Mar. 31
Weasel, fox, lynx	No closed season

Note - The Minister may from time to time, as he sees fit, by order, prescribe an open season in respect of any or of all the fur-bearing animals for which no open season is prescribed in paragraph (1) of the regulation, and any such order may be made so as to apply to the whole of Newfoundland or to such part or parts thereof as may be specified in such order.

Licenses. Resident (except beaver and fur-bearing animals in respect of which there is no open season), \$1; nonresident, \$200. Trapper's beaver license, resident only, \$2. Fur exporter's license: resident, \$25; nonresident, \$100.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver (Mackenzie District) - Zone 1.	Nov. 16-Apr. 24
Zone 2.	Nov. 16-May 15
Zones 3 and 4	Nov. 16-May 30
Fisher.	Nov. 1-Mar. 31
Fox (including Arctic and colored):	
(a) North of timber line.	Nov. 16-Mar. 31
(b) South of timber line.	Nov. 1-Feb. 28
Lynx.	Nov. 1-Feb. 15
Marten (Mackenzie District)	Nov. 1-Feb. 28
(Elsewhere in N.W.T.)	No open season
Mink.	Nov. 16-Feb. 28
Muskrat:	
District of Keewatin and Franklin and Zone 1,	
Mackenzie District.	Mar. 1-May 20
Zone 2, Mackenzie District.	Mar. 1-May 31
Zone 3, Mackenzie District.	Mar. 1-June 15
Zone 4, Mackenzie District.	Mar. 1-June 20
Fall season, Mackenzie District except Mackenzie	
Delta north of Point Separation	Nov. 16-Dec. 15
Mackenzie Delta north of Point Separation	Nov. 2-Dec. 15
Otter: (a) North of Arctic Circle.	No open season
(b) South of Arctic Circle.	Nov. 1-Feb. 28
Skunks, squirrels, weasels, rabbits and any other game	
animal not specifically mentioned in this Schedule.	No closed season
Wolves, wolverines, coyotes	No closed season*
*Exception - No person shall set traps or other contrivances from April 1 to October 31.	

Note - Consult Director, Northern Administration and Lands Branch, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa, Ontario, for descriptions of Zones 1, 2, 3, and 4 referred to above.

Licenses. Issued only to Indians and Eskimos who have resided continuously in the Territories since birth and to Canadian citizens who held licenses prior to May 3, 1938, and who have continued to reside in the Territories since that date.

NOVA SCOTIA

Fisher, marten.	No open season
Fox, raccoon, wildcat	No closed season
Beaver: Special season in the counties of Halifax, Hants	
Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Antigonish, Guysboro,	
and Lunenburg	Nov. 16-Nov. 30
<u>License</u> : Cost of license, \$2.00; Royalty payable to Province, 10% of amount realized from sale of pelt or \$2.00, whichever is the lesser. Each trapper is allowed to trap 3 beaver. Licenses sold only to householders resident in the county, one to a household. The applicant can only purchase a license for trapping in the county in which he resides.	
Mink, muskrat, otter, weasel.	Nov. 1-Dec. 15

Note - No person shall set any trap or snare within twenty-five feet of any muskrat house, beaver house or beaver dam, or destroy or damage any muskrat house, beaver house or beaver dam.

"No person shall kill or take any fur-bearing animals by means of strychnine or other poison or deposit or set out poison in any place frequented by fur-bearing animals.

"No person shall kill or take any muskrat by means of any shotgun, rifle or other fire-arm or by the use of any wire or other cage trap or any trap or device designed to take more than one animal at a time.

"No person shall keep fur-bearing animals whether bred in captivity or not, for the purpose of preserving and breeding from such animals, without first obtaining a permit from the Minister."

Possession and sale. It is illegal to possess or sell the green hides of beaver, marten or fisher or to possess, buy or sell the green hides of any fur-bearing animals taken out of season or pelts on which royalty has not been paid. Royalty is required to be paid on every hide or pelt of game or fur-bearing animal killed or taken in the Province as follows:

weasel.	\$.05	mink.	\$.60
otter	1.00	lynx.50
muskrat10	deer.10

Licenses. A resident fur buyer's license permitting the licensee to purchase all pelts legally taken, \$25.00; resident deer hide buyer's license, permitting the licensee to buy only deer hides, \$1.00; non-resident fur buyer's license, \$100.00. Nonresident trappers license \$50.00.

Reports. All fur buyers are required under the regulations, to make a monthly report to the Department showing the total number of hides and pelts purchased during the month, the number exported from the Province during the month, and the number of the export tag attached to the shipment.

ONTARIO

Beaver, fisher, lynx, marten, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon: Seasons established by regulation. Apply to the Department of Lands and Forests, Toronto, for information.
 Fox, skunk, weasel, wolverine No closed season

Possession and sale. Possession of furs during the closed season and the sale of unprime pelts are prohibited, except under permit. It is illegal to have skins dressed, plucked, or treated except under permit obtained on payment of royalties.

Shipment and export. Export of furs is prohibited except under permit obtained on payment of royalties. Shipments must be made by express or parcel post, and packages must be marked to show names and addresses of consignor and consignee, and contents. Shipment by airplane is allowed under permit.

Licenses. Trap-line or resident trapping, British subject only, \$5. Not issued to nonresidents. Fur dealer: resident, British subject, store license, \$25; resident, British subject, traveling buyer, \$100; resident, not British subject, and nonresident traveling fur buyer, \$200; resident, British subject, wholesale license, \$100; nonresident, wholesale buyer from holder of resident wholesale license, \$5; resident, British subject, buying for own use, \$1

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

(Information not received)

QUEBEC

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver: Beaver preserves and registered traplines, and County of Saguenay, outside beaver preserves	Nov. 1-Apr. 15
Elsewhere in the Province.	No open season
Fisher, raccoon, lynx	Nov. 1-Mar. 15
Fox	No closed season
Marten.	No open season
Mink.	Nov. 1-Feb. 28
Muskrat: North of Latitude 50.	Nov. 1-June 1
North zone (a).	Apr. 15-May 14
(b).	Nov. 1-Nov. 20
South zone.	Mar. 15-Apr. 30
Otter	Nov. 15-Feb. 28
Skunk, other fur animals.	Nov. 1-Mar. 31

Possession and sale. No restrictions on skins legally taken and on which royalties have been paid.

Shipment and export. Prohibited, except of fur animals or furs on which royalties have been paid. Skins must be shipped open to view. Each skin must be stamped to show that royalty has been paid. Packages must show names and addresses of consignor and consignee, and have attached an export permit. A special permit must be obtained from the Federal Government before shipping a silver fox to the United States.

Licenses. Resident, \$2.10; nonresident, \$202.00.

SASKATCHEWAN

Beaver (Special Permit only):	
In Northern Fur Conservation Areas only	Nov. 5-June 1
Outside Northern Fur Conservation Areas	Nov. 5-Apr. 30
Fisher, lynx, mink.	Nov. 5-Feb. 28
Marten (Special Permit only):	
In Northern Fur Conservation Areas only	Nov. 5-Feb. 28
Muskrat (Special Permit only):	
In Northern Fur Conservation Areas only	Nov. 5-June 1
Outside Northern Fur Conservation Areas	Nov. 5-Apr. 30
Otter, raccoon, squirrel.	Nov. 5-Mar. 15
Weasel: Northern Fur Conservation Areas and certain municipalities.	Nov. 5-Feb. 28
Balance of Province	Nov. 5-Dec. 5
Badger, coyote, fox, rabbit, skunk, timber wolf, wolverine (see note).	No closed season
<u>Note</u> - No license required.	

All dates inclusive.

Saskatchewan (continued)

Licenses. Trapper's license, \$2.00. Parties must be resident of an area for one year before making application for trapping rights. No nonresident trapping licenses are sold.

For further information contact the Department of Natural Resources, Resources Building, Regina, Saskatchewan.

YUKON TERRITORY

	<u>Open Season</u>
Beaver.	Mar. 1-May 15
<p><u>Note</u> - One beaver may be taken from each live beaver house on a trapline.</p>	
Fisher and otter.	Nov. 1-May 1
Fox:	
South of the Arctic Circle.	Nov. 1-Jan. 31
North of the Arctic Circle.	Nov. 1-Mar. 31
Lynx.	Nov. 15-Mar. 31
Mink and marten	Nov. 15-Mar. 1
Muskrat:	
South of the Arctic Circle.	Mar. 1-May 31
North of the Arctic Circle.	Mar. 1-June 15
Squirrel.	Nov. 1-Mar. 15
Weasel.	Nov. 1-Mar. 31

With the exception of beaver pelts, no restrictions as to amount of furs to be taken throughout the open season.

Export of raw furs is prohibited except under a permit and payment of royalties.

Aircraft may not be used in trapping operations except as a means of transportation between the settlement where a trapper outfits and his principal base camp.

Only under registration of a trapping area is any trapper allowed to trap fur-bearing animals.

Yukon Territory has now inaugurated trap lines from the border of British Columbia at Parallel 60 and up to Parallel 65. From last mentioned parallel to the Arctic Ocean, registration of trap lines will take place gradually under same rules and regulations as directed by Yukon Territorial Game Department.

Licenses. Resident hunting license, \$2; trapping license, \$10 for registration. Indian hunting license, free. Nonresident (Canadian citizen only) trapping license, \$250 plus \$10 registration.

OFFICIALS FROM WHOM COPIES OF FUR LAWS MAY BE OBTAINED

- Alabama: Chief, Div. of Game and Fish, Department of Conservation, Montgomery 4.
- Alaska: Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Juneau; or Secretary of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C.
- Arizona: Director, Arizona Game and Fish Commission, State Bldg., Phoenix.
- Arkansas: Executive Secretary, Game and Fish Commission, State Capitol, Little Rock.
- California: Director, Department of Fish and Game, 926 J St., Sacramento 14.
- Colorado: Superintendent of Fur Resources, Game and Fish Commission, 1530 Sherman St., Denver 5.
- Connecticut: Superintendent, Board of Fisheries and Game, State Office Bldg., Hartford 1.
- Delaware: Chief Warden, Board of Game and Fish Commissioners, Dover.
- District of Columbia: Superintendent, Metropolitan Police, Washington.
- Florida: Director, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Tallahassee.
- Georgia: Director, State Game and Fish Commission, 412 State Capitol, Atlanta 3.
- Hawaii: Fish and Game Division, Commissioners of Agriculture and Forestry, P.O. Box 3319, Honolulu 1.
- Idaho: Director, Department of Fish and Game, Boise.
- Illinois: Director, Department of Conservation, Springfield.
- Indiana: Director, Division of Fish and Game, Department of Conservation, 311 West Washington St., Indianapolis 9.
- Iowa: Director, State Conservation Commission, East 7th and Court Sts., Des Moines 8.
- Kansas: Director, Forestry, Fish and Game Commission, Pratt.
- Kentucky: Director, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, Frankfort.
- Louisiana: Chief, Fur and Refuge Division, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, 126 Civil Courts Bldg., New Orleans 16.
- Maine: Chief Warden, Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, State House, Augusta.
- Maryland: Director, Game and Inland Fish Commission, 516 Munsey Bldg., Baltimore 2.
- Massachusetts: Director, Division of Fisheries and Game, Department of Conservation, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston 8.
- Michigan: Game Division, Department of Conservation, Lansing 13.
- Minnesota: Commissioner, Department of Conservation, State Office Bldg., St. Paul 1.
- Mississippi: Director of Conservation, Game and Fish Commission, P.O. Box 451, Jackson.
- Missouri: Director, State Conservation Commission, Monroe Bldg., Jefferson City.
- Montana: State Fish and Game Warden, Dept. of Fish and Game, Helena.
- Nebraska: Executive Secretary, Game, Forestation and Parks Commission, Lincoln 9.
- Nevada: Director, Fish and Game Commission, Box 678, Reno.
- New Hampshire: Director, Fish and Game Department, State House Annex, Concord.
- New Jersey: Division of Fish and Game, Department of Conservation and Economic Development, State House Annex, Trenton 7.
- New Mexico: State Game Warden, Department of Game and Fish, Santa Fe.
- New York: Director, Division of Fish and Game, Conservation Department, Albany 1.
- North Carolina: Chief, Game Division, Wildlife Resources Commission, Raleigh.
- North Dakota: Game Warden, State Game and Fish Department, Bismarck.
- Ohio: Chief, Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, 1500 Dublin Road, Columbus 15.
- Oklahoma: Superintendent, Game Division, Game and Fish Department, State Capitol, Oklahoma City 5.
- Oregon: State Game Director, State Game Commission, P.O. Box 4136, Portland 8.

Officials From Whom Copies of Fur Laws May Be Obtained (continued)

- Pennsylvania: Executive Director, Pennsylvania Game Commission, Harrisburg.
- Puerto Rico: Department of Agriculture and Commerce, Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, San Juan.
- Rhode Island: Administrator, Division of Fish and Game, Department of Agriculture and Conservation, State House, Providence 2.
- South Carolina: Director, Division of Game, Wildlife Resources Commission, Columbia.
- South Dakota: Director, Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Pierre.
- Tennessee: Chief, Game Management Section, State Game and Fish Commission, 166 Eighth Ave., North, Nashville.
- Texas: Executive Secretary, Game and Fish Commission, Austin.
- Utah: Director, State Fish and Game Commission, 1596 West North Temple, Salt Lake City 16.
- Vermont: Director, Fish and Game Service, Montpelier.
- Virginia: Executive Director, Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, P.O. Box 1642, Richmond 13.
- Washington: Director, Department of Game, State Game Commission, 509 Fairview Ave., North, Seattle 9.
- West Virginia: Chief, Division of Game Management, Conservation Commission of West Virginia, Charleston 5.
- Wisconsin: Game Management Division, Conservation Department, State Office Bldg., Madison 2.
- Wyoming: State Game Warden, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, Cheyenne.
- Canada: Chief, Canadian Wildlife Service, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa.
- Alberta: Fish and Game Commissioner, Department of Lands and Forests, Edmonton.
- British Columbia: Game Commission, 567 Burrard St., Vancouver 1.
- Manitoba: Director of Game and Fisheries, Department of Mines and Natural Resources, Winnipeg.
- New Brunswick: Chief Game Warden, Fish and Wildlife Branch, Department of Lands and Mines, Fredericton.
- Newfoundland: Director, Wildlife Division, Department of Mines and Resources, P.O. Box 127, St. Johns.
- Northwest Territories: Director, Northern Administration and Lands Branch, Department of Resources and Development, Ottawa, Ontario.
- Nova Scotia: Director, Department of Lands and Forests, Halifax.
- Ontario: Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Lands and Forests, Parliament Bldg., Toronto 2.
- Prince Edward Island: Deputy Minister of Industry and Natural Resources, Charlottetown.
- Province of Quebec: Department of Game and Fisheries, Quebec.
- Saskatchewan: Game Commissioner, Department of Natural Resources, Regina.
- Yukon Territory: Director, Yukon Game and Publicity Department, Whitehorse.
- Mexico: Secretaria de Agricultura y Ganaderia, Direccion General Forestal y de Caza, Mexico, D.F.

THE FEDERAL LACEY ACT

An act of Congress of May 25, 1900 (31 Stat. 187) known as the Lacey Act, as amended by Public Law 772, 80th Congress on June 25, 1948, 18 U.S.C. sections 43 and 44, provides among other things, that -

§ 43 - Whoever delivers or knowingly receives for shipment, transportation, or carriage in interstate or foreign commerce, any wild animal or bird, or the dead body or part thereof, or the egg of any such bird imported from any foreign country, or captured, killed, taken, purchased, sold, possessed, contrary to any act of Congress, or the law of any State, Territory, Possession, or foreign country, or subdivision thereof; or

Whoever transports, brings, or conveys from any foreign country into the United States any wild animal or bird, or the dead body or part thereof, or the egg of any such bird captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, or carried contrary to the law of such foreign country or subdivision thereof; or

Whoever knowingly purchases or receives any wild animal or bird, or the dead body or part thereof, or the egg of any such bird imported from any foreign country or shipped, transported, carried, brought, or conveyed in violation of this section; or

Whoever, having purchased or received any wild animal or bird, or the dead body or part thereof, or the egg of any such bird imported from any foreign country or shipped, transported, or carried in interstate commerce, makes any false record or account thereof -

Shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and the wild animals or birds, or the dead bodies or parts thereof, or the eggs of such birds, shall be forfeited.

§ 44 - Whoever ships, transports, carries, brings, or conveys in interstate or foreign commerce any package containing wild animals or birds, or the dead bodies or parts thereof, without plainly marking, labeling, or tagging such package with the names and addresses of the shipper and consignee and with an accurate statement showing the contents by number and kind; or

Whoever ships, transports, carries, brings, or conveys in interstate commerce any package containing furs, hides, or skins of wild animals without plainly marking, labeling, or tagging such package with the names and addresses of the shipper and consignee -

Shall be fined not more than \$500 or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and the shipment forfeited.

§ 3054 - Any employee authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to enforce sections 43 and 44 of this title, and any officer of the customs, may arrest any person violating said sections in his presence or view, and may execute any warrant or other process issued by an officer or court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the provisions of said sections.

§ 3112 - Any employee authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to enforce sections 43 and 44 of this title, and any officer of the customs, shall have authority to execute any warrant to search for and seize any property used or possessed in violation of said sections and property so seized shall be held by him or by the United States marshal pending disposition thereof by the court.

