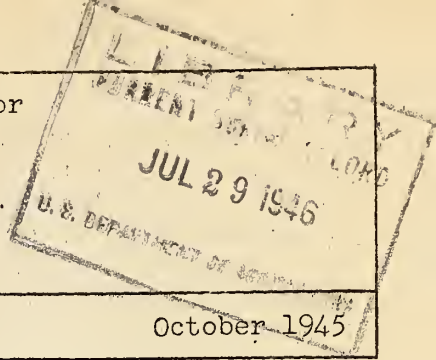


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ABSTRACT OF FUR LAWS, 1945-46

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The tabulations in this leaflet of the open seasons for 1945-46 on fur animals and the summaries of the provisions of State and Provincial laws concerning possession, sale, shipment, export, and licenses have been prepared primarily to aid Federal officials in conducting investigations under the Lacey Act and enforcing its provisions and to answer inquiries of State game officials, trappers, and other interested persons. Every effort has been made to have the summaries correct, but the trapping seasons in many States and Provinces being subject to change by orders or regulations of the respective conservation authorities, 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 or parts thereof.

THE FEDERAL LACEY ACT

An act of Congress of May 25, 1900 (31 Stat. 137), as amended, known as the Lacey Act, provides, among other things, that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, corporation, or association to deliver or knowingly receive for shipment, transportation, or carriage, or to ship, transport, or carry, by any means whatever from any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia to, into, or through any other State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, or to a foreign country, any wild animal, or the dead body or part thereof, imported from any foreign country contrary to any law of the United States, or captured, killed, taken, purchased, sold, or possessed contrary to any such law, or captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, carried, purchased, sold, or possessed contrary to the law of any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia, or foreign country or State, Province, or other subdivision thereof in which it was captured, killed, taken, purchased, sold, or possessed, or in which it was delivered or knowingly received for shipment, transportation, or carriage, or from which it was shipped, transported, or carried or to transport, bring, or convey by any means whatever, from any foreign country into the United States any wild animal, or the dead body or part thereof, captured, killed, taken, shipped, transported, or carried contrary to the law of the foreign country, or State, Province, or other subdivision thereof, in which it was captured, killed, taken, delivered, or knowingly received for shipment, transportation, or carriage, or from which it was shipped, transported, or carried. The act further provides that no person, firm, corporation, or association purchasing or receiving any wild animal, or the dead body or part thereof, imported from any foreign country or shipped, transported, or carried in interstate commerce shall make any false record or render any account that is false in reference thereto.

An amendment of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 380), confers upon employees of the Department of the Interior authorized to enforce the act (in accordance with Reorganization Plan No. 2, transferring certain functions from the Department of Agriculture), power to arrest any person committing a violation of any provision of the act in his presence or view, and also, under warrant, authority to search for and seize any wild animals or the dead bodies or parts thereof shipped, transported, or carried in violation of the act.

An amendment of June 19, 1939 (53 Stat. 840), provides that all packages or containers, except those from foreign countries, in which the furs, hides, or skin of wild animals are shipped, transported, or carried shall be plainly and clearly marked or labeled on the outside thereof with the names and addresses of the shipper and the consignee.

ALABAMA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Beaver, otter (see exception)	No open season.
<u>Exception:</u> Open season on otters in Mobile, Clarke, Baldwin, and Washington Counties	Nov. 20-Jan. 31.
Civet cat, fox, mink, opossum, skunk, raccoon, weasel (see exception).	Nov. 20-Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> In Lauderdale County	No open season.
Muskrat	Nov. 20-Jan. 31.

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.

ALASKA

Open seasons

Beaver:	
Fur district 1	Apr. 1-Apr. 30.
Fur district 2 (see exception)	Feb. 1-Mar. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> Kenai Peninsula south of Kenai River, Kenai Lake, Skilak Lake; and on a strip half a mile wide on either side of the Alaska Railroad.	
Fur districts 3, 4, and 8	No open season.
Fur district 5	Feb. 1-Mar. 31.
Fur district 6 (see exception)	Feb. 1-Mar. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> Tanana River drainage east of Richardson Highway from Richardson Monument to Big Delta, and south and east of Good Pastor River drainage; part of the Fairbanks area; and on a strip half a mile wide on either side of the Alaska Railroad	
Fur district 7	Feb. 1-Mar. 31.
Bear, polar	No closed season.
Coyote, marmot, squirrel, wolverine, wolf	No closed season.
Fox, land otter, lynx, mink, weasel:	
Fur district 1	Dec. 16-Jan. 15.
Fur district 2 (see exception)	Nov. 16-Jan. 15
<u>Exception:</u> White and blue foxes	
Fur district 3	Dec. 1-Feb. 28.
Fur district 4	Nov. 16-Feb. 15.
Fur district 5 (see exception)	Nov. 16-Feb. 28.
<u>Exception:</u> St. Lawrence Island Eskimo Reservation, white fox	
Fur district 6 and 7	Nov. 16-Feb. 28.
Fur district 8	Dec. 1-Mar. 31.
Marten:	
Fur district 1 (see exception)	Dec. 16-Jan. 15.
<u>Exception:</u> Prince of Wales Island	
Rest of Territory	No open season.
Muskrat:	
Fur districts 1 and 2	Apr. 1-May 31.
Fur districts 3 and 4 (see exception)	Mar. 10-May 10.
<u>Exception:</u> Kodiak-Afognak Islands group	
Fur district 5:	
North of Unalakleet River drainage	Apr. 1-June 7.
South of Unalakleet River drainage	Apr. 1-May 31.
Fur districts 6 and 7	Mar. 1-May 31.
Fur district 8	Apr. 10-June 10.
Raccoon	No open season.

Note.--No fur animals except wolves and coyotes may be taken at any time in any posted national forest area, nor in the Shoemaker Bay, Haines, Salchaket, Curry Game Refuge, Eyak Lake, Eklutna, Mitkof Island areas described in the regulations, nor any fur animals on any national park or monument area where closed under other laws or regulations. There are also other areas defined in the regulations in which certain or no fur animals may be trapped.

Bag Limit.--Beaver, 10 a season.

Trapping methods.--Any means, except by means, aid, or use of a set gun of any description, a shotgun, artificial light of any kind, steel bear trap, or other trap with jaws having a spread exceeding 9 inches, poison, log (except for polar bears in fur district 8, and wolves and coyotes in fur districts 5, 6, 6, and 8), fish trap or net, any trap or snare within 25 feet of a beaver home or den, or within 100 feet of a fox den, or by destructing or disturbing homes, houses, dens, dams, or runways of such animals. Beavers may be taken only by means of a steel trap or snare.

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

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on 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 or marten skins are contained therein. Shipment of unsealed skins of beavers or martens is prohibited.

Licenses.--

Resident.--Trapping, \$3. Trapping license is not required of native Indians or Eskimos, nor of residents under 16 years of age.

Nonresident.--General hunting, trapping, and game fishing, \$50.

Fur farm.--\$2.

Alien.--Special hunting, trapping, and fishing, \$100.

Fur dealer.--(a) Resident, \$10; or association or co-partnership of residents organized under laws of the Territory, \$10 for each individual; (b) nonresident but citizen or national of the United States, or corporation, 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; (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; (d) resident and agent in charge of a fur-dealer station under (a), (b), or (c), \$10; (e) nonresident but citizen or national of the United States and an agent in charge of a fur-dealer station under (a), (b), or (c), or nonresident citizen or national itinerant agent of such dealer, \$100; (f) alien and agent in charge of a fur-dealer station under (a), (b), or (c), or alien itinerant agent of such dealer, \$500. No license issued to any agent whose principal has not procured a license under (a), (b), or (c).

ARIZONA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Beaver, otter	No open season.
Muskrat, opossum, raccoon, ringtailed cat	Nov. 1-Mar. 1.
Rabbit, cottontail (see exception)	No closed season.
<u>Exception:</u> Apache, Navajo, and Coconino Counties	Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Squirrel	No open season.
Other fur and predatory animals	No closed season.

Possession and sale.--No restrictions on skins legally taken. Trappers are required to report catch by January 10, and traps must be tagged to show license number.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken, but packages must be marked with the names and addresses of consignor and consignee and contain a statement of the contents. Parcel post shipments are prohibited.

Licenses.--Resident, license issued to holders of big game licenses, no charge; nonresident, \$4.50 after January 1, 1946; aliens are not permitted to trap.

ARKANSAS

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Beaver, bear, otter	No open season.
Bobcat, coyote, wolf	No closed season.
Other fur animals, including fox	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

Possession and sale.--Possession and sale of pelts taken in the State are prohibited except between December 1 and February 10. Fur buyer is required to obtain a permit to possess or sell pelts during the closed season and to file a report of pelts on hand February 10. He must also report the number and kinds of all furs purchased during the season and from whom each pelt or fur was purchased.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions, except that fur dealers must report shipments within or out of the State.

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

CALIFORNIA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Beaver (see note), sea otter	No open season.
<p><u>Note.</u>--Beavers when damaging levees or canals may be taken under special permit issued by the Fish and Game Commission.</p>	
Coyote, opossum, raccoon, ringtail, skunk, wolf	No closed season.
Other fur animals	Nov. 16-Feb. 28.

Note.--Trapping license (license year, July 1-June 30) is required for trapping pine martens, fishers, wolverines, minks, river otters, foxes and muskrats for profit and cannot be killed during the closed season except when destroying property. Spike or sawtooth traps cannot be used.

Possession and sale.--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

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.

COLORADO

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Beaver, fisher, marten, otter	No open season.
Fox, wolverine, ringtail cat (all species)	Nov. 1-Mar. 1.
Mink	Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Muskrat	Nov. 1-Dec. 31.
	Mar. 15-Apr. 15.
Opossum	Nov. 1-Nov. 30.
Raccoon (see note)	Nov. 1-Nov. 30.

Note.--Raccoons may be hunted with dogs by those in possession of regular trapper's license.

Weasel (see exception)	Nov. 1-Mar. 1.
<p><u>Exception:</u> The White River, Grand Mesa, Holy Cross, Uncompahgre, Routt, and Montezuma National Forest areas No open season.</p>	

Possession and sale.--Skins legally taken may be possessed during the open season and for 15 days thereafter. A permit is required for possession of skins by trapper and dealer after 30 days from close of season. These permits expire on September 1 of the year of issue, but may be renewed upon application before that date. The permit must accompany pelts sold by trapper whether sold within or out of the State. If the trapper disposes of only part of the pelts covered by the permit, 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, 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 of each kind of pelt in the shipment, names of shipper and consignee, and license number of trapper. Licensed dealers must furnish the Commission, on or before June 30, a written report showing number and kinds of skins purchased from trappers and the amount paid.

Licenses.--Resident, \$2; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer: resident, \$25; nonresident, \$50. The Commission may require licensees to submit such reports as it may deem necessary.

CONNECTICUT

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Fox, weasel, opossum	No closed season.
Mink, otter, skunk	Nov. 1-Mar. 15.
Muskrat	Nov. 1-Mar. 31.
Rabbit and wild hare (see note)	Nov. 1-Dec. 31.

Note.--Does not apply to European hares, Belgian hares, or jack rabbits. Use of fitches, rodents, or ferrets is prohibited.

Raccoon (season opens at sunset) (see note)	Oct. 20-Dec. 31.
Squirrel (gray) (see note)	Oct. 20-Nov. 24.

Note.--Henceforth the season will open on raccoons 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 a city or borough is prohibited.

Bag Limits.--Rabbits and wild hares, 3 a day, 30 a season; squirrels (gray) 5 a day, 30 a season.

Possession and sale.--Fur dealer's license is required to buy raw furs produced in the State.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.--Resident 16 years of age or over: trapping, \$3.35; trapping and hunting, \$5.35; trapping, hunting, and fishing, \$7.35. Resident under 16, \$1.35. Nonresidents are not permitted to trap. Fur dealer: resident \$5; agent of licensed resident, \$2; nonresident, \$75.

DELAWARE

Open seasons :

Beaver	No open season.
Fox (red) (to chase only)	Oct. 1-Apr. 30.
Mink, muskrat (see exception), otter	Dec. 1-Mar. 10.
<u>Exception:</u> On embanked meadows in New Castle County muskrats may be taken until March 20.	
Opossum, raccoon	Nov. 1-Jan. 15.
Squirrel	Sept. 15-Nov. 1.

Bag limit.--Squirrels and rabbits, 6.

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

Licenses.--Resident hunting and trapping, \$1.25; nonresident hunting and trapping, \$15.50; special 5-day license, \$5.50. 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

Open seasons

Beaver, muskrat, mink, otter, raccoon	Dec. 1-Mar. 1.
Bear, bobcat, civet cat, fox, opossum, panther, skunk, weasel, wildcat	No closed season.

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

Open seasons

Beaver	No open season.
Fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon	Nov. 20-Feb. 28.
Otter	No open season.

Possession and sale.--Prohibited during the closed season. Dealers must make such reports as may be required by the Division of Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that the trapper must exhibit his license to the transportation agent when making shipments. Express companies must submit a report of fur shipments. Trappers and dealers must declare pelts in possession at the end of the season, and these declared pelts can be shipped at any time.

Licenses.--Resident, \$3; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer: resident \$10; and \$5 for each agent; nonresident \$200, and \$5 for each resident or traveling agent.

IDAHO

Open seasons

Fox:		
District 1		Sept. 1-Jan. 31.
Mink:		
District 1		Nov. 1-Dec. 31.
	(No trap larger than No. 1 standard may be used.)	
District 2		Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
District 3		Nov. 1-Dec. 31.
District 4		Nov. 1-Dec. 31.
District 5:		
	Bannock, Power, Oneida, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Teton, Madison, Bingham, and Bonneville Counties (except Gray's Lake and Gray's Lake watershed).	Nov. 1-Dec. 31.
Muskrat (taking of muskrats is restricted to traps only):		
District 1		Nov. 1-Dec. 31.
	(No trap larger than No. 1 standard may be used.)	
District 2		Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
District 3		Nov. 1-Mar. 31.
District 4 (see exception)		Nov. 1-Apr. 21.
<u>Exception:</u> In Hagerman refuge		Mar. 1-Mar. 31.

Open seasons

District 5:

Bear Lake, Caribou and Franklin Counties, Gray's Lake and Gray's Lake watershed in Bonneville County to the bridge on the Gray's Lake-Idaho Falls highway. Apr. 1-Apr. 21.
Bannock, Power, Oneida, Clark, Fremont, Jefferson, Teton, Madison, Bingham, and Bonneville Counties (except Gray's Lake and Gray's Lake watershed) . . . Nov. 1-Apr. 21.

Otter:

District 2 Nov. 1-Feb. 28.

Raccoon:

District 2 Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
District 3 Nov. 1-Dec. 31.
District 4 Nov. 1-Apr. 21.

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

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

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

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

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

Note.--Trappers are required to make a written report of the season's catch to the game director within 90 days after the season. Each person buying fur in Idaho must have a buyer's license.

Possession and sale.--Skins legally taken may be possessed and sold at any time. It is illegal to possess without a permit fur animals or hides on which there is no open season.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.--Resident, \$5; nonresident, \$25; alien, \$50; fur buyer, resident, \$5; nonresident, \$20.

ILLINOIS

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Badger, beaver, marten, otter	No open season.
Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, fox (red & gray), skunk:	
Northern zone (see exception and note)	Nov. 15-Jan. 15.
<u>Exception:</u> Red and gray fox	No closed season.
Southern zone (see note)	Nov. 15-Jan. 15.
Central zone (see exception and note)	Nov. 15-Jan. 15.
<u>Exception:</u> Red and gray fox	No closed season.
Other fur animals	No closed season.

Note.--Northern zone comprises Henderson, Iroquois, Livingstone, Knox, Peoria, Warren, and Woodford Counties, and all counties north thereof.

Southern zone comprises Bond, Crawford, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, and Madison Counties, and all counties south thereof.

Central zone comprises the rest of the State.

Bag Limit.--It is unlawful for any one person to take more than twelve (12) raccoons during any one open season.

Possession and sale.--Possession of green hides is permitted during the open season and 20 days thereafter. Every person taking fur animals must make a sworn report each month to the Department of Conservation of all hides of fur animals taken, sold, shipped, or dealt in during November through February not later than the 5th day of the month succeeding that for which report is made. Fur buyers and tanners of green hides of fur animals are required to keep a record showing name, address, and license number of each person, within or without the State, from whom such hides are received, date of receipt, and prices paid, which record shall be open to inspection by officers of the Conservation Department, sheriffs, constables, or other police officer.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.--For each 25 traps or fraction thereof--resident, \$2; non-resident, \$10. Fur buyer, resident: wholesaler, \$50; retailer, \$10; traveling, \$10; fur buyer, nonresident, \$100; expiration date, January 31 of each year.

INDIANA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Beaver	No open season.
Fox	No closed season.
Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk (12 noon)	Nov. 15-Jan. 15.

Bag limit.--Daily bag and possession limits 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 period if report showing number and kinds of skins and place of storage is made to the Director of Conservation. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

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

Licenses.--Resident, \$1.50; nonresident, \$15.50. Fur buyer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$25. Nonresident jobber to purchase from licensed buyers, \$10.

IOWA

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk . . . Nov. 10-Jan. 10.
Beaver, otter No open season.

Note.--Beavers may be taken, under special permit, by landholder or his agent in areas where, after investigation, it is found they are doing damage. Pelts of beavers so taken must be tagged, such tag to remain attached until the pelt is processed.

Fox, weasel, wildcat, wolf No closed season.

Note.--Open season dates are subject to change by administrative order of the State Conservation Commission.

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 non-resident license, providing such fee shall not be less than \$10.00; providing further no such license shall be issued to a resident of any State which does not grant non-resident trapping licenses. Fur dealers must be licensed: resident, \$10; nonresident license shall be determined similar to non-resident trapping license providing such shall not be less than \$50.00 providing further no such license shall be issued to a resident of any State which does not grant non-resident fur dealers licenses.

KANSAS

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Badger, beaver (see note), otter	No open season.
Fox	No closed season.
Civet cat, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

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.

Possession and sale.--Skins legally taken may be possessed by licensed fur dealers 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

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Beaver, otter	No open season.
Fox (red)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
Mink, muskrat, skunk	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
Opossum, raccoon (see exception)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> Hunted and taken by dog only	Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Rabbit	Nov. 10-Dec. 31.
(Bag limit, 8 a day)	
Squirrel	Aug. 1-Sept. 15 and Nov. 24-Dec. 31.

Note.--Every licensed fur dealer shall issue a receipt to each person from whom he purchases furs or skins of fur animals, setting forth the number and kind of furs or skins, the date of purchase, and the price paid for each fur or skin. The dealer shall make out a duplicate receipt at the same time, and obtain the signature and address on such duplicate of the person from whom the furs or skins were purchased. On or before the end of each license year the dealer shall send the duplicate receipts to the Division of Game and Fish, and may be required by the Division to send in the duplicate receipts more often. Failure to send in as directed bars licensees from obtaining license for the following year.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken. Green hides of raccoons, opossums, skunks, muskrats, and minks may be possessed until February 15.

Licenses.--Resident, \$1; nonresident, 10.50; fur buyer: resident, \$2; nonresident, \$75.

LOUISIANA

Open seasons

Bear (game animals)	Nov. 1-Dec. 31.
Beaver	No open season.
Civet, mink, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, weasel	Nov. 20-Jan. 20.
Muskrat	Dec. 1-Feb. 15.
Panther, wildcat, wolf	No closed season.

Possession and sale.--Skins legally taken and possessed may be sold during the open season by licensed trappers and may be bought and sold by licensed dealer, who may possess such skins during the closed season provided the records and reports required by law have been kept and submitted, but no licensee shall possess green hides or furs of any fur animals except muskrats between January 21 and November 19 inclusive. Closed season on muskrats, February 16 to November 30 inclusive.

Shipment and export.--State tax (otter, 25¢; mink and raccoon, 5¢; all other pelts, 1¢ each) must be paid on all pelts before they are shipped or exported. No furs may be exported except by the holder of a dealer's license or by the trapper shipping his own catch. Dealer must make a sworn statement of shipments out of the State.

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

MAINE

Open seasons

Beaver (see exception), fisher, sable	No open season.
<u>Exception:</u> The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game may open the season on beavers that are polluting the water supply and damaging property.	
Bear	No closed season.
Bobcat, Canada lynx (loup cervier), porcupine	No closed season.
Fox (see note 1), otter, raccoon and skunk (see note 2), weasel	Oct. 16-Feb. 15.
Mink	Nov. 1-Nov. 30.

Muskrat:

Open seasons

Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York Counties	Mar. 20-Apr. 20.
Aroostook County	Apr. 1-May 15.
Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset, and Washington Counties . . .	Apr. 1-May 10.

Note 1.--There is no closed season for hunting foxes in organized territory for a period of 2 years from July 9, 1945.

Note 2.--Raccoons and skunks may be hunted at night with dogs and with a pistol not larger than a 22 caliber, Oct. 15-Dec. 15.

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, \$50. 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.

MARYLAND

Open seasons

Beaver	No open season.
Otter, muskrat	Jan. 1-Mar. 15.
Rabbit	Nov.15-Dec. 31.
Raccoon, opossum	Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Squirrel (see exception and note)	Sept.15-Oct. 15 and Nov.15-Dec. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> Washington County	Sept.15-Oct. 15.

Note.--Landowner residing on his farm lands or a tenant of said farm lands may kill any squirrel between August 15 and September 14 inclusive if said squirrel is destroying corn on said farm lands.

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. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.--Resident: State, \$5.25; county, \$1.25. Nonresident, \$15.50.

MASSACHUSETTS

Open seasons

Beaver No open season.
 Fox, mink, muskrat, opossum (see note), otter, raccoon (see note), skunk, weasel, wildcat (bobcat) (trapping) Nov. 1-Mar. 1.

Note.--Opossums and raccoons may be hunted with gun and dog, Oct. 10-Jan. 1. Trapping of any mammal is illegal, Mar. 2-Oct. 31.

Bag limit.--Raccoon, 10.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that trapper must report to the Department of Conservation the number of animals taken. Skins may be sold only to licensed fur dealers.

Licenses.--Resident, \$5.25 (no charge to resident 70 years of age or over). Nonresident, \$15.25. Fur dealer--for information on licenses, communicate with the Division of Fisheries and Game, Department of Conservation, 15 Ashburton Place, Boston.

MICHIGAN

Open seasons

Badger, skunk Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
 Bear (see note)
 General season Nov. 15-Nov. 30.
 Bow and arrow season Oct. 1-Nov. 5.
 Note.--Bears are unprotected in some counties. Consult conservation officer for local regulations.
 Beaver and otter (open seasons, if any, to be announced by the Commission of Conservation later).
 Coyote, wolf, lynx, bobcat, fox, opossum, porcupine, weasel, squirrel (red) No closed season.
 Fisher, marten, squirrel (black) No open season.
 Mink muskrat:
 Upper Peninsula Nov. 1-Nov. 30.
 Lower Peninsula north of townline 16 and west of Saginaw Bay Nov. 15-Dec. 15.
 Rest of Lower Peninsula Dec. 1-Dec. 31.

Exceptions:

Minks may be hunted from Nov. 1-Dec. 31 in Upper Peninsula; Nov. 1-Jan. 31 in Lower Peninsula.
 Special season on mink and muskrats, Dec. 1-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 US 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.

Rabbit (cottontail), hare (varying or snowshoe):

- Upper Peninsula Oct. 1-Mar. 1.
- Lower Peninsula north of townline 16 and west of Saginaw Bay Oct. 15-Jan. 3.
- Rest of Lower Peninsula Oct. 15-Dec. 3.

Raccoon (trapping) (see note):

- Upper Peninsula (see exception) No open season.
- Exception: Delta and Menominee Counties Nov. 1-Nov. 30.
- Lower Peninsula north of townline 16 and west of Saginaw Bay Nov. 15-Dec. 1.
- Rest of Lower Peninsula Dec. 1-Dec. 15.

Note.--Raccoons may be hunted in all the Lower Peninsula from November 1 to December 15, and in Delta and Menominee Counties of the Upper Peninsula from November 1 to November 14. Nonresidents may not hunt or trap these animals.

Squirrel (fox and gray):

- Upper Peninsula No open season.
- Lower Peninsula Oct. 15-Nov. 5.

Possession and sale.--Skins of fur animals in possession 5 days after close of season must be reported to the Conservation Commission. 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), \$1.50. Licensee must report to the Commission of Conservation not later than February 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.

Open seasons

Badger	Oct. 20-Mar. 1.
Bear	No closed season.
Beaver, muskrat	(See note.)
Fisher, marten, otter	No open season.
Mink	(See note.)
Raccoon	Oct. 20-Dec. 1,
Skunk	Oct. 20-Mar. 1.
Squirrel	Oct. 15-Dec. 31.
Other fur animals	No closed season.

Note.--The seasons on beavers and muskrats to be fixed by the Department of Conservation, that on beavers not to exceed 15 days between December 1 and May 1, and that on muskrats not to exceed 30 days and minks 90 days between November 1 and April 30.

Possession and sale.--Skins of fur animals legally taken, if tagged within 5 days (beavers 5 days) after close of season, may be possessed, bought, or sold at any time. Possession of untagged skins at other times is prohibited.

Shipment and export.--Tagged skins of beavers and other fur animals legally taken and possessed may be transported at any time, but packages must have attached a coupon tag bearing signature, address, and license number of shipper, with a statement of the number and kinds of skins contained therein. In lieu of license number the landowner states "contents of package from animals killed on my land".

Licenses.--Resident, \$1; beaver trapping license, \$2.50; special tag required for each beaver pelt, \$1; nonresident not permitted to trap. Fur buyer--resident: wholesale, \$5; local, \$5; traveling, \$10. Nonresident local or traveling buyer, \$200. Corporate surety bond of \$1,000 in favor of the State is required of all fur buyers.

MISSISSIPPI

Open seasons

Bear, beaver, otter	No open season.
Fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, skunk, weasel (trapping)	Dec. 1-Jan, 31.
Wildcat (hunting with dogs)	No closed season.

Possession and sale.--Skins of animals legally taken may be possessed and sold during the open season and 10 days thereafter.

Shipment and export.--Prohibited except during the open season and 10 days thereafter.

Licenses.--Resident, \$5 (fee 25¢); nonresident, \$200 (fee \$1); fur dealer, in towns of 10,000 population or more, \$50, less than 1,000 \$25. Licensees are requested but not required to report their annual catch on forms supplied for that purpose.

MISSOURI

Open seasons

- Beaver (see note) No open season.
Note.--Beavers, when causing damage, may be taken under special permit only.
- Bobcat, coyote, wolf No closed season.
- Civet cat, mink, muskrat, opossum, skunk, weasel Dec. 1-Jan. 15.
- Fox (gray, red) (see note) Dec. 1-Jan. 15.
Note.--Gray foxes may be taken with rifle, gun or dog from Dec. 1 to Mar. 31. Foxes may be pursued at any time, but taken only during the open season.
- Raccoon (see note) Dec. 1-Dec. 15.
Note.--Only 10 raccoons may be taken by a hunter or trapper during the open season. Raccoons may be pursued with dogs August 1 to October 31, but may be taken only during the open season.
- Other fur animals No open season.

Possession and sale.--Possession and sale of green pelts during the closed season is prohibited. The buying season extends from December 6 to 10 days after the close of the open season, fur dealers may traffic in furs throughout the calendar year, but fur buyers are restricted to the buying season. Raccoon pelts offered for sale by trapper or possessed by dealer or buyer must be labeled or tagged with prescribed tag, which is available without cost from the State Conservation Commission.

Shipment and export.--Shipper must show hunter's or dealer's license to the transportation company. Undried or green pelts may be shipped only during the open season, except that pelts of wolves, coyotes, and wildcats may be shipped at any time or in any condition. Dried pelts may be shipped during the open season and 10 days thereafter. Shipments must be marked with name and address of shipper, his license number, date of shipment, and nature of contents.

Licenses.--Resident: hunting and trapping (State), \$2; hunting and fishing, county of residence, \$1; hunting, fishing and trapping (State), \$2.50. Nonresident hunting, \$15 (does not include fur animals). Fur dealer or buyer: resident dealer, \$50; resident buyer (State), \$10; dealer's agent (State), \$10; nonresident fur buyer (State), \$150; limited, \$25.

MONTANA

Open seasons

Beaver (See note) No open season.

Note.--The shooting of beavers is prohibited. After investigation, the State game warden may issue a special permit to property owner (fee \$10) to trap beaver that are damaging his property. Application for such permit must be filed between May 1 and November 30. It is unlawful to willfully destroy, open or leave open, or partially destroy, the house of any beaver.

Mink, muskrat (see note), fox, raccoon Nov. 15-Apr. 15.

Note.--The shooting of muskrats is prohibited. It is unlawful to willfully destroy, open or leave open, or partially destroy, the house of any muskrat.

Marten, otter No open season.

Wolf, coyote, wolverine, mountain lion, lynx, weasel, skunk, civet cat, black-footed ferret, bobcat No closed season.

Note.--All Federal and State preserves are closed to trapping except upon the issuance of a permit by the State Fish and Game Warden as far as State preserves are concerned, or by Federal refuge managers as far as Federal preserves are concerned.

Possession and sale.--Possession and sale of beaver skins, whether taken within or without the State are prohibited, except that skins lawfully taken and tagged may be sold and shipped within the State or exported under shipping permit. Beaver skins from without the State must be reported within 10 days after arrival, with affidavit showing number, date of receipt, name and address of person from whom received, tag numbers, and method of transportation. They may then be bought and sold, or exported under permit (fee 50¢). No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.--A resident of the State or a nonresident must have shipping permit (fee 60¢) to export skins of any fur animal. No other restrictions, other than as above stated, on skins legally taken. Packages must be marked to show contents and number of shipping permit. Beaver pelts must be tagged (fee 50¢).

Licenses.--Resident, \$10 (must also hold big game license Class AA and resident hunting and fishing license Class A). Resident on own or leased land, \$1. Nonresident not permitted to trap. Fur dealer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$50. Beaver permits (to landowners or lessees only), \$10. No fee for fur farming.

NEBRASKA

Open seasons

Beaver (See note) Dec. 1-Mar. 1.

Note.—May be terminated sooner in some counties due to overtrapping. They may be taken in Antelope, Blaine, Boone, Box Butte, Boyd, Brown, Buffalo, Butler, Cedar, Chase, Cherry, Colfax, Custer, Dawes, Dawson, Dodge, Douglas, Dundy, Franklin, Frontier, Furnas, Garden, Garfield, Gosper, Greeley, Hall, Hamilton, Harlan, Hayes, Hitchcock, Holt, Howard, Kearney, Keith, Keya Paha, Knox, Lincoln, Logan, Loup, Merrick, Morrill, Nance, Nuckolls, Phelps, Platte, Polks, Redwillow, Rock, Saunders, Scotts Bluff, Sheridan, Sherman, Sioux, Thomas, Valley, Washington, Webster, and Wheeler Counties.

Foxes Jan. 1-Dec. 31.
 Muskrats, badger, mink and skunk Dec. 1-Mar. 1.
 Rabbits (Cottontails) Jan. 1-Dec. 31.
 Raccoon, opossum Oct. 25-Feb. 1.

Possession and sale.—Possession and sale of green hides are prohibited except during the open season and 10 days thereafter. Permit may be procured for possession for a longer period. Beaver skins taken without the State and skins of beaver taken within the State under permit for protection of property upon being inspected and stamped by the State warden, may be possessed and sold at any time. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.—Green hides may be transported during the open season and 10 days thereafter if the package is labeled in two places with the name of the consignor, his license number, and the number and kinds of skins. No other restrictions on shipment of skins legally taken,

Licenses.—Resident, \$2.50; nonresident or alien, for 1,000 or less fur animals, \$100.00; for each additional 100 or part of 100, \$5.10. All persons hunting raccoons with dogs are required to obtain a trapping permit. Fur dealer; resident, \$10; nonresident, \$25.

NEVADA

Open seasons

Badger, fisher, fox (red; silver; and swift), marten, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, wolverine Nov. 15-Mar. 15.
 Beaver No open season.
 Bobcat, coyote, lynx, mountain lion, skunk, weasel, wolf. No closed season.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.—Unless legal taking can be shown, it is illegal to possess beaver or other skins.

Licenses.—Trapper's license is required for trapping: Resident, \$1; nonresident and declarant alien, \$10; alien, \$25; resident fur dealer, \$1; fur dealer's agents, \$10; nonresident fur dealer, \$25.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Open seasons

Beaver (see note), fisher, marten, sable	No open season.
Fox	No closed season.
Mink, muskrat, otter, skunk (see exception)	Nov. 1-Feb. 1.
<u>Exception:</u> Coos, Carroll, and Grafton Counties	Oct. 20-Feb. 1.
Raccoon (trapping) (see note)	No open season.
Other fur animals	No closed season.

Note.--The Director of the Fish and Game Department may declare an open season on beavers in any county during March and April upon complaint of a water company or a landowner that beavers are polluting the water supply or substantially damaging property; or, upon his own motion, for the protection of hunting, fishing, and lumbering operations. During such open season any resident of the State holding a trapping license may trap beavers in such county. Skins of beavers so trapped must be presented to a conservation officer for stamping (fee \$2) within 10 days after close of season. Skins legally taken and stamped may be bought and sold.

Raccoons may be hunted with gun and dog Oct. 1-Dec. 1.

Possession and sale.--See Note. Possession of fur animals is permitted only during the open season, but skins legally taken may be bought and sold at any time.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.--Resident, \$5.15; nonresident, \$50.15. Fur buyer, resident: \$35.15 (State); \$5.15 (county). Nonresident may buy without a license from resident licensed fur buyers.

NEW JERSEY

Open seasons

Beaver	No open season.
Mink, muskrat, otter	Dec. 1-Mar. 15.
Raccoon (see note)	Nov. 1-Jan. 15.

Note.--Raccoons may not be trapped. They may be hunted only between sunset and sunrise, but may not be hunted during the open season on deer.

Other fur animals No closed season.

Bag limit.--Raccoons, 15 a season.

Possession and sale.--Possession of raccoon skins is permitted during the open season and 10 days thereafter. Other skins legally taken may be possessed and sold at any time.

Shipment and export.--It is illegal to remove from the State any protected animal except deer. There are no restrictions on the shipment and export of the skins of fur animals legally taken.

Licenses.--Regular hunting license is required for trapping; resident \$2; nonresident \$10.

NEW MEXICO

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, coati mundi, fox, masked ferret, mink, pine marten, raccoon, ring-tailed cat, weasel Nov. 1-Mar. 31.
Bear (see note) No open season.

Note.--Bears may be hunted with or without trained dogs Sept. 15-Nov. 5 except in Chaves, Lincoln, and Otero Counties, and Nov. 22-Dec. 10 in all counties. Bears may be hunted without dogs during Big Game season, Nov. 10-Nov. 21 in all counties.

Beaver (see note) No open season.

Note.--Permits may be issued for the capture of beavers interfering with the operation of canals, ditches, or dams, or causing or threatening the destruction of private property, but the skins of beavers so taken must be turned over to the State for sale.

Muskrat (see exception) Dec. 1-Mar. 31.

Exception: Bernalillo, Chaves, De Baca, Dona Ana, Eddy, Grant, Hidalgo, Sierra, Socorro, and Valencia Counties, and Sandoval County south of Cochiti bridge Dec. 1-Feb. 28.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export. The legally taken skins of fur bearers above listed may be possessed, sold, shipped and exported without permit. No other restrictions on skins legally taken except that a permit fee (\$1.25) is required for the export of bears.

Licenses.-- Trapping licenses required for taking above listed fur bearers. Resident, \$1.10; nonresident, \$20.10; fur dealer: resident, \$4; nonresident, \$50.

NEW YORK

Open seasons

Bear (game animal). (see note):
Clinton, Essex, Franklin, Fulton, Hamilton, Jefferson, Lewis, Oswego, Saratoga, St. Lawrence, Warren, and Washington Counties, and in those parts of Herkimer and Oneida Counties north of the main line tracks of the New York Central Railroad Oct. 20-Nov. 20.
Columbia, Delaware, Dutchess, Greene, Orange, Otsego, Rensselaer, Rockland, Schoharie, Sullivan, Ulster Counties. Also Herkimer County south of main line tracks of N.Y.C. and H.R.R. Co., and Albany County south and west of high tension transmission lines of New York Power and Light Corporation from Greene County line to Schenectady County line Nov. 15-Dec. 15.
All other counties during the last six week days in November and from December 1 to December 25.

Open seasons

Note.--May be taken by shooting only on land between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. E.W.T.

Beaver (see note), fisher, marten or sable, otter No open season.

Note.--The Conservation Department has the power to permit the taking of beavers and otters if they have become so numerous that it is deemed advisable to reduce their numbers.

Fox, weasel No closed season.
Mink Nov. 5-Mar. 15.

Muskrat: (see note)

Wayne County and in that part of the State north of the main line tracks of the New York Central Railroad from the eastern boundary line of Wayne County to Albany, and north of the main line tracks of the Boston and Albany Railroad from Albany to the Massachusetts boundary. Jan. 1-Apr. 20.
Elsewhere Jan. 1-Mar. 20.

Note.--No person shall take muskrats by the use of a box, wire, or cage trap, except that they may be taken in such a trap if it is so constructed as to be incapable of taking another muskrat after the first animal has been captured. No person shall take muskrats by shooting except as provided in this subdivision. Muskrats may be taken on Lake Champlain during the open season by shooting a firearm not larger than 22 caliber, but the term Lake Champlain as here used shall not include tributary streams flowing into said lake, and such taking of muskrats in Lake Champlain by shooting shall not be lawful when and after the State of Vermont shall prohibit the taking of muskrats on said lake by shooting. No person shall disturb muskrat houses or dens at any time, and no person shall set or use a trap within five feet of any muskrat house or den at any time.

Raccoon. Nov. 5-Jan. 20.
Skunk (see note) Nov. 5-Feb. 10.

Note.--Skunks injuring property may be taken at any time, but the skins of animals so taken must not be possessed or trafficked in.

Note.--Wild animals may not be taken by the use of leg gripping traps having teeth in jaws or in those having a greater spread of jaws than 6 inches. Traps must not be set in such manner that an animal, when caught, will be suspended.

Traps must be stamped with the operator's name and must be visited at least once in 24 hours. No person shall take or remove from a legally set trap any wild animal or possess such animal without the consent of the owner of such trap. The use of any device consisting of a noose of any material in the taking of fur animals is prohibited.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that the skins of the animals listed herein shall not be sold while attached to the carcass; nor shall the carcass of any such animal, or part thereof, be bought or sold unless the skin or hide is removed therefrom.

Licenses.--Trapping: resident, \$2.25; nonresident and alien, \$25. Licensees are required to report the number and species of animals taken during the previous season.

NORTH CAROLINA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Bear (game animal)	No open season.
Beaver, otter	No open season.
Fox (game animal)--Communicate with the Department of Conservation and Development, Raleigh, for information on county regulations.	
Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon (see exceptions and note) . .	Dec. 1--Feb. 15.
<u>Exceptions:</u> --Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank, and Perquimans Counties	Dec. 1--Feb. 15.
Graham and Haywood Counties and all counties west of Surry, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, and Cleveland Counties	No open season.
Skunk, weasel, wildcat	No closed season.

Note.--The use of steel traps is prohibited in Graham, Haywood Counties, except by landowner on his own land for the protection of property; and in all counties west of Surry, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, and Cleveland Counties, steep traps may be set only in the water and along the streams in cultivated parts of said counties for the taking of muskrats and minks.

Raccoons and opossums may be taken with gun and dog, October 15 to February 15.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.--The skins of fur animals legally taken may be possessed, bought, sold, and transported at any time, but all packages containing skins of fur animals must be marked to show consignor and consignee and the number and species of hides contained therein.

Licenses.--Resident: State, \$3.25; county, \$2.25. Nonresident, \$25.25. Fur dealer, resident: State, \$25; county, \$10; fur dealer's employee license, \$25. County permit to buy furs at established place of business in resident county, \$5; nonresident, \$100; nonresident permit to buy furs from State-wide licensed dealer, \$1.

NORTH DAKOTA

	<u>Open seasons.</u>
Beaver (see note)	No open season.
Badger, skunk	Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
Mink, weasel	Nov. 15-Feb. 15.
Muskrat (see note)	Dec. 1-Dec. 31.
<u>Note.</u> --Subject to change by Game and Fish Commission.	
Raccoon	Nov. 1-Feb. 15.
Fox	No closed season.

Note.--If beavers become so numerous that a limited number may be taken without seriously depleting the species, the Game and Fish Commissioner may issue a permit to the landowner to take them on his premises.

Possession and sale.--Skins legally taken may be possessed and sold at any time.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken, except on those of beavers, on which the licensee must, within 10 days, report the number taken and procure a tag (fee 25¢) for each pelt. Tagged beavers or pelts may be possessed, bought, sold, or transported at any time under regulations.

Licenses.--Resident hunting license, \$1.50; resident trapping license, \$1; nonresident hunting or trapping license, \$25. Fur dealer: resident, \$5 for each place of business in the State; resident traveling agent or buyer, \$15; nonresident, \$25.

OHIO

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Fox (red and gray) (see note)	No closed season.
<u>Note.</u> --Effective up to and including March 31, 1947, only.	
Mink (see exception)	Nov. 16-Jan. 19.
<u>Exception:</u> Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Huron, Geauga, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, & Sandusky Counties	
Muskrat (see exception)	Nov. 16-Mar. 15.
<u>Exception:</u> Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Huron, Geauga, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, & Sandusky Counties	
	Nov. 16-Jan. 19.
	Nov. 16-Mar. 15.

Open seasons

Opossum, raccoon (see note), skunk Nov. 16-Jan. 19.

Note.--Raccoons may be taken only between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m., official Ohio time except on November 16 when they shall not be taken before 6 p.m. A person or party may not take more or have in their possession more than 2 at a time.

The use of climbers or other tree-climbing devices in the taking of fur animals is prohibited.

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, \$1.25; 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

Open seasons

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 25 days thereafter.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that shipment must be made during the open season or within 25 days thereafter.

Licenses.--Resident, \$1.25; nonresident, \$250. Fur dealer: resident, \$15; nonresident, \$50. Licensed trappers are required to report their catch. Licensed fur dealers are required to report season's purchases.

OREGON

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, skunk, weasel No closed season.
Bear No closed season.
Beaver, fisher, ring-tailed cat No open season.
Mink, otter, muskrat, raccoon, 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; nonresident, hunting, \$15. Trapping license for mink, marten, otter, and muskrat: resident, \$3; nonresident trapping license, \$25; hunting license is required for trapping of predatory animals; fur dealer, \$10. Fur dealer is required to submit a report not later than January 10 on all pelts acquired.

PENNSYLVANIA

Open seasons

Beaver (see exception and note)(by traps only) Feb. 15-Mar. 1.

Exception: Statewide trapping permitted except where dams are posted by Commission.

Note.--Non-residents may not trap beavers. One person may set, tend or operate 10 traps only. Traps must not be placed closer than 15 ft. from waterline on any established beaver house. Pelts must be tagged within 10 days after season and may not be sold or otherwise disposed of until properly tagged, and presented to Protector in District or County where trapped.

Bear Nov. 26-Nov. 29.

Mink, otter, skunk Nov. 1-Feb. 1.

Muskrats (by traps only) Dec. 1-Feb. 1.

Opossum, unprotected until Sept. 30, 1946.

Rabbit (cottontail) Nov. 1-Nov. 30.

Raccoon:

Hunting by individual or party (see note) Oct. 22-Feb. 1.

Note.---The season for raccoons begins at noon on the opening date, and ends at same hour on the closing date.

Trapping (see note) Nov. 1-Feb. 1.

Note.---Traps for fur bearers and raccoons must not be placed before 9 a.m. on Nov. 1, or before 8 a.m. on any later opening date for trapping. The season closes at 12 noon on the last date indicated for trapping to permit the removal of animals caught on the last night of the season and the lifting of the traps by daylight.

Squirrel:

Black, fox, gray Nov. 1-Nov. 30.

Red Nov. 1-Sept. 30.

Bag limits.--Bears (over 1 year old) by individual, 1; hunting party of 3 or more, 2. Beavers, 2; rabbits (cottontails), 20; raccoons, 20; squirrels (black, fox, and gray), 24; squirrels (red), unlimited; minks and skunks, unlimited; muskrats (traps only), unlimited.

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

Shipment and export.--Cured skins of raccoons and bears legally taken may be shipped at any time. Packages containing furs must be marked to show contents, and name and address of owner. Raw furs shipped out of the State must be tagged (see 25¢).

Licenses.--Resident, \$2; nonresident or alien (nonresident of the United States) \$15. Licensees must report their catch of deer and bears within 5 days after close of season. Fur dealer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$50.

RHODE ISLAND

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Mink, muskrat, otter (see exception and note)	Nov. 1-Feb. 1.
Exception: Muskrat, mink and otter in Bristol and Newport Counties	Dec. 1-Mar. 1.
Raccoon (see note)	Oct. 1-Feb. 1.
Skunk (see note)	Nov. 1-Mar. 15.

Note.--Landowner may kill muskrats, raccoons, skunks and minks on his own land at any time.

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

Licenses.--Resident, \$2. Resident over 65 years of age may obtain license upon payment of recording fees. Nonresident, \$10; alien, \$15, recording fee 25¢. Rhode Island issues no trapping license. The privilege to trap is included in the hunting license.

SOUTH CAROLINA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Bear	No closed season.
Fox (hunting only, may not be trapped) (see exceptions)	Sept. 15-Feb. 15.
<u>Exceptions:</u>	
Chester County	Sept. 15-Mar. 1.
Spartanburg County	Aug. 31-Feb. 28.
Chesterfield County	Sept. 1-Feb. 15.
Aiken, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Darlington, Dorchester, Florence, Hampton, Lexington, and Richland Counties	No closed season.
Anderson, Laurens, Abbeville, McCormick, Greenwood and Newberry Counties	Sept. 1-Mar. 1.

Note.--Use of steel traps is prohibited except for protection of poultry and property.

Possession and sale. No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.--Skins of fur animals must be tagged by State warden or deputy before being shipped or transported. Tag fees: Otter, red fox, \$1; raccoon, gray fox, mink, 15¢ each; muskrat, opossum, 5¢. Packages for shipment must bear certificate of State warden that tag has been attached to each pelt. Shippers must make monthly reports to county wardens

of skins shipped or transported. Shipments must be labeled to show con-
signor and consignee and the number and kinds of skins. No other restric-
tions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.--Resident: State, \$3.10; county, \$1.10. Nonresident:
State, \$15.25; two-day, \$3.10.

SOUTH DAKOTA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Badger, mink, raccoon, skunk	Noon Nov. 1- Noon Feb. 15.
Muskrat (see exception and note)	Noon Dec. 1- Noon Feb. 15.
<u>Exception:</u> Charles Mix, Davison, Aurora, Hanson, Lawrence, Meade and Perkins Counties	No open season.

Note.--The shooting or spearing of muskrats is prohibited, and it is unlawful to destroy muskrat houses, except that they may be opened for the purpose of placing traps therein if not injured as habitations for muskrats.

Note.--It is unlawful to hunt minks or muskrats with a dog, or to dig or disturb any mink, raccoon, or skunk den or beaver house, or to use poison, gas or smokers of any kind to take any of these animals.

Possession.--Raw furs may be possessed 10 days after the close of the season.

Shipment and export.--Consult Director, Game and Fish Department, Pierre.

Licenses.--Trapping, \$2 (available to residents only). License required of all persons 15 years of age or over except persons trapping on lands occupied by them. No person may set or operate more than 75 traps at any one time. Fur dealers are required to have license to purchase skins of any fur animal.

TENNESSEE

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Fox (red) (see exception)	Nov. 15-Feb. 15.
<u>Exception:</u> Anderson, Bledsoe, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Carter, Claiborne, Clay, Cocke, Fentress, Grainger, Greene, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hancock, Hawkins, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Knox, Lauderdale, Loudon, Macon, Marion, McMinn, Meigs, Monroe, Moore, Overton, Pickett, Polk, Putnam, Rhea, Roane, Rutherford, Scott, Sequatchie, Sevier, Smith, Sullivan, Trousdale, Unicoi, Union, Washington, and White Counties	No open season.

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Opossum	Nov. 15-Feb. 15.
Otter	No open season.
Skunk, fox (gray), muskrat, mink, raccoon	Nov. 15-Feb. 15.
Squirrel	Aug. 1-Dec. 31.

Possession and sale.--No restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.--Prohibited, except that the owner or person killing or capturing fur animals, who has a hunting license, may carry out in personal possession animals or skins he has legally taken.

Licenses.--Resident hunting license, \$2; nonresident hunting license, \$15; hunting, fishing, and trapping license, \$2.50; retail fur buyer's license, \$2.

TEXAS

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Badger, civet cat, ringtail cat, skunk (see exception and note)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u>	
Cherokee County, steel traps permitted during	Dec. 15-Jan. 15.
Cottle County	Dec. 1-Feb. 15.
Harrison County (see note)	No open season.
Beaver (see exception and note)	No open season.
<u>Exception:</u>	
Kimble, Maverick and Val Verde Counties and counties west of Pecos River	Jan. 1-Jan. 15.
Bobcat, cougar, coyote, mountain and Mexican lion, ocelot, weasel, wildcat and wolf.	No closed season.
Fox (see exception and note)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u>	
Bastrop, Bowie, Brazos, Burleson, Falls, Hardin, Henderson, Hopkins, Jefferson, Liberty, Limestone, Red River, Rusk, Shelby, Smith, Washington, and Wood Counties	No open season.
Camp County (if traps or guns are used)	No open season.
Cass County	Dec. 1-Dec. 31.
Cherokee County, steep traps permitted only during	Dec. 15-Jan. 15.
Cottle County	Dec. 1-Feb. 15.
Denton, Freestone, Kaufman, Leon, Madison, Milam, San Jacinto and Walker Counties	No closed season.
Harrison (see note) and Navarro Counties, if steel traps are used.	No open season.
Mink and raccoon (see exception and note)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u>	
Cottle County	Dec. 1-Feb. 15.
Cherokee County, steep traps permitted during	Dec. 15-Jan. 15.

Guadalupe County and Red River County east of McCullough Ferry Road running N.E. from Clarksville, through Vandalie, Vesey and Ackworth to McCullough Ferry on Red River and lying north of old state highway No. 5, running east from Clarksville through English and Avery to Bowie County line	<u>Open seasons.</u>
Harrison County (see note)	No open season.
Muskrat (see exception and note)	Nov. 15-Mar. 15,
<u>Exception:</u>	
Cherokee County, steel traps permitted during	Dec. 15-Jan. 15.
Cottle County	Dec. 1-Feb. 15.
Harrison County (see note)	No open season.
Otter (see exception and note)	No open season.
<u>Exception:</u>	
Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves and Terrel Counties	Jan. 1-Jan. 15.
Opossum (see exception)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u>	
Cherokee County, steel traps permitted during	Dec. 15-Jan. 15.
Cottle County	Dec. 1-Feb. 15.
Harrison County (see note)	No open season.
Sabine and San Augustine Counties	No closed season.

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

In Harrison County, there shall be no open season if steel traps, snares, or deadfalls are used, except when furbearers are destroying domestic stock; on lands where game birds are being protected and propagated. Sale of pelts is permitted.

In Robertson County it is lawful to trap but unlawful to to sell the pelts of foxes.

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. In Kimble, Maverick and Val Verde Counties and in those counties west of the Pecos River, a resident license costing \$50 is required of persons to trap beavers and otters outside the county of their residence.

UTAH

Open seasons

Beaver (see note), otter No open season.
 Muskrat (see exception) Oct. 15-Dec. 15,
 Feb. 15-Apr. 1.

Exception: Muskrats doing actual damage to property may be destroyed or trapped at any season without license by owner or tenant.

Other fur and predatory animals. No closed season.

Note.--Beavers damaging farms or other property may be trapped under authorization of the State Fish and Game Commission.

The Commission may close all or part of seasons when it is deemed advisable.

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 16 days thereafter. Skins of beavers taken under authorization of the State Fish and Game Commission must be turned over to the Commission for sale. Possession of untagged beaver 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 skins are prohibited.

Licenses.--Resident, \$5; nonresident is not permitted to trap.

VERMONT

Open seasons

Beaver and fisher cat No open season.
 Fox (see exception and note) Oct. 25-Feb. 14.

Exception:

Grand Isle County No closed season.
 Franklin County No trapping.

Mink; otter and marten Oct. 25-Feb. 14.
 Muskrat (see exception):

Trapping Oct. 25-Apr. 19.
 Shooting Apr. 1-Apr. 10.

Exception:

Addison and Rutland Counties Jan. 1-Apr. 19.
 Raccoon (see exception and note) Oct. 25-Dec. 30.

Exception:

Lamoille County Oct. 25-Dec. 31.
 Skunk (see note) Oct. 25-Feb. 14.

Note.--Fox, skunk and raccoon may be taken with dog and gun during open season.

Hunting license required to take fur-bearing animals with dog and gun.

Fur buyers required to keep records of purchases and sales and file report on same at the end of license year.

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.

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, \$1.25; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyer: resident, \$2.00; nonresident, \$50. Hunting: resident, \$1.25; nonresident, \$12.50.

VIRGINIA

Open seasons

Bear (trapping) (see note)	Nov. 15-Jan. 31.
<u>Note.</u> --It is unlawful to set steel bear traps in Nansemond, Norfolk, and Princess Anne Counties.	
Beaver, raccoon, squirrel (trapping)	No open season.
Fox (trapping) (see exceptions)	Nov. 15-Jan. 31.
<u>Exceptions:</u>	
Albemarle County	Nov. 1-Nov. 30.
Buchanan County	No closed season.
Clarke, Fauquier, Loudoun, and Rappahannock Counties	No open season.
Fairfax County	Nov. 20-Jan. 20.
Frederick County	Nov. 15-Jan. 31.
Nelson County	Nov. 1-Jan. 20.
Mink (trapping) (see exception)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> Buchanan County	No closed season.
Muskrat, otter (trapping)	
West of the Blue Ridge Mountains and in Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Greene, Loudoun, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties:	Dec. 1-Feb. 28.
East of the Blue Ridge Mountains (except in 8 counties above mentioned)	Jan. 1-Mar. 15.
Opossum (trapping)	Dec. 1-Jan. 31.
Rabbit (trapping)	Nov. 15-Jan. 31.
Skunk, weasel, wildcat	No closed season.

Note.--It is unlawful to trap foxes and other fur animals 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, \$5 (State); \$1 (county). Nonresident, \$50. Fur buyer, resident, \$25 (State); \$10 (county); to buy from trappers at retail within a fixed place of business, \$5. Fur buyer, nonresident to buy from individual trapper, \$75 (State); \$25 (county); to buy from trappers at retail within a fixed place of business, \$25.

WASHINGTON

Open seasons

Beaver, fisher	No open season.
Marten (see note)	Dec. 1-Jan. 1.
Other fur animals	Nov. 15-Jan. 15.

Notes.--It is unlawful to trap muskrats in muskrat mounds or houses. It is unlawful to trap fur animals within the boundaries of the Lake Washington, Pierce County, Little Spokane, and Burnt Bridge Creek game reserves from Nov. 15, 1945, to Jan. 15, 1946, both dates inclusive.

It is lawful for any person holding a trapper's license to hunt raccoons with dogs from Nov. 15 to Jan. 15, both dates inclusive.

It is unlawful for any person to shoot fur animals except raccoons with any firearms whatsoever; and it is unlawful to shoot or pursue raccoons with a firearm between sunset and one-half hour before sunrise.

The taking of martens during this special season is open to all licensed trappers who must strictly abide by the following requirements:

It is unlawful for any trapper to use more than 36 traps.

Within 13 days after the close of the lawful open season on martens, each trapper must present his skins for tagging and inspection to the local game protector in the area in which he traps; and at that time the game protector must tag each skin. It is unlawful to sell any marten skins not so tagged, and on and after January 15, 1946, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess any marten skins not so tagged.

No bag limit.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.--Beaver skins from outside the State, if inspected and tagged or stamped (fee 5¢) may be possessed and sold at any time. Skins of other fur animals legally taken may be sold, shipped, and exported at any time. All fur animals or parts thereof possessed by any person, firm or corporation other than the one who took them must have attached a written statement by the taker showing his license number, date, and the county in which the animals were taken.

Licenses.--Resident, \$5. Not issued to nonresidents. Fur dealer, \$10.

WEST VIRGINIA

Open seasons

Beaver (see note), mink, muskrat	Dec. 1-Feb. 28.
<u>Note.</u> --On beaver causing damage to crops, trapping by permit only.	
Fox (red) (see exception)	No closed season.
<u>Exception.</u> --Barbour, Boone, Cabell, Calhoun, Doddridge, Fayette, Gilmer, Harrison, Jackson, Lewis, Lincoln, Mercer, Mingo, Monongalia, McDowell, Pleasants, Ritchie, Roane, Taylor, Upshur, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt, Wood and Wyoming Counties.	
	Nov. 12-Jan. 31.
Opossum, raccoon, skunk	Nov. 12-Jan. 31.

Bag limit.--Raccoons, 2 a day; 10 a season.

Possession and sale.--Possession permitted during the open season only, but fresh skins may be possessed for 30 days after close of season. No restrictions on sale of skins legally taken and possessed.

Shipment and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken and possessed.

Licenses.--Resident, \$2; nonresident, \$15. Fur dealer: resident, State-wide, \$10; county, \$1; nonresident, \$50; agent \$2.50. Fur dealers must submit an annual report of all transactions.

WISCONSIN

Open seasons

Badger (see note):

Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Monroe, Oconto, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vilas, Washburn and Wood Counties	Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. to Nov. 30.
In all other counties	Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. to Nov. 30.

Note.--The owner or occupant of any land and any land and any member of his family may take badger thereon at any time. No bag limit.

Bear (see notes):

Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas and Washburn. (No bag limit)	Nov. 24-Nov. 28.
All other counties (by firearms)	No open season.

Notes:

Special trapping season.--Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Eau Claire, Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, and Washburn Counties (No bag limit) Sept. 1-Oct. 31.

Special bow and arrow season.--Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Douglas, Florence, Eau Claire, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, and Washburn Counties (No bag limit) Sept. 29-Nov. 12.

The owner or occupant of any land and any member of his immediate family may take bear thereon at any time by hunting or by trapping. If traps are used the following safety measures should be provided: (1) two legible signs not less than 1 foot square and not more than 1 rod distant from the set trap, and worded, "Danger--Bear trap", in letters not less than 1 inch high on white background; (2) encirclement of the trap with at least one strand of heavy wire approximately three feet from the ground; and (3) no bear trap shall be set within two rods of any trail or road.

Open seasons

Beaver:

Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Clark, Door, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Green Lake, Iron, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Monroe, Oconto, Oneida, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Price, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Sheboygan, Taylor, Trempealeau, Vilas, Washburn, Waushara, Winnebago, and Wood counties (bag limit, 10 per season) . . . March 5-Mar. 25.

In all other counties No open season.

Fox (all species) (no bag limit) No closed season.

Mink (no bag limit) (see note) Nov. 1-Feb. 28.

Muskrat No open season.

Otter:

Adams, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Florence, Fond du Lac, Forest, Grant, Green Lake, Iowa, Juneau, Lafayette, Langlade, Marinette, Marquette, Oconto, Oneida, Outagamie, Polk, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Vilas, Washburn, Waupaca, Waushara, and Winnebago counties (no bag limit) Mar. 5-Mar. 25.

In all other counties No open season.

Open seasons

Skunk:

Adams, Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas,
 Florence, Forest, Iron, Juneau, Langlade, Lincoln,
 Marathon, Marinette, Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Portage,
 Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor, Vilas, Wash-
 burn, and Wood counties (no bag limit) No closed season.

Buffalo, Chippewa, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson,
 La Crosse, Monroe, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, and
 Trempealeau counties (no bag limit) Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.
 to Nov. 30.

In all other counties (no bag limit) Oct. 27 at 1 p.m.
 to Nov. 30.

Rabbits (cottontail and jack):

Brown, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door,
 Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee,
 Lafayette, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland,
 Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Walworth, Washington,
 and Waukesha counties (bag limit, 5 each day,
 possession 10) Nov. 3 at 1 p.m.
 to Jan. 15.

In all other counties (see exception) Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.
 (bag limit, 5 each day, possession 10) to Jan. 15.

Exception: Milwaukee County No open season.

Snowshoe hares:

Ashland, Barron, Bayfield, Burnett, Chippewa, Douglas,
 Florence, Forest, Iron, Langlade, Lincoln, Marinette,
 Oconto, Oneida, Polk, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor,
 Vilas and Washburn counties (no bag limit) No closed season.

Adams, Buffalo, Clark, Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac,
 Green Lake, Jackson, Juneau, La Crosse, Marathon,
 Marquette, Monroe, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Port-
 age, St. Croix, Shawano, Trempealeau, Waupaca,
 Waushara, Winnebago and Wood counties (bag limit,
 5 each day, possession 10). Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.
 to Jan. 15.

Brown, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door,
 Grant, Green, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee,
 Lafayette, Manitowoc, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland,
 Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Walworth, Washington,
 and Waukesha counties (bag limit, 5 each day, pos-
 session 10) Nov. 3 at 1 p.m.
 to Jan. 15.

Raccoons (gray, cross and black):

Adams, Barron, Bayfield, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa,
 Clark, Douglas, Dunn, Eau Claire, Jackson, Juneau,
 La Crosse, Langlade, part of Lincoln lying east of
 Co. Trunk F, south of State highway 64, east of
 State highway 51 and south of Co. Trunk J, Marathon,
 Marinette, Monroe, Oconto, Pepin, Pierce, Polk,
 Portage, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Shawano, Taylor,
 Trempealeau, Washburn and Wood counties (no bag limit) Oct. 20 at 1 p.m.
 to Nov. 30.

Open seasons

Brown, Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door, Fond du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Outagamie, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Vernon, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago counties (no bag limit) Oct. 27 at 1 p.m. to Nov. 30.

In all other counties No open season.

Squirrels (gray and fox): Adams, Barron, Brown, Buffalo, Calumet, Chippewa, Clark, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Door; Dunn, Eau Claire, Fond du Lac; Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jackson, Jefferson, Juneau, Kewaunee, La Crosse, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marathon, Marinette, Marquette, Monroe, Oconto, Outagamie, Pepin, Pierce, Polk, Portage, Racine, Richland, Rock, Rusk, St. Croix, Sauk, Sawyer, Shawano, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Vernon, Walworth, Washburn, Washington, Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago and Wood counties (bag limit, 5 each day, possession 10) Oct. 20 at 1 p.m. to Nov. 30.

In all other counties No open season.

Squirrels (red) No closed season.

Note.--There shall be an open season for minks and muskrats under permit only from November 1, 1945 to March 1, 1946, no bag limit, on State and Federally-owned lands in Horicon marsh. Minks and muskrats may be taken on the Federally-owned lands only under written permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service, or their representative; and on State-owned lands only under written permit from the Director of the Wisconsin Conservation Department.

Possession and sale.--It shall be unlawful for any person, persons, firm, or corporation to have in their possession or under their control any squirrel, rabbit, or raccoon after 90 days following the close of the open season, unless a permit has been duly issued by the Conservation Commission.

Licenses.--Resident, \$1. Licenses are not issued to nonresidents. Special beaver license, in areas where there is an open season, \$2.50. Beaver tags, \$1 each. All licensees are required to submit a report of their catch for the previous season. Fur dealer: Resident, Class A, \$25; Class B, \$10; Class C, \$1. Fur dresser, \$25. Itinerant buyer, \$200.

WYOMING

Open seasons

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

Beaver (see note) (Outside National Forests) Nov. 1-Dec. 31

Open seasons.

Note.--Beavers may be taken only by landowners or lessees under permit of the State Game Warden, and pelts so taken must be tagged with "Beaver Tag" and "Protected Animal Tag"--fee 50¢ each.

Mink, otter. (Outside National Forests) Nov. 1-Dec. 31

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, and a permit to ship beaver skins out of the State.

Licenses.--Resident \$3.00; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer: resident, \$10; nonresident, \$100.

C A N A D A

ALBERTA

Open seasons.

Beaver No open season.

Bear (grizzly):

That part of the Province lying north of the Medicine Hat-Crowsnest branch of the Canadian Pacific Railway Sept. 1-Dec. 15; and Apr. 1-June 8.

Excluding the area above, national parks and game preserves

Bear (Black and cinnamon)	No closed season.
Fisher	No closed season.
Fox	No open season.
Mink	Nov. 1-Jan. 15.
Otter	Nov. 15-Feb. 9.
Lynx	Nov. 1-Mar. 30.
Marten (on each registered trap line, 5 only)	Dec. 1-Feb. 28.
Muskrat	Dec. 1-Jan. 15.
Squirrel (red)	No open season.
	Nov. 15-Feb. 16.

Possession and sale.--No restrictions on prime skins legally taken, except that fur tax must be paid on all pelts. Unprime skins must be forwarded to the Provincial Game Branch, Edmonton.

Shipment and export.--Export of all furs is prohibited except under permit. Furs on which royalty has not been paid may not be exported. Export of live wild fur animals is prohibited except for zoological and scientific purposes.

Licenses.--Resident, limited trapping, \$2; registered trap-line or area, \$10; resident of forest reserve to keep traps, free; special beaver permit, \$1. Nonresident, general game license \$50. Fur dealers: resident in city, \$25, elsewhere \$10; nonresident within Province, \$100.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Open seasons

Eastern District (see note):

- Bear (except white or Kermodei) Hunting only (see note):
- Grizzly Sept. 1-June 30.
- Black or brown No closed season.

Note.--No bears may be trapped in the Eastern District.

Beaver, muskrat:

North of the 51st parallel of north latitude and in the Yale and Kamloops Electoral Districts. . . . Mar. 1-May 15.

Otter (except sea otter) (see exception): Mar. 11-Apr. 30.

Exception: North main line CPR Nov. 1-May 15.

All other fur animals (except badger) Nov. 1-Feb. 28.

Western District (see note):

- Bear (except white or Kermodei) Hunting only (see note):
- Grizzly Sept. 15-June 30.
- Black or brown No closed season.

Note.--No bears may be trapped in the Western District.

- All fur animals (except sea otter and badger) (see exception):
- North of the 51st parallel of north latitude Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
- South of the 51st parallel of north latitude Dec. 1-Feb. 28.

Exceptions:

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 Vancouver and Queen Charlotte Islands 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.--Bears (except white or Kermodei bears) may be sold at any time during the open season. 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 52d parallel). Special permit is required for possession at other times.

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 seasons.</u>
<u>North of the 53d Parallel:</u>	
Badger, marten	Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Beaver, raccoon.	No open season.
Fisher, mink	Nov. 1-Mar. 15.
Fox (Arctic, blue, and white).	Nov. 1-Mar. 31.
Fox.	Oct. 20-Dec. 30.
Lynx	Nov. 1-Feb. 14.
Muskrat.	Apr. 2-May 11.
Otter.	Nov. 1-Apr. 30.
<u>South of the 53d Parallel:</u>	
Badger, marten	Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Beaver, otter (see exception), raccoon	No open season.
<u>Exception:</u> Otter, east of Lake Winnipeg to the Ontario boundary, and north of the Winnipeg River to the 53d Parallel, and in the Whiteshell Forest Reserve north of the Whiteshell Game Preserve	
	Nov. 1-Apr. 30.
Fisher, mink	Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
Fox, lynx.	Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Muskrat (see exception).	Apr. 2-Apr. 24.
<u>Exception:</u> South of the 53d Parallel east of Lake Winnipeg and the Bloodvein River.	
	Apr. 2-May 11.

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

Consult the Chief Game Warden, Fredericton. Data not received when Abstract was prepared.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Consult the Director of Lands, Parks, and Forests, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Ontario. Data not received when Abstract was prepared.

NOVA SCOTIA

Open seasons.

Bear, wildcat, wolf No closed season.
Beaver (see exception), fisher, marten. No open season.

Exception: Only three beavers may be taken by legal residents of Annapolis, Digby, Kings, Lunenburg, Queens,

Shelbourne, and Yarmouth Counties. Nov. 16-Nov. 30.
Fox, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, weasel. Nov. 1-Dec. 15.
Other fur animals Nov. 1-Dec. 15.

Note:--It is illegal to kill muskrats by the use of any shotgun, rifle, or other firearm.

No person shall damage or molest any muskrat house or set any snare or trap, within 25 feet of such house, or use any trap designed to take more than one animal at a time.

Possession and sale.--It is illegal to possess or sell the green hides of beavers, martens, or fishers, or to possess, buy, or sell green hides of any fur animal taken out of season, or pelts on which royalty has not been paid. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Shipment and export.--It is illegal to export skins of fur animals except under certificate of inspection and permit (fee 50¢) from the game inspector, and payment of royalty. All shipments must be made by express or parcel post.

Licenses.--Not required of resident trapper; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyer: resident, \$25; nonresident, \$100.

ONTARIO

Open seasons.

Bear, lynx, skunk, weasel, wolf, wolverine	No closed season.
Beaver, muskrat--seasons to be fixed by regulation of the Department of Game and Fisheries, Toronto.	
Fisher, fox, marten, mink, otter	Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
Raccoon.	Nov. 1-Dec. 31.

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 within the Province is allowed under special permit.

Licenses.--Resident trapping, British subject only, \$4.50, and 50¢ to issuing officer. 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 wholesale license, \$5; resident, British subject, buying for own use, \$1.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Consult the Game Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.
Data not received when Abstract was prepared.

QUEBEC

Open seasons.

Bear (see exception)	No closed season.
<u>Exception:</u> Hunting prohibited in parks. Special season for clubs	Aug. 20-June 30
Beaver	To be decided later.
Fisher, raccoon, lynx.	Nov. 1-Mar. 15.
Fox, mink, marten.	Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
Muskrat:	
North zone (a).	Apr. 15-May 14.
(b).	Nov. 1-Nov. 20.
South zone.	Mar. 15-Apr. 30.
Otter.	Nov. 15-Feb. 28.
Skunk.	Nov. 1-Mar. 31.
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; nonresident, \$200.

SASKATCHEWAN 1/

	<u>Open seasons.</u>
Badger, bear, coyote, rabbit, wolf (timber), wolverine	No closed season.
Fisher, lynx	Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
Fox.	Oct. 22-Jan. 15.
Mink, otter.	Nov. 1-Mar. 31.
Skunk.	Oct. 22-Mar. 31.
Squirrel	Nov. 1-Feb. 28.
Weasel	Nov. 1-Feb. 28.

Licenses.--Resident trapper, \$2.

Note.--Any member of any of His Majesty's Forces is eligible for a resident license.

1/ These trapping seasons were recommended, but not passed by Order-in-Council at this date. Consult the Game Commissioner, Regina.

YUKON

	<u>Open seasons.</u>
Beaver (see note).	No open season.

Note.--No open season on beavers for period of three years from May 31, 1945.

Fisher, otter.	Jan. 1-May 15.
Fox:	
North of the Arctic Circle.	Nov. 1-Mar. 15.
South of the Arctic Circle.	Nov. 1-Jan. 31.
Lynx	Nov. 15-Mar. 31.
Marten, mink	Nov. 15-Feb. 28.
Muskrat:	
North of the Arctic Circle.	Mar. 1-June 15.
South of the Arctic Circle.	Mar. 1-May 31.
Other fur animals.	No closed season.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.--No restrictions on skins legally taken, except that the export of raw furs is prohibited except under permit and payment of royalties. Aircraft may not be used in trapping operations except as a means of transportation between the settlement where the trapper outfits and his principal base camp, and in such use the game laws and regulations must be complied with.

NEWFOUNDLAND

Open seasons.

Beaver, marten	No open season.
Fox.	Nov. 1-Mar. 15.
Otter, lynx.	Nov. 1-Mar. 15.
Muskrat (see note)	Nov. 1-May 15.

Note,--Consult the Department of Natural Resources,
St. Johns, for deferred areas.

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- Colorado: State Game and Fish Commission, Denver.
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- Florida: Commission of Game and Fresh Water Fish, Tallahassee.
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- Kansas: Director, Forestry, Fish, and Game Commission, Pratt.
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- Oregon: State Game Commission, 616 Oregon Building, Portland 4.
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