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ABSTRACT OF FUR LAWS, 1947-48

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The lively demand for furs of all kinds yields American trappers millions of dollars a year. Until trapping begins these furs have not cost them a single effort. Speaking generally, fur animals transform uncultivated materials into valuable peltries without expense or attention on the part of the landowners.

When the grain and the hay have been harvested, farmers, their sons, and tenants take down their traps and set out to take the crop of fur. The number of trapping licenses annually purchased in the United States is estimated at 2,500,000. About three-fourths of this number are held by farmers and farm boys under 16 years of age. Since in many States farm boys under 16 years of age are not required by law to procure trapping licenses, the number of persons taking fur animals would be increased by at least 200,000, or the total number of persons annually engaged in trapping fur animals in the United States and Alaska would be about 2,700,000. Undoubtedly the number of trappers and hunters has increased greatly during the years since the close of World War II, and, therefore, a heavier drain has been put upon the fur resources and greater quantities of fur animals have been taken.

To protect and perpetuate the supply of wild fur animals at the present level of production, the existing conservation laws (which are under the jurisdiction of the individual States and not of the Federal Government) should be improved and greater care should be taken of the breeding stock. Restocking depleted areas and developing new habitats for fur animals are also necessary for proper conservation.

The tabulations in this leaflet of the open seasons in 1947-48 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 is found on page 46 of this leaflet.

Open seasons

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	Nov. 20 - Jan. 31.
Muskkrat	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 districts 1 and 8	No open season.
Fur district 2 (see exception)	Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> On a strip one-half mile wide on either side of the Copper River road from Eyck bridge to Mile 27, nor on Kenai Pen- insula, south from Turnagain Arm, Portage River drainage, and Passage Canal	No open season.
Fur district 3 (see exception)	Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> Kodiak-Afognak Island group	No open season.
Fur districts 4 and 5	Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
Fur district 6 (see exception)	Feb. 1 - Mar. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> Within the Clearwater drainage, lying south of the Tanana River and between the Richardson Highway and the Big Gerstle River	No open season.
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 districts 2 to 7 (see exception)	Nov. 16 - Jan. 31.
<u>Exception:</u> White foxes	Dec. 1 - Mar. 15.
Fur district 8	Dec. 1 - Mar. 15.

Marten:

Fur district 1	No open season.
Fur districts 2 to 7	Nov. 16 - Jan. 31.

Muskrat:

Fur districts 1 and 2	Apr. 1 - May 31.
Fur districts 3 and 4	Mar. 10- May 10.
Fur district 5:	
North of the Unalakleet River drainage	Apr. 1 - June 7.
Unalakleet River drainage and south thereof	Apr. 1 - May 31.
Fur districts 6 and 7	Mar. 1 - May 31.
Fur district 8	Apr. 10-June 10.
Raccoon	No open season.

Bag Limit: Beaver, 10 a season.

Trapping methods.—Any means, except by means, aid, or use of a set gun, a shotgun, artificial light of any kind, steel bear trap, or other trap with jaws having a spread exceeding 9 inches, poison, dog (except for polar bears in fur district 8, and wolves and coyotes in fur districts 5, 6, 7, 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 destroying or disturbing homes, houses, dens, dams, or runways of such animals. Beavers may be taken only by means of a steel trap or snare and by persons over the age of eleven years. Wolves and coyotes may be killed by means of a rifle, shotgun or pistol at any time by any person permitted to carry firearms.

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

Shipment and export.—No restrictions 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 skins are contained therein. Shipment of unsealed skins of beavers 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

Consult Game and Fish Commission, Arizona State Bldg., Phoenix, Arizona. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

ARKANSAS

Open seasons

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 States 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

Open seasons

- Beaver (see note), sea otter No open season.
Note.—Beavers, when damaging levees or canals
may be taken under special permit issued by
the Fish and Game Commission.
- Coyote, opossum, raccoon, ringtail, skunk, wolf,
wildcat, weasel, badger No closed season.
- Fisher, wolverine No open season.
- Pine marten (District 1 1/2 only) No open season.
- Other fur animals Nov. 16 - Feb. 28.

Note.—Trapping license (license year, July 1-June 30) is re-
quired for trapping pine martens (except in District 1 1/2), 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.

Open seasons

Beaver, fisher, opossum, otter No open season.
 Fox, wolverine, ringtail cat (all species), mink,
 muskrat, weasel (see exception) Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.

Exception: The White River, Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre,
 Routt, and Montezuma National Forest areas . . . No open season.

Raccoon (see note) Nov. 1 - Nov. 30.

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

Note.—Special permits in case of damage being done by fur-bearing
 animals shall be issued only where definite proof is given that
 damage was actually done. Persons requesting such permits should
 make application to the nearest officer of the State Game and
 Fish Department. All pelts taken under these permits shall be
 divided fifty percent to the permittee and fifty percent to the
 Game and Fish Department.

Possession and sale.—Skins legally taken may be possessed during the
 open season and for 15 days thereafter. A permit is required for pos-
 session of skins by trapper and dealer 30 days after close of season.
 These permits expire on September 1 of the year of issue but may be re-
 newed upon application on or before that date. The permit must accompa-
 ny pelts sold by trapper or dealer whether sold within or out of the
 State. If the trapper or dealer disposes of only part of the pelts
 covered by the permit, the original permit must accompany the pelts dis-
 posed of and an application made for a new permit to cover the remainder.

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

Licenses.—Resident, \$2; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer; resident, \$25;
 nonresident, \$50. The Commission may require licensees to submit such
 reports as it may deem necessary. Special resident trapping permits are
 issued without charge to children under fourteen years of age of a
 resident landowner or farm tenant when application is made to the nearest
 game warden or fur inspector in writing.

CONNECTICUT

Open seasons

Fox, opossum, weasel	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 jackrabbits. Use of fitches, rodents, or ferrets is prohibited.

Raccoon (season opens at sunset) (see note)	Oct. 18 - Dec. 31.
Squirrel (gray) (see note)	Oct. 18 - Nov. 29.

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 the 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, trapping, \$1.35. Nonresidents are not permitted to trap. Fur dealer; resident, \$5; agent of licensed resident, \$2; nonresident, \$75.

* As of January 1, 1948, \$6.35.

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DELAWARE

Open seasons

- BeaverNo open season.
- Fox (red) (to chase only)Oct. 1 - Apr. 30.
- Mink, muskrat (see exception), otterDec. 1 - Mar. 10.
- Exception: On embanked meadows in New Castle County muskrats may be taken until March 20.
- Opossum, raccoon (see exception)Nov. 1 - Jan. 15.
- Exception: In New Castle County raccoons may be taken fromNov. 1 - Mar. 15.
- SquirrelSept. 15-Nov. 1.

Bag limit.—Squirrels and rabbits, 6.

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

Licenses.—Resident hunting and trapping, \$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

- Bear, bobcat, civet cat, fox, opossum, panther, skunk, weasel, wildcatNo closed season.
- Mink, otter, raccoonDec. 1 - Mar. 1.

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

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

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

GEORGIA

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 pos-
session 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

Fisher, fox, marten, otter No open season.
Mink:
Districts 1, 2, 3 Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.
District 4 Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
District 5:
Fremont, Madison, Clark, Jefferson, Bingham,
Bannock, Power, Teton, Caribou, Bear Lake,
and Bonneville Counties except Gray's lake and
Gray's Lake watershed down to highway bridge
on the Idaho Falls highway in Bonneville
County Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
Muskrat:
Districts 1 and 2 Nov. 11 - Dec. 31.
District 3:
Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette and
Washington counties Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.
Adams, Boise, Valley counties Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
District 4:
Blaine, Custer, Lemhi, and Butte Counties . . . Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
Twin Falls, Cassia, Jerome, Gooding (except
Hagerman Refuge), Minidoka, Camas, and
Lincoln Counties Nov. 1 - Apr. 21.
Hagerman Refuge No open season.

District 5:

- Bear Lake and Caribou counties No open season.
 Franklin County Mar. 1 - Mar. 31.
 Gray's Lake and Gray's Lake watershed down
 to highway bridge on the Idaho Falls
 highway in Bonneville County Apr. 10 - Apr. 25.
 Fremont, Madison, Clark, Jefferson, Teton,
 Oneida, Bannock, and Power Counties and
 Bonneville County except Gray's Lake and
 Gray's Lake watershed down to highway
 bridge on the Idaho Falls highway in
 Bonneville County Nov. 1 - Apr. 15.
 Bingham County except that portion of
 Blackfoot Reservoir in Bingham
 County Nov. 1 - Apr. 15.

Raccoon:

- Districts 1 and 2 Nov. 15 - Dec. 31.
 District 3:
 Ada, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Owyhee, Payette
 and Washington Counties Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.
 District 4 Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.

- 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.—Taking of muskrats is restricted to traps only. No flesh of any game-bird, game-fish, or game-animal shall be used for bait in trapping fur-bearing animals. It is unlawful to destroy, disturb, or remove the traps of any licensed trapper. 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 trapping fur in Idaho must have a license, and 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. It is unlawful for any person to have marten skins or pelts in his possession after 14 days from the termination of the marten trapping season unless it has been properly tagged with tag issued by the Fish and Game Department. Conservation officers will tag each marten skin.

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

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

ILLINOIS

Open seasons

Beaver, marten, otter No open season.
Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, fox (red and gray),
skunk:
Northern zone (see exception and note) , Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
Exception: 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.
Exception: Red and gray fox No closed season.
Other fur animals No closed season.

Note.—Northern zone comprises Henderson, Iroquois, Livingston, 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; nonresident, \$5. Fur buyer, resident: wholesaler, \$50; retailer, \$10; trap license, \$10; fur buyer, nonresident, \$100; expiration date, January 1 of each year.

INDIANA

Open seasons

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 nonresident 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 nonresident 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 nonresident fur dealers licenses.

KANSAS

Open seasons

Beaver (see note), otter No open season.
Note.—The State game warden is authorized after investigation, to have taken under his supervision, as many beavers as he deems necessary for protection of property.
 Fox No closed season.
 Badger, civet cat, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon,
 skunk Dec. 1 — Jan. 31.

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

Open seasons

Beaver, otter No open season.
 Fox (red), mink, muskrat, skunk, opossum, raccoon
 (See exception) Dec. 1 — Jan. 31.
Exception: Hunted and taken by dog only Nov. 1 — Jan. 31.
 Rabbit Nov. 20— Jan. 15.
 Squirrel Aug. 15— Nov. 30.

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. 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.

Bag Limit.—Rabbit, 3 a day.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.—Trappers, no restrictions on skins legally taken. Green hides of raccoons, opossums, skunks, muskrats, and minks may be possessed until February 15. Fur buyers, no restrictions on skins legally purchased. Green hides of raccoons, opossums, skunks, muskrats, and minks may be possessed until February 20. Fur processors may trade and traffic in furs with licensed processors and manufacturers the year round.

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 cat, mink, opossum, otter, raccoon, skunk, weasel	Nov. 20 - Jan. 20.
Muskrat, nutria (coypu)	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 dealers 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.

Shipment and export.—State tax (otter, 25¢; mink, nutria (coypu) 10¢; 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.

***Closed season on muskrats February 16 to November 30 inclusive.

MAINE

Open seasons

Beaver (see exception), fisher, sableNo open season.

Exception: The Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game may open the season on beavers that are polluting the water supply and damaging property.

BearNo closed season.

Bobcat, Canada lynx (loup cervier), porcupineNo closed season.

Fox (see note 1), otter, raccoon and skunk (see note 2), weaselOct. 16 - Feb. 15.

Note 1.---There is no closed season for hunting foxes in organized territory for a period of 2 years from August 14, 1946.

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.

MinkNov. 1 - Nov. 30.

Muskrat:

Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, and York CountiesMar. 20 - Apr. 20.
Aroostook CountyNov. 17 - Nov. 30.
Apr. 26 - May 15.

Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot, Piscataquis, Somerset and OxfordNov. 17 - Nov. 30.
Apr. 10 - Apr. 25.

Kennebec and WashingtonApr. 1 - Apr. 30.

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

License.---Resident, State-wide, \$10; in organized territory, \$5; nonresident 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

BeaverNo open season.

Otter, muskrat, minkJan. 1 - Mar. 15.

RabbitNov. 15 - Dec. 31.

Raccoon, opossumNov. 1 - Jan. 31.

Squirrel (see note)Sept. 15 - Sept. 30.

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 trappers must report to the De-
partment 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 (see exceptions):
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 inter-
sected by highway U.S. 25; thence northward

along highway U S 25 to its junction with M. 56; thence along M 56 to its junction with highway No. 379; thence along highway No. 379 to its junction with Oak Street in the city of Wyandotte; thence east to the international boundary; thence southeast along the international boundary to its junction with the Ohio boundary line in Lake Erie; thence southwest along the Ohio boundary line to the place of beginning. All of Grosse Ile is included in this area.

Rabbit (cottontail), hare (varying or snowshoe):	<u>Open seasons</u>
Upper Peninsula	Oct. 1 - Mar. 1.
Lower Peninsula north of townline 16 and west of Saginaw Bay	Oct. 15 - Jan. 31.
Rest of Lower Peninsula	Oct. 15 - Dec. 31.
Raccoon (trapping) (see note):	
Upper Peninsula (see exception)	No open season.
<u>Exception:</u> Delta and Menominee Counties	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. 15.
<u>Note.</u> —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), \$2.00. Licensees 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 \$2 additional for seal to be attached to each skin. Nonresidents are not permitted to trap.

MINNESOTA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Badger	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1.
Bear	No closed season.
Beaver, muskrat, mink	(See note.)
Fisher, marten, otter	No open season.
Raccoon	Nov. 1 - Dec. 1.

Open seasons

Skunk	Nov. 1 - Mar. 1.
Squirrel	Oct. 15 - Dec. 31.
Other fur animals	No closed season.

Note.—Consult Department of Conservation, State Office Building, St. Paul 1, for seasons on beavers, muskrats and mink.

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

Shipment and export.—Protected fur bearing animals sealed and having a permit may be transported at any time. Package must have name of sender and license number and the number and kinds of skins contained therein on the outside of the package.

Licenses.—Resident, \$3.00; beaver trapping license, \$2.50; special seal required for each beaver pelt, \$1.00. Nonresidents not permitted to trap. Any resident under 16 years of age does not need a license to trap.

MISSISSIPPI

Consult State Game and Fish Commission, 330 East Pearl Street, Jackson 104, Mississippi. Data not received when Abstract was prepared.

MISSOURI

Open seasons

Beaver (see note)	No open season.
<u>Note.</u> —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.
<u>Note.</u> —Gray foxes may be taken with rifle, gun or dog from December 1 to March 31. Foxes may be pursued at any time, but taken only during the open season.	
Raccoon (see note)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 15.
<u>Note.</u> —Only 10 raccoons may be taken by a hunter or trapper during the open season. Raccoons may be pursued with dogs under control but may be taken only during the open season.	
Other fur animals	No open season.

Note.—The State Conservation Commission, Jefferson City, advises that there may be changes effective January 1948. Consult the Commission for verification on seasons.

Possession and sale.—Possession and sale of green pelts during the closed season is prohibited. The buying season extends from December 1 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.

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), \$2.50; hunting and fishing, county of residence, \$2.00; hunting, fishing and trapping (State), \$4.00. Nonresident hunting, \$15 (does not include fur animals). Fur dealer or buyer; resident dealer \$100; resident buyer (State), \$20; nonresident fur buyer (State), \$150; limited, \$25.

MONTANA

Open seasons

Beaver (see note) (Special permit required) No open season.

Note.—The shooting of beavers is prohibited.

After investigations, the State Game Warden may issue a special permit to property owners (fee \$10) to trap beavers 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.

Black-footed ferret, bobcat, civet cat, coyote, lynx, mountain lion, skunk, weasel, wolf, wolverine, badger No closed season.
 Fox, mink, raccoon Nov. 20 - Dec. 31.
 Marten, fisher, otter No open season
 Muskrat, raccoon Mar. 1 - Mar. 31.

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 is 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 60¢). 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 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

Consult Game, Forestation and Parks Commission, Lincoln 9, Nebraska. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

NEVADA

Open seasons

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

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.—Beaver and otter to be taken only by State Commission.

Licenses.—Trapper's license is required for trapping: Resident, \$1; nonresident, \$10; declarant alien, \$15; alien, \$30; mink and muskrat special license, \$15 in addition to proper general trapper's license; resident fur dealer, \$1; fur dealer's agents, \$10; nonresident fur dealer, \$25.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Consult Fish and Game Department, Concord, New Hampshire. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

NEW JERSEY

Open seasons

Beaver (see note)Feb. 1 - Feb. 29.

Note.---The Division of Fish & Game may issue permits not exceeding 100 in any one calendar year to trap not more than 5 beavers between February 1 - 29; fee, \$5.00. No such beaver may be sold unless tagged by game warden. It is illegal to possess raw pelts unless tagged, whether from beaver killed within or out of State. Landowner or lessees on at least partly cultivated areas may take beavers under permit, but carcasses must be turned over to State for disposition.

Mink, muskrat, otterDec. 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 animalsNo closed season.

Bag limit.---Raccoons, 15 a season.

Licenses.---Resident, \$3.15; nonresident and alien, \$15.50.

NEW MEXICO

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, coati mundi, fox, masked ferret, raccoon, ring-tailed cat, weasel Oct. 1 - Mar. 31.

Bear (see note) Classed as Game Animals

Note.---Bears may be hunted with or without trained dogs Sept. 15-Nov. 5 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, mink, marten No open season.

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.

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.

Note.—May be taken by shooting only on land 7 a.m. and 5 p.m., E.S.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.

Open seasons

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

Open seasons

Bear (game animal) (see exception) Oct. 15 - Jan. 1.

Exception: Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland,
Harnett, Hoke, New Hanover, Robeson, Sampson and
Scotland Counties, hunting allowed only on Tuesdays,
Thursdays, and Saturdays Oct. 15-Jan. 1.

Beaver No open season.

Fox:

Communicate with the Department of Conservation and De-
velopment, Raleigh, for information on county regu-
lations. In counties not having local fox laws,
foxes may be taken at any time of the year except
that guns may be used only during the open season
on other game birds or animals.

Mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon (see exception and note). . Dec. 1-Feb.15.

Exception: Bladen, Columbus, Duplin, Greene, Hoke,
Robeson, Sampson, Wayne, and Wilson Counties Jan. 1-Jan.31.

Pender County shall be closed to trapping except for
mink, muskrat, and otter along the streams from January
1 though January 31.

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

Otter Jan. 1-Jan.31.

Skunk, weasel, wildcat No closed season.

Note.--It is unlawful to set steel traps in Graham and Haywood Counties unless for the protection of domestic fowl and livestock or crops; and in all counties west of Surry, Wilkes, Alexander, Catawba, and Cleveland Counties, except that such steel traps may be set for muskrat and mink in the water and along streams in the cultivated portion along said streams. It is unlawful to hunt or trap within 500 yards of high water during flood periods on any stream.

Bag limit.--Bear, 2 a day and 2 a season.

Possession, sale, shipment, and export.--Residents may ship within the State game lawfully taken during open season. Nonresidents may ship game lawfully taken on permit from Commissioner but during one open season not more than 2 days' bag limit of game animals. Game shipments must be plainly marked as to owner and contents.

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; non-resident permit to buy furs from State-wide licensed dealer, \$1.

NORTH DAKOTA

	<u>Open seasons</u>
Badger	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.
Beaver (see note)	No open season.
<u>Note.</u> --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.	
Skunk	Oct. 1 - Feb. 28.
Fox	No closed season.
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	Oct 1 - Feb. 15.

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

Open seasons

- Fox (red and gray) (see note) No closed season.
 Mink (see exception) Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
Exception: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Huron, Geauga, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties Nov. 15 - Mar. 15.
 Muskrat (see exception) Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
Exception: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Erie, Lake, Huron, Geauga, Lorain, Lucas, Ottawa, and Sandusky Counties Nov. 15 - Mar. 15.
 Opossum, raccoon (see note) Nov. 15 - Jan. 15.
Note.—Raccoons may be taken only between 6 p.m. and 6 a.m. E.S.T., except on November 15 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.
 Skunk No open season.

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, marten	No open season.
Mink, otter, muskrat, raccoon	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, otter, and muskrat: resident, \$3; 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. Trappers required to submit report within 30 days of close of season.

Open seasons.

Beaver (by traps only, State-wide) Feb. 15 - Mar. 1.

Note.—Nonresidents may not trap beavers. One person may set, tend or operate 10 traps only. Beaver traps must not be set on the structure of any beaver dam or house or within 25 feet of the waterline of either thereof. Trappers are required to keep tags above ice or waterline to facilitate identification without disturbing traps. Pelts must be tagged within 10 days after season, and may not be sold or otherwise disposed of until properly tagged. Present them to Protector in District or County where trapped.

Bear Nov. 17 - Nov. 22.

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

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

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

Raccoon:

Hunting by individual or party (see note) Oct. 15 - Feb. 1.

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

Note.—Hunting season begins at noon opening date and ends at same hour on closing date; traps not to be placed before 9 a.m. on the opening date or before 7 a.m. on any later opening date for trapping. The season closes at 12 noon on the last date indicated for trapping to permit removal of animals caught on the last night of the season and lifting traps by daylight. Traps must be tagged; metal name tags required. Trappers are requested to refrain from setting traps in trails to avoid destroying game and injuring dogs.

Snares (see note) Dec. 16 - Mar. 31.

Note.—May be used without springpoles for taking predators in the counties of Clarion, Crawford, Forest and Warren; all other counties closed.

Squirrel:

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

Red Nov. 1 - Sept. 30.

Bag limits.—Bear (over 1 year old) by individual, 1; hunting party of 3 or more, 2. Beaver, 2; rabbit (cottontail), 20; raccoon, squirrel (red), mink, opossum, skunk, muskrat (traps only), unlimited; squirrel (black, fox, and gray), 24; otter, 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 therefore 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 (fee 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, \$100.

RHODE ISLAND

Open seasons

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

Open seasons

Bear No closed season.
 Fox (hunting only, may not be trapped) (see exceptions) Sept. 15-Feb. 15.
Exceptions:
 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 consignor and consignee and the number and kinds of skins. No other restrictions on skins legally taken.

Licenses.—Resident: State, \$3.10; county, \$1.10. Nonresident: State, \$15.25.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Consult Department of Game, Fish and Parks, Pierre, South Dakota. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

TENNESSEE

Consult Department of Conservation, Nashville 10, Tennessee. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

TEXAS

Open seasons

Badger, civet cat, ringtail cat, otter, skunk (see exceptions and note) Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.

Exceptions:

Cherokee county, steel traps permitted . . . Dec. 15-Jan. 15.

Cottle County Dec. 1-Feb. 15.

Beaver (see exception and note) Dec. 1-Jan. 31.

Exceptions:

Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kimble, Maverick, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, Terrell, and Val Verde Counties Jan. 1-Jan. 15.

Bobcat, cougar, coyote, mountain and Mexican lion, ocelot, weasel, wildcat, wolf No closed season.

Fox (see exceptions and note)

Exceptions:

Brazos, Falls, Henderson, Limestone and Upshur Counties (except when destroying or about to destroy domestic fowls or

other stock) No open season.

Bowie, Jefferson, Rusk and Shelby Counties . . . No open season.

Camp County (if traps or guns are used) . . . No open season.

Cass County Dec. 1 - Dec. 31.

Burleson, Denton, Freestone, Guadalupe,

Hardin, Henderson, Jasper, Kaufman, Lee,

Leon, Madison, Matamoras, Newton, Panola,

Sabine, San Augustine, San Jacinto, Shelby

and Walker Counties No closed season.

Navarro County (if steel traps, snare, or

deadfalls are used) No open season.

Open seasons

Mink, raccoon (see exceptions and note) Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.

Exceptions:

Cherokee County, steel traps permitted during . Dec. 15 - Jan. 15.

Cottle County Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.

Muskrat (trapping only) (see exceptions and note) . . . Nov. 15 - Mar. 15.

Exceptions:

Brewster, Culberson, El Paso, Hudspeth, Jeff
Davis, Pecos, Presidio, Reeves, and Terrell

Counties Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.

Cherokee County (if steel traps are used). . Dec. 15 - Jan. 15.

Cottle County Nov. 15 - Apr. 1.

Note.—Muskrats may be taken by persons on own
premises at any time by any means.

Opossum (see exceptions) Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.

Exceptions:

Cherokee County Dec. 15 - Jan. 15.

Cottle County Dec. 1 - Feb. 15.

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.

Parker County: Unlawful to liberate or possess fox.

Robertson County: May not sell fox or their pelts.

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

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

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

UTAH

Open seasons

Beaver (see note), otter No open season.
Note.—Beavers damaging farms or other property
 may be trapped under authorization of the
 State Fish and Game Commission.

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.—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 authori ation 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 Island County No closed season.

Note.—Franklin County: Trapping prohibited
 except in Town of Swanton where fox may be
 taken at any time.

Mink, marten, and otter 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.

Lamoille County Oct. 25 - Feb. 14.

Raccoon (see note) Oct. 25 - Dec. 30.

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.

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

Possession and sale.—Possession of fur animals during the closed season is prohibited, but furs or skins of animals legally taken may be possessed, bought or sold at any time.

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

Licenses.—Trapping: resident, \$1.75; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyer: resident, \$2.00; nonresident, \$50. Fur buyers are required to keep records of purchases and sales and file report on same at the end of license year. Hunting: resident, \$1.25; nonresident, \$12.50.

VIRGINIA

Open seasons

Black bear (trapping) (see note)	Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.
Note.—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>	
Albermarle 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	
Muskrat, otter (trapping)	No closed season.
West of the Blue Ridge and in Albemarle, Culpeper, Fauquier, Greene, Loudoun, Madison, Orange and Rappahannock Counties	
East of the Blue Ridge (except in 8 counties above mentioned)	Dec. 1 - Feb. 28.
Opssum (trapping)	Jan. 1 - Mar. 15.
Rabbit (trapping)	Dec. 1 - Jan. 31.
Skunk, weasel, wildcat	Nov. 15 - Jan. 31.
	No closed season.

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

Bag limit.—Rabbit, 10 a day; 150 a season.

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

Licenses.—Resident, \$5 (State); \$1.50 (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 notes)	Dec. 1 - Dec. 31.
Other fur animals	Dec. 1 - 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, Little Spokane, and Burnt Bridge Creek game reserves from Nov. 15, 1947, to Jan. 15, 1948, both dates inclusive.

It is lawful for any person holding a trapper's license to hunt raccoons with dogs at night during the open season trapping season.

It is unlawful for any person to shoot fur animals except raccoons with any firearms whatsoever.

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 Jan. 14, 1948, it shall be unlawful for any person to possess any marten skins not so tagged.

No bag limit.

Possession, sale, shipment, export and licenses.—Correspond with the State Game Commission, 515 Smith Tower, Seattle, Washington.

WEST VIRGINIA

Open seasons

Beaver (see note)	Feb. 5 - Feb. 16.
<u>Note.</u> —Trapping by permit only on beavers causing damage to crops.	
Fox (red) (see exception)	No closed season.
<u>Exception:</u> Calhoun, Doddridge, Gilmer, Jackson, Pleasants, Roane, Tyler, Wayne, Wetzel, Wirt.	
Mink, muskrat	Dec. 1 - Feb. 16.
Raccoon, skunk, opossum	Nov. 11 - Jan. 31.

Bag limit.—Raccoons, 2 a day; 10 a season;
Beaver, 3 a day; 3 a season.

Possession and sale.—Possession permitted during the open season only, but fresh skins may be possessed for 10 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. Resident state-wide beaver trapping license, \$2. 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 (no bag limit) (see note)	Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. to Dec. 15.
<u>Note.</u> —Calumet, Columbia, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fon du Lac, Grant, Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha, Lafayette, Manitowoc, Marquette, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine, Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth, Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties.	

In all other counties Oct. 18 at 1 p.m. to Dec. 10.

Note.—The owner or occupant of any land and any member of his family may take badger thereon at any time.

Bear (see notes):

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

Clark, Eau Claire, Marathon, Polk and Shawano
counties (no bag limit) Nov. 22 - Nov. 30.
All other counties No open season.

Note.—Hunting of bear with dogs is prohibited at all
times except under special permit.

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 and visible 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
wire of not less than 14 gauge approximately three feet
from the ground; and (3) no bear trap shall be set
within two rods of any trail or road.

Beaver, otter No open season.

Mink (no bag limit) (see note):

Dodge (except state and federally owned lands on
Horicon marsh), Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago,
and the town of Friendship in Fond du Lac county.

Water sets permitted Oct. 25 - Jan. 1.

Water sets prohibited Jan. 2 - Mar. 15.

In all other counties No open season.

Note.—A dry mink set is defined as any mink set on
land or ice that is staked in a manner as to
prohibit the trap or trapped animal from reaching
the water at any point.

Muskrat (no bag limit):

Dodge (except state and federally owned lands on
Horicon marsh), Waupaca, Waushara, Winnebago,
and the town of Friendship in Fond du Lac county.

Water sets permitted Oct. 25 - Jan. 1.

Water sets prohibited Jan. 2 - Mar. 15.

In all other counties No open season.

Skunk (no bag limit):

Calumet, Crawford, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Grant,
Green, Green Lake, Iowa, Jefferson, Kenosha,
Lafayette, Manitowoc, Milwaukee, Ozaukee, Racine,
Richland, Rock, Sauk, Sheboygan, Walworth,

Washington, Waukesha and Winnebago counties . Nov. 1 at 1 p.m.
to Dec. 15.

All other counties No closed season.

Notes.—Write to the Conservation Department, Madison 2, for regulations on method of taking fur bearing animals.

Horicon Marsh, Dodge County: Within the discretion of the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Wisconsin conservation director, an open season for mink, muskrat, and raccoon may be declared on the Federal and State-owned lands on Horicon Marsh under written permit from the Fish and Wildlife Service or their representative and from the director of the Wisconsin Conservation Department between October 25, 1947, and March 1, 1948. All other fur bearing animal seasons on Horicon Marsh on both Federal and State-owned areas will concur with the State season on these fur bearers, and hunting and trapping will be permitted only under permit.

Necedah National Wildlife Refuge, Juneau County: There shall be an open season for mink, muskrat, and raccoon on Necedah National Wildlife Refuge from October 25 to December 15, 1947, no bag limit, trapping to be authorized only under permit. Open season for beaver from March 15, 1948, to April 15, 1948, 20 per season, under such contracts as the Federal government may negotiate. No person or persons may retain more than 10 beaver pelts in his own personal possession. Open season for fox, opossum, skunk, and weasel all year, no bag limit, trapping to be authorized only under permit.

Note.—Consult Conservation Department, Madison 2, for seasons on rabbits, showshoe hares, raccoon and squirrels.

Possession, sale and licenses.—Consult Conservation Department, Madison 2 for information.

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.
 and Jan. 1 - May 31.

Note.—Seasons practiced but not established by
 order. 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 (Outside National Forests) Nov. 10 - Dec. 20.
 Mink, fisher, fox, marten, otter (National Forest
 Areas) Nov. 10 - Dec. 20

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

Licenses.—Resident, \$3.00; nonresident, \$25. Fur dealer: resi-
 dent, \$10; nonresident, \$100. Predator license on National Forest
 Lands only, \$1.00.

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ALBERTA

Consult Department of Lands and Mines, Edmonton. Data not available when Abstract prepared.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Open seasons

Eastern District (see note):

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. 1 - 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):

All fur animals (except sea otter and badger)

(see exception):

North of 51st parallel of north latitude

Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.

South of 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.--It is illegal to sell pelts of fur animals
taken in the closed season or to possess unprime pelts. Possession of
pelts legally taken is permitted during the open season and 14 days
thereafter (1 month north of the 52nd parallel). Special permit is
required for possession at other times. All beaver pelts must be
tagged.

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

Open seasons

North of the 53rd Parallel:

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.

South of the 53rd Parallel:

Badger, marten	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.
Beaver, otter (see exception), raccoon	No open season.

Exception: Otter, east of Lake Winnipeg to the Ontario boundary, and north of the Winnipeg River to the 53rd Parallel, and in the Whiteshell Forest Reserve north of the Whiteshell Game Preserve

Fisher, mink	Nov. 1 - Apr. 30.
Fox, lynx	Nov. 1 - Feb. 28.
Muskrat (see exception)	Nov. 1 - Jan. 31.
	Apr. 2 - Apr. 24.

Exception: South of the 53rd 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.

Open seasons

- Beaver (see note) No open season.
Note.—No person shall set a trap or snare closer than 100 feet to any beaver dam, house or pond.
- Fisher, marten, otter No open season.
- Fox (see note), mink, raccoon Nov. 1 - Dec. 31.
Note.—Digging of fox homes or burrows prohibited.
- Muskrat (see note):
 Westmorland, Albert, St. John, Charlotte including Grand Manan, Kings, Queens, Sunbury, and York (south of St. John River) Counties Apr. 1 - Apr. 30.
 Kent, Northumberland, Gloucester, Restigouche, Madawaska, Victoria, Carleton, and York (north of St. John River) Counties Apr. 1 - May 25.
Note.—Shooting of muskrat or digging out houses or earth burrows prohibited.
- Rabbit Sept. 15 - Feb. 29.
Note.—No hunting allowed at any time with dog or hounds except by special permit.

Possession and sale.—A bona fide resident of the Province does not require a license to sell raw furs legally killed or taken by himself, provided that such raw furs are sold to the holder of a nonresident or resident fur dealer's license. All hunters of game must report to the Chief Game Warden immediately after the close of the open season stating the number of game animals killed. Penalty for not reporting, \$50. The license or unused tags need not be returned as formerly.

Shipment and export.—Raw furs must be stamped by an officer of the Department, royalty paid, and shipping permit secured before the same are allowed to be exported out of the Province (exception: ranch-raised mink, cross, patch, and silver black foxes). All game meat, hides, and heads must be tagged for transportation. The Federal government controls the export of game by nonresident hunters and arrangements must be made with the Dominion Customs Officers at ports of exit. See instructions on license.

Licenses.—Trapping: nonresident, \$100; residents do not require a license to trap. Fur dealers: nonresident, \$100; resident, \$25.

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Open seasons

Fox (including Arctic and colored):

North of timber-line	Apr. 1 - Oct. 31.
South of timber-line	Mar. 1 - Oct. 31.
Lynx, mink, fisher	Apr. 1 - Oct. 31.
Marten	No open season

Otter:

North of the Arctic circle	May 16 - Oct. 31.
South of the Arctic circle	May 1 - Oct. 1.

Muskrat:

North of the Arctic Circle	June 8 - Feb. 29.
South of the Arctic Circle	June 1 - Feb. 29.

Polar Bear June 1 - Sept. 30.

Licenses:—For resident and nonresident trapping licenses consult the Director, Lands, Parks, and Forests Branch, Department of Mines and Resources, Ottawa, Ontario.

NOVA SCOTIA

Open seasons

Bear, wildcat, wolf	No closed season.
Beaver, fisher, marten	No open season.
Fox, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, weasel	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 up 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. Fur buyers are required to report monthly on pelts purchased and sold.

ONTARIO

Open seasons

Bear, lynx, skunk, weasel, wolf, wolverine No closed season.
 Beaver, muskrat—Seasons to be fixed by regulation
 of the Department of Lands and Forests, 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 Game Inspector, Department of Agriculture, Charlottetown.
 Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

QUEBEC

Open seasons

Bear (see exception) No closed season.
Exception: Hunting prohibited in parks. Special season for clubs.
 Beaver: Write to Department of Game and Fisheries, Quebec.
 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

Consult the Department of Natural Resources and Industrial Development, Natural Resources Bldg., Regina, Saskatchewan. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

YUKON

Open seasons

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.
Squirrel, weasel	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31.

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

Consult the Department of Natural Resources, St. Johns. Data not available when Abstract was prepared.

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- Alabama: Director, Department of Conservation, Montgomery.
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- Arkansas: Executive Secretary, Game and Fish Commission, State Capitol, Little Rock.
- California: Executive Secretary, Fish and Game Commission, Department of Natural Resources, Ferry Building, San Francisco 11.
- Colorado: Superintendent of Fur Resources, State Game and Fish Commission, 1350 Sherman Street, Denver.
- Connecticut: Game Technician, State Board of Fisheries and Game, Hartford 1.
- Delaware: Chief Game Warden, Board of Game and Fish Commissioners, Dover.
- District of Columbia: Metropolitan Police, Washington.
- Florida: Director, Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission, Tallahassee.
- Georgia: Director, State Game and Fish Commission, 412 State Capitol, Atlanta.
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- Kentucky: Director, Department of Conservation, Frankfort.
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- Maine: Chief Warden, Department of Inland Fisheries and Game, State House, Augusta.
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- New Hampshire: Director, Fish and Game Department, State House Annex, Concord.
- New Jersey: Executive Secretary, Board of Fish and Game Commissioners, State House, Trenton.
- New Mexico: State Game Warden, State Game and Fish Commission, Santa Fe.
- New York: Director, Division of Fish and Game, Conservation Department, Albany.

North Carolina: Commissioner, Division of Game and Inland Fisheries,
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North Dakota: Game and Fish Commissioner, Game and Fish Department,
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Ohio: Commissioner, Division of Conservation and Natural Resources,
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South Dakota: Director, Department of Game, Fish, and Parks, Pierre.

Tennessee: Director, Division of Game and Fish, Department of Con-
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Virginia: Executive Director, Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries,
Travelers Building, Richmond 13.

Washington: Director, Department of Game, State Game Commission, 515
Smith Tower, Seattle.

West Virginia: Game Technician, Conservation Commission of West
Virginia, Charleston.

Wisconsin: Game Management, Conservation Department, Madison 2.

Wyoming: State Game Warden, Wyoming Game and Fish Commission, Cheyenne.

Canada: Controller, National Parks Bureau, Department of Mines and
Resources, Ottawa.

Alberta: Fish and Game Commissioner, Department of Lands and Mines,
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British Columbia: Game Commission, 650 Burrard Street, Vancouver.

Manitoba: Director of Game and Fisheries, Department of Mines and
Natural Resources, Winnipeg.

New Brunswick: Chief Game Warden, Department of Lands and Mines, Fredricton.

Northwest Territories: Director, Lands, Parks, and Forests Branch, Dept.
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Ontario: Minister, Department of Game and Fisheries, Parliament
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Prince Edward Island: Game Inspector, Department of Agriculture,
Charlottetown.

Quebec: Minister, Department of Game and Fisheries, Quebec.

Saskatchewan: Game Commissioner, Dept. of Natural Resources, Regina.

Yukon: Territorial Secretary, Dawson.

Newfoundland: Chief Game Warden, Department of Natural Resources,
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Mexico: Secretaria de Agricultura y Fomento, Calle de Edison No. 145,
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THE FEDERAL LACEY ACT

An act of Congress of May 25, 1900 (31 State. 187), 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 State. 380), confers upon employees of the Department of the Interior authorization 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 State. 840), provides that all packages or containers, except those from foreign countries, in which the furs, hides or skins 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.

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