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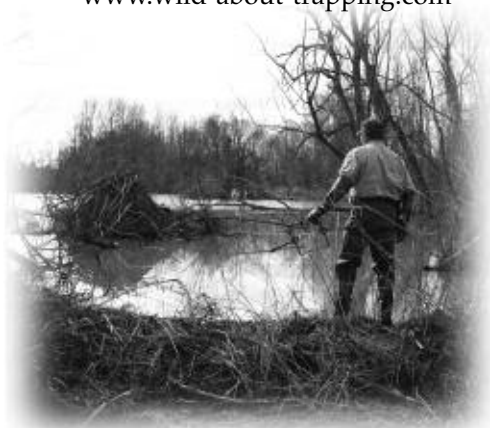
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OTHER TRAPPING INFORMATION:

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**Trapping
and
Fur Dealing
Regulations**

Including Nuisance Animal Regulations



Trapping SeasonNov. 1 - Feb. 28
all species
Bag & Possession LimitsNone

Trapping License:

Resident\$25.00
Non-Resident\$205.00

Fur Dealer's License:

Resident\$50.00
Non-Resident\$205.00

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TRAPPING and NUISANCE ANIMALS

General Regulations

- ◆ A trapping license is required of anyone 16 years of age or older who traps furbearers (bobcat, mink, muskrat, opossum, otter, raccoon, and weasel), or nuisance animals (beaver, coyote, fox, nutria, skunks, and wild hogs) in the State of Mississippi, except landowners trapping on their own land. This license shall also be required of each assistant or helper 16 years of age or older employed or used by a trapper.
- ◆ Trappers are required to have an identification number, which is registered with the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks (MDWFP), attached to ALL traps by a metal tag or permanently inscribed, etched, or stamped on the trap. This identification number is required to purchase a trapping license. Trappers may secure their identification number by contacting the (MDWFP), 1505 Eastover Dr., Jackson, MS 39211-6374, ph. (601) 432-2170. Any trap found without a registered identification number will be in violation and subject to removal by a conservation officer.
- ◆ Resident and non-resident trapping licenses may only be purchased from the Jackson Office, any District Office, State Lake, or State Park.
- ◆ A trapping license is required to sell the pelts and/or skins of nuisance animals and furbearers, and may be sold only during the trapping season and for 10 days thereafter, subsequent to other applicable statutes and regulations, to include Mississippi Code Ann. §49-7-13(6).
- ◆ Trappers must have permission to trap on any land other than their own.
- ◆ All traps must be attended at least once every 36-hour period.
- ◆ No traps may be placed on or set within 100 feet of any street or public road. It shall be unlawful for any person to disturb the traps of another or to take furbearing/nuisance animals from them unless authorized by the owner.

- ◆ It is illegal to trap with the aid of bait, recordings of bird or animal calls, or electrically amplified imitations of calls of any kind. However, lure is allowed for trapping furbearers, beaver, nutria, coyote, skunk, and fox, provided that no more than two and one-half (2.5) cubic inches of such lure may be placed or located within twenty (20) feet of any trap. *(The lure amount of 2.5 cubic inches is approximately the volume equivalent of a regulation-sized golfball).* All lure within twenty (20) feet of any trap must be covered and not visible from above. However, there are no lure restrictions when used inside live-cage type traps that do not exceed forty-two (42) inches in length, fifteen (15) inches in width, and twenty (20) inches in height. Liquid scents may be used.
- ◆ It is unlawful to trap any animal, except beaver, coyote, fox, nutria, skunk, and wild hogs in any period other than the trapping season on furbearing animals
- ◆ Beaver, coyote, fox, nutria, skunks, and wild hogs are classified as “nuisance animals” and may be taken year-round on private lands, and open public lands that have statewide seasons without special regulations as allowed according to Public Notice LE3-3779 *(see Nuisance Wildlife Regulations pamphlet or Public Notice LE3-3779).*
- ◆ Fox may be trapped during the closed season on property owned or leased by the person trapping.
- ◆ The carcasses of raccoons, muskrats, and opossums may be sold for food during the open trapping season and for ten (10) days after the close of trapping season.
- ◆ The holder of an All Game License, Sportsman License, or Trapping License may sell any part of any nuisance animal year-round.

Special Requirements

- ◆ Each trapper is required to complete and return a Trapper Harvest Survey to the MDWFP for the 2009-10 season. The survey will be provided by the MDWFP, after the trapping season has concluded, and must be satisfactorily completed and returned. Any trapper failing to return a completed harvest survey may be denied a trapping license the following year. Trappers are urged to keep accurate records of their harvests during the season.

TAGGING REQUIREMENTS

Federal regulations which require tagging to account for harvest of bobcat and river otter are in effect. The Commission requires the tagging of otter and bobcat, to account for harvest of these species, which are subject to federal export regulations. **Such species, harvested in Mississippi, must be tagged by a MDWFP representative within 14 days of harvest, and prior to shipping or transporting out of Mississippi.** Tag prices are twenty-five cents (\$0.25) each. Tags may be purchased from the Jackson Office or any District Office.

Note: For pelts or carcasses that will be frozen prior to tagging. *It is recommended that an object, such as a wooden dowel or plastic tube of sufficient size, be placed through the eye-hole of pelts or eye-hole and upper lip of carcasses before freezing. When the frozen pelts or carcasses are tagged, removal of the object will provide an opening to facilitate application of the tag. Frozen pelts should be rolled in a fashion to obtain easy access to the head area.*



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FUR DEALING

General Regulations

- ◆ Any person, whether a resident or a non-resident of this state, who is a fur dealer, or who regularly buys furbearing animals from trappers or hunters, shall be required to obtain a fur dealing license. Licenses may only be purchased at the Jackson Office, any District Office, State Lake, or State Park. Such license shall be valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance unless suspended or revoked earlier, and it is renewable upon payment of the fee.
- ◆ Dealers or persons who regularly buy furbearing animals from trappers or hunters are authorized to possess inventories of dried or stretched furs and skins at any time. However, dealers or other fur buyers are authorized to buy, transport, sell, or offer for sale inventories of fur for only ninety (90) days beyond the close of the trapping season set by the Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks. The Commission may, at its discretion, extend the 90-day period.
- ◆ Persons acquiring fur for the sole purpose of tanning, dressing, manufacturing, or otherwise preparing finished fur products are authorized to buy, sell, possess, and transport inventories of fur and finished fur products at any time for these related purposes.

Special Requirements

- ◆ All licensed fur dealers must keep permanent records of the number and kind of each raw fur, skin, or pelt sold and the name and address of persons to whom all raw furs, skins, or pelts are sold or consigned.
- ◆ Dealers shall be required to maintain accurate records, and fur houses shall be open to conservation officers upon request for inspection without warrant. These records shall be subject to examination and inspection by an agent of the MDWFP upon request.
- ◆ A completed and returned fur dealer survey may be required from each licensed dealer. The MDWFP will provide a survey form if required.