

DIVISION 050
FURBEARING AND UNPROTECTED MAMMAL REGULATIONS

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General Furbearer Regulations

The following general regulations apply to furbearer seasons:

(1) The appropriate furtaker's license or hunting license for furbearers must be in possession to hunt and/or trap furbearers.

(2) Any person possessing a valid furtaker's license or hunting license for furbearers is required to fill out and submit a completed harvest report to the Department online, by fax to (503)-947-6117, or by mail at 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302. The form shall be submitted online, received by fax, or postmarked by April 15, 2019 for the 2018–2019 seasons and April 15, 2020 for the 2019–2020 seasons. Failure to do so shall deny the license holder the opportunity to purchase a hunting license for furbearers or furtaker's license for the following furbearer season, unless the non-compliant licensee pays a fee of \$50.00 and completes and returns the harvest report form prior to the requested license being issued.

(3) Any person may sell or exchange the hide, carcass, or any part thereof, of any legally taken furbearing or unprotected mammal.

(4) All traps and snares, whether set for furbearing or other unprotected mammals, shall be legibly marked or branded with the owner's license (brand) number that has been assigned by the Department; except that unmarked traps or snares may be set for nongame mammals unprotected by law or Department regulations by any person or member of his immediate family upon land of which he is the lawful owner. A landowner is required to register the location of such land with the Department and shall possess each year a free landowner's license before hunting or trapping furbearing mammals.

(5) No branded trap or snare may be sold unless accompanied by a uniform bill of sale.

(6) Bobcat, raccoon and opossum may be hunted with the aid of an artificial light provided the light is not cast from or attached to a motor vehicle or boat.

(7) An artificial light may be used to provide light to aid in the dispatch of animals legally restrained in a trap or snare.

(8) Use of dogs is permitted to hunt or pursue bobcat, raccoon, fox, and unprotected mammals.

(9) It is unlawful for any person to trap for furbearers, predatory animals or unprotected mammals using:

(a) A steel foothold trap with a jaw spread greater than 9 inches.

1 (b) A No. 3 or larger foothold trap or any foothold trap with an inside jaw spread at dog greater than
2 6" not having a jaw spacing of at least 3/16 of one inch when the trap is sprung (measurement
3 excludes pads on padded jaw traps) and when the trap is placed in a manner that is not capable of
4 drowning a trapped animal.

5 (c) The flesh of any game bird, game fish, game mammal for trap bait.

6 (d) Any killing trap having a jaw spread of 7.5 inches or more in any land set except when authorized
7 by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

8 (e) Any toothed trap, or trap with a protuberance on the facing edge of the jaws that is intended to
9 hold the animal (except pads on padded jaw traps).

10 (f) Or possessing the branded traps or snares of another unless in possession of written permission
11 from the person to whom the brand is registered.

12 (g) Sight bait within 15 feet of any foothold trap set for carnivores.

13 (10) Except for persons authorized to enforce the wildlife laws, it is unlawful to disturb or remove the
14 traps or snares of any licensed trapper while he is trapping on public lands or on land where he has
15 permission to trap.

16 (11) All traps or snares set or used for the taking of furbearing or unprotected mammals shall be
17 inspected at least every 48 hours and all trapped animals removed. This regulation does not apply to the
18 taking of predatory animals.

19 (12) Any person setting a trap for predatory animals, as defined in ORS 610.002, must check the trap as
20 follows:

21 (a) For killing traps and snares, at least once every 30 days and remove all animals;

22 (b) For restraining traps and snares, at least once every 76 hours and remove all animals. However,
23 restraining traps and snares set by a person owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge
24 of or dominion over any land, place, building, structure, wharf, pier or dock or their agent, and set for
25 predatory animals damaging land, livestock or agricultural or forest crops, shall be checked at least
26 once every 7 days.

27 (13) Any person(s) acting as an agent for a landowner or lawful occupant of land shall have in their
28 possession written authority from the landowner or lawful occupant of the land. Such written authority
29 shall contain at least all of the following:

30 (a) The date of issuance of the authorization;

31 (b) The name, address, telephone number and signature of the person granting the authorization;

32 (c) The name, address and telephone number of the person to whom the authorization is granted; and

1 (d) The expiration date of the authorization, which shall be not later than one year from the date of
2 issuance of the authorization.

3 (14) These general furbearer regulations do not apply to the trapping of gophers, moles, ground squirrels
4 and mountain beaver.

5 (15) When any furbearer or raw furbearer pelt is transferred to the possession of another person, a written
6 record indicating the name and address of the person from whom the raw pelt was obtained shall
7 accompany such transfer and remain with same so long as preserved in raw pelt form.

8 (16) It is unlawful for any person to damage or destroy any muskrat house at any time except where such
9 muskrat house is an obstruction to a private or public ditch or watercourse.

10 (17) It is unlawful to waste the pelt of any furbearer except when authorized by the Oregon Department
11 of Fish and Wildlife.

12 **(18) It is unlawful for any person to use traps or snares suspended in trees in the Siskiyou and**
13 **Siuslaw National Forests.**

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15 Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

16 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

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19 **Areas Closed to Hunting or Trapping**

20 It is *unlawful* to hunt or trap furbearing mammals or unprotected mammals on the following areas except
21 as authorized by permit or as provided in sections (24) **and (25)** of this section:

22 (1) Cemeteries;

23 (2) City and municipal watersheds declared to be refuges;

24 (3) Enterprise Wildlife Area, south of U.P. Railroad, and Marr tract;

25 (4) Federal refuges;

26 (5) Denman Wildlife Area;

27 (6) Fern Ridge Wildlife Area;

28 (7) Irrigon Wildlife Area;

29 (8) Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area;

30 (9) Klamath Wildlife Area;

31 (10) Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area;

32 (11) McDonald Forest (Benton County);

33 (12) Metolius Wildlife Refuge;

- 1 (13) North Bank Habitat Management Area (BLM);
2 (14) Public campgrounds;
3 (15) National, state and public parks;
4 (16) Rimrock Springs Wildlife Area;
5 (17) Sauvie Island Wildlife Area;
6 (18) School lands;
7 (19) Summer Lake Wildlife Area;
8 (20) E.E. Wilson Wildlife Area;
9 (21) St. Louis Ponds
10 (22) Within city boundaries (note, however, that ORS 498.012 allows landowners and their agents to trap
11 for the purpose of dealing with certain types of damage, public nuisance and public health risk. This
12 authority overrides the restriction on trapping within cities);
13 (23) Tillicum Natural Area.
14 (24) Notwithstanding section (22) of this rule, trapping furbearing and unprotected mammals is permitted
15 within incorporated city limits as follows:
16 (a) Warrenton, except within 100 yards of any residential building or within the boundaries of Fort
17 Stevens State Park;
18 (b) Klamath Falls, on a person's own property for muskrat and beaver;
19 (c) Bend, as approved and permitted by the Department;
20 (d) Cottage Grove; applicants must submit written request to the City of Cottage Grove for a trapping
21 permit;
22 **(25) Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area is open to hunting as permitted by the Department**
23 **but closed to trapping furbearing and unprotected mammals.**
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