# Rules of
## Department of Conservation
### Division 10—Conservation Commission
#### Chapter 8—Wildlife Code: Trapping: Seasons, Methods

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3 CSR 10-8.505 Trapping

PURPOSE: This rule requires any person engaged in trapping to possess the prescribed permit.

Any person, to exercise the privilege of trapping, shall obtain and have on his/her person the prescribed permit or temporary permit authorization number(s), unless exempt under provisions of 3 CSR 10-5.205. The temporary permit authorization number(s) and picture identification must be carried at all times while trapping until the actual permit(s) is received. No person shall accept payment for furbears taken by another. Furbers may not be held alive under trapping permits, except as provided in 3 CSR 10-8.515(4).


3 CSR 10-8.510 Use of Traps

PURPOSE: This rule specifies the types of traps that are permitted and the restrictions on their use.

Traps shall be metal traps with smooth or rubber jaws only. Egg-type traps, cage-type traps or snares set under water only, but shall not include pitfalls, deadfalls, snares set in a dry land set, nets and colony traps. Traps and snares shall be plainly labeled, on durable material, with the user’s full name and address. Wildlife shall be removed or released from all traps daily, except for killer (Conibear-type) traps set under water, and they shall be attended and wildlife removed at least once every forty-eight (48) hours. Traps may not be set in paths made or used by persons or domestic animals and Conibear-type traps may not be set along public roadways, except under water in permanent waters. Except as provided in 3 CSR 10-4.130, only cage-type traps may be set within one hundred fifty feet (150') of any residence or occupied building located within the established boundaries of cities or towns containing ten thousand (10,000) or more inhabitants. No killer or Conibear-type trap with a jaw spread greater than five inches (5") shall be used in any dry land set but these traps may be set under water and traps with a jaw spread not greater than eight inches (8") may be set six feet (6') or more above ground level in buildings. Snares must have a loop fifteen inches (15") or less in diameter when set and must have a stop device that prevents the snare from closing to less than two and one-half inches (2 1/2") in diameter. Snares must be constructed of cable that is at least five sixty-fourths inch (5/64") and no greater than one-eighth inch (1/8") in diameter, and must be equipped with a mechanical lock and anchor swivel. Homes, dens or nests of furbers shall not be molested or destroyed.


3 CSR 10-8.515 Furbers: Trapping Seasons

PURPOSE: This rule establishes the open seasons for trapping and for selling pelts and carcasses of furbers.

(1) Raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, badger, red fox, gray fox, bobcat, and mink may be taken in any numbers by trapping during specified seasons and in specified limits described below:

(A) A season limit of five (5) otters, and muskrats in any numbers may be taken from November 20 through January 20 in Otter Management Zones A, C, and D, described as:

1. Otter Management Zone A—That portion of northwest Missouri from the Iowa border and west of a line running south on Worth County Hwy. F to Mo. Hwy. 46; south on Mo. Hwy. 46 to U.S. Hwy. 136; south on U.S. Hwy. 136 to U.S. Hwy. 169; south on U.S. Hwy. 169 to Mo. Hwy. 31; south on Mo. Hwy. 31 to U.S. Hwy. 36; east on U.S. Hwy. 36 to U.S. Hwy. 69; south on U.S. Hwy. 69 to Mo. Hwy. 10; east on Mo. Hwy. 10 to Mo. Hwy. 13; south on Mo. Hwy. 13 to Interstate Hwv. 70; west on Interstate Hwv. 70 to Mo. Hwy. 131; south on Mo. Hwy. 131 to Mo. Hwy. 2; west on Mo. Hwy. 2 to the Kansas line.

2. Otter Management Zone C—That portion of eastern Missouri east and south of a line running west from the Illinois border on Interstate Hwv. 270 to Interstate Hwv. 44; west on Interstate Hwv. 44 to Mo. Hwy. 68; south on Mo. Hwy. 68 to Mo. Hwy. 32; and north of a line comprised of Mo. Hwy. 32 east to St. Francois County Hwy. OO; south on St. Francois County Hwy. OO to St. Francois County Hwv. T; east on St. Francois County Hwv. T to Mo. Hwy. 51; and west of Mo. Hwy. 51 to the Illinois line.

3. Otter Management Zone D—That portion of southwest Missouri west and south of a line running north from the Arkansas border on Mo. Hwy. 37 to U.S. Hwy. 60; east on U.S. Hwy. 60 to Mo. Hwy. 39; north on Mo. Hwy. 39 to U.S. Hwy. 160; west on U.S. Hwy. 160 to the Kansas line.

(B) Otters and muskrat may be taken in any numbers from November 20 through February 20 in Otter Management Zone E, described as:

1. Otter Management Zone E—That portion of south Missouri east and south of a line running north from the Arkansas border on Mo. Hwy. 37 to U.S. Hwy. 60; east on U.S. Hwy. 60 to Mo. Hwy. 39; north on Mo. Hwy. 39 to Interstate Hwv. 44; east on Interstate Hwv. 44 to U.S. Hwy. 65; east of a line running north on U.S. Hwy. 65 to Interstate Hwv. 70; south of a line running east on Interstate Hwv. 70 to the north bank of the Missouri River; east on the Missouri River to U.S. Hwy. 63; south on U.S. Hwy. 63 to Mo. Hwy. 68; south on Mo. Hwy. 68 to Mo. Hwy. 32; and south of a line comprised of Mo. Hwy. 32 to U.S. Hwy. 67; south on U.S. Hwy. 67 to Mo. Hwy. 32; east
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After tanning, pelts may be possessed throughout the year. Skinned carcasses of legally taken furbearers may be sold by the taker throughout the year. (Certain Department of Health rules also govern how furbearer carcasses might be utilized.)

(5) Rabbits may be taken by trap from November 20 to January 20 within prescribed hunting limits, but carcasses may not be sold. These animals may be held for no longer than seventy-two (72) hours after capture, except when confined in facilities and cared for as specified in 3 CSR 10-9.220, and after approval by an agent of the department. Records shall be kept on forms provided by the department.

(6) Restrictions on possession shall not apply to tanned pelts, mounted specimens or manufactured products.

(7) Red fox, gray fox and coyotes may be possessed, bought or sold without permit. Skinned carcasses of legally taken furbearers may be sold by the taker throughout the year. Skinned carcasses of legally taken furbearers may be sold by the taker throughout the year. (Certain Department of Health rules also govern how furbearer carcasses might be utilized.)

(8) By-law 9-9.220, and after approval by an agent of the department. Complete and current records of all transactions must be maintained showing the county of origin, the species, date captured, date of transfer and name and permit number of the hound running area operator/dealer receiving each individual animal. These records shall be kept on forms provided by the department and submitted to an agent of the department by March 15. Records shall be made available for inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.