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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 furbearers taken by another. Furbearers may not be held alive under trapping permits, except as provided in 3 CSR 10-8.515(4).

AUTHORITY: sections 40 and 45 of Art. IV, Mo. Const. Original rule filed Aug. 16, 1973, effective Dec. 31, 1973. Amended: Filed Aug. 1, 1980, effective Jan. 1, 1981. Amended: Filed June 29, 1981, effective Oct. 11, 1981. Amended: Filed Aug. 3, 1984, effective Jan. 1, 1985. Amended: Filed May 10, 1990, effective Jan. 1, 1991. Amended: Filed Sept. 29, 1994, effective July 1, 1995. Amended: Filed Aug. 11, 1999, effective March 1, 2000.

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, live 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 and shall be attended daily. 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, traps may not 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-fourth inches (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 furbearers shall not be molested or destroyed.

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3 CSR 10-8.515 Furbearers: Trapping Seasons

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

(1) Raccoon, opossum, striped skunk, badger, red fox, gray fox, bobcat, otter, mink and muskrat may be taken in any numbers by trapping from November 20 to January 20; provided, that bobcat may be taken only in that part of the state west and south of a line running west from the Illinois border on Interstate Highway 70 to U.S. Highway 63; north on U.S. Highway 63 to U.S. Highway 36; west on U.S. Highway 36 to U.S. Highway 65; north on U.S. Highway 65 to the Iowa border. Beaver may be taken in any number by trapping from November 20 to March 31. Killer or Conibear-type traps with a jaw spread less than eight inches (8") and leghold traps smaller than number three (3) are prohibited for trapping beavers after January 20. Coyotes may be taken in any numbers by trapping from November 20 to February 15. Traps may not be placed or set before November 20 and must be removed by

midnight of the last day of the trapping season. Pelts of furbearers may be possessed, transported and sold only by the taker from November 20 to February 4, except that pelts of coyotes may be possessed, transported, consigned for processing and sold by the taker from November 20 to February 25, pelts of beaver may be possessed, transported, consigned for processing and sold by the taker from November 20 to April 10, and tagged bobcats and otters or their pelts may be possessed throughout the year. Bobcats and otters or their pelts shall be delivered by the taker to an agent of the department in the county of harvest or any open county for registration or tagging before selling, transferring, tanning or mounting, but not later than February 4. It shall be illegal to purchase or sell untagged bobcats and otters or their pelts. Other pelts may be delivered or shipped and consigned by the taker to a licensed taxidermist or tanner before the close of the possession season for pelts. These pelts must be recorded by the taxidermist or tanner and shall not enter the raw fur market. After tanning, pelts may be possessed, bought or sold without permit. Skinned carcasses of legally taken furbearers may be sold by the taker throughout the year.

(2) Rabbits may be taken by trap from November 20 to January 20 within prescribed hunting limits, but carcasses may not be sold.

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

(4) Red fox, gray fox and coyotes may be taken alive during established seasons by prescribed methods and held in captivity. They may not be exported and may only be sold or given to holders of a valid Hound Running Area Operator's Permit. Red fox and gray fox may not be possessed after February 4; coyotes may not be possessed after February 25. These animals may be held for no longer than twenty-four (24) hours after capture, except when confined in facilities and cared for as specified in 3 CSR 10-9.220. 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 receiving each individual animal. These records shall be kept on forms provided by the department and submitted to the department by March 15. Records shall be made available for inspection by an authorized agent of the department at any reasonable time.



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