

*Summary
of
Fur Harvesting Regulations
Prince Edward Island
Canada
2006*



This summary is prepared for convenience only and is not intended to be a complete resume of the statutes relating to game and furbearers.

**Issued by Authority
of**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Ballem".

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Trapping Seasons

Furbearing Animals	Open Season
Beaver (Prince and Queens Counties)	8 a.m., October 31 - February 28*
Beaver (Kings County)	November 15 - January 31
Mink	8 a.m., October 31 - February 28*
Muskrat	8 a.m., October 31- February 28*
Weasel	8 a.m., October 31 - February 28*
Fox (snaring and trapping)	November 15 - January 15
Fox (modified foothold, only)**	November 1 - November 14
Raccoon	October 15 - January 15
Coyote (snaring and trapping)	November 15 - January 15
Coyote (modified foothold, only)**	November 1 - November 14
Red Squirrel	No Closed Season
Skunk	No Closed Season

Note:

* During the month of February, trap sets for beaver, muskrat and mink are restricted to those set in or over water. Weasel traps are restricted to Victor rat traps.

** A "modified foothold trap" is a foothold trap that has been altered to improve the humaneness of the trap by laminating the jaws, off-setting the jaws or padding the jaws.

Licence Fees

- * Resident Trapping Licence
(16 years and older) \$ 10
- Junior Trapping Permit
(15 years and under) \$ 5
- Permit to hunt Raccoon at night \$ 7
- * Resident Fur Dealers Licence \$ 25
- Non-Resident Fur Dealers Licence \$175

* (A resident is a person who has resided in PEI for a period of six months prior to purchasing a Trapping Licence).

Trapping licences may be obtained from the Forests, Fish and Wildlife office, 11 Kent Street, Charlottetown, or from Access PEI Centre in your area (see list on page 8).

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Licenses

1. Any person who traps furbearing animals must be the holder of a Trapping License or a Junior Trapping License.
2. The Minister may issue a Trapping License to an applicant who is 16 years of age or older and has successfully completed a trapper education course. A Junior Trapping License may be issued to an applicant who is under 16 years of age and has successfully completed a trapper education program.
3. All licensed trappers are issued a permanent trapper registration number (a combination of letters and/or numbers) and the metal dies for stamping their registration number on traps and snares. No person shall set a trap or snare for furbearing animals unless the trap or snare is clearly stamped with their trapper registration number

Foot-hold Traps

1. No person shall set a foothold trap for taking furbearing animals unless:
 - (a) the trap is set for beaver, mink or muskrat and is attached to a device that is designed to submerge the animal and prevent it from resurfacing;
 - (b) the trap is set for muskrat or mink and is sufficiently heavy to submerge the mink or muskrat and prevent the animal from resurfacing;
 - (c) the trap is set for weasel or red squirrel and is set in such a manner as to kill the animal immediately upon the springing of the trap;

- (d) the trap is set for a raccoon and has jaws which are padded with rubber compound specifically designed to reduce injury to the animal;
- (e) the trap is set for coyote or red fox and has been modified to improve humaneness by such means as laminating the jaws, off-setting the jaws, padding the jaws, or other similarly effective means of improving humaneness of the trap.

Body-gripping Traps

1. No person shall set a body-gripping (Conibear type) trap having a jaw spread greater than 6.3 inches or 16 centimetres (No. 220 or larger) except
 - (a) in or over water
 - (b) in a dog-proof box or
 - (c) where the trap is set at least five feet off the ground.

Snares

1. No person shall place in wildlife habitat any snare larger than single strand brass wire of 20 gauge except during the open season for snaring red fox or coyote.
2. All snares larger than 20 gauge single strand brass wire must be equipped with a self locking device. This section does not apply to snares set under water during the open season for beaver.
3. No person shall set a snare for coyote or fox within 50 metres of a bait unless the bait is camouflaged or concealed in a manner that renders the bait undetectable from the air. This does not apply to bait placed in open fields.
4. No person shall have in possession untagged snares while in wildlife habitat.

5. No person shall set a snare within 200 meters of an occupied dwelling without the permission of the homeowner or occupier.
6. No person shall set a baited snare within 300 meters of an occupied dwelling without the permission of the homeowner or occupier.
7. No person shall set a snare for coyote or red fox unless the snare is constructed of wire cable having a minimum size of 1.98 millimetres or 5/64 inches.

General Regulations

1. No person shall, while in wildlife habitat, possess or set a trapping device unless the trapping device is:
 - (a) a box trap;
 - (b) a body-gripping trap that is designed to kill quickly;
 - (c) a submarine trap;
 - (d) a non-powered snare; or
 - (e) a steel-jawed trap that has a jaw spread of less than 19 cm. (7.5 inches).
2. No person shall set a trap designed to hold animals alive without examining each trap at least once a day.
3. No person shall set a trap designed to kill animals without examining each trap at least once every 48 hours.
4. No persons shall set a toothed trap, a deadfall or a hook.
5. No person shall use a running pole set or a spring pole set in combination with a foothold trap.
6. No person shall place a trap or snare in wildlife habitat, either set or unset, before the opening of the trapping season for each species.
7. No person shall leave a trap or snare in wildlife habitat, either set or unset, after the close of the season for each species.

8. Every holder of a Trapping License or Junior Trapping Permit shall, when required to do so, furnish such parts or portions of any furbearing animal at such time and place as may be designated by the Minister.
9. No person shall have in his possession the green hide, pelt, carcass or any portion thereof of any beaver, muskrat, raccoon, fox, coyote, mink, weasel, skunk or squirrel between the tenth day after the close of the open season for any such animal in any year and the first day of the open season for such animal the year following without a permit issued by the Minister authorizing him to do so (i.e. IF YOU INTEND TO HOLD YOUR PELTS 10 DAYS AFTER THE CLOSE OF THE SEASON YOU NEED A POSSESSION PERMIT TO DO SO).
10. No person shall cut, spear, break, destroy, or interfere with any beaver house or dam, a muskrat house or den, a mink den, a fox den or burrow, a coyote den or burrow or set a trap within ten feet of the house or den of a beaver.
11. No person shall break, interfere with, destroy, remove or otherwise disturb any trap not registered to that person. This section shall not apply to enforcement officers responsible for the enforcement of trapping regulations in the discharge of their duty.
12. No person shall, during the closed season for mink or muskrat, set traps for or attempt to trap raccoon in places frequented by mink or muskrat, or at any time during the closed season for mink or muskrat attempt to trap raccoon by use of traps set in or over water.
13. No person shall take or attempt to take any beaver, mink, or muskrat by any means other than trapping.
14. No person shall set a trap inside an active muskrat house.

15. It is lawful for a person to hunt raccoon at night if he is the holder of a permit issued by the Minister specifically authorizing him to do so. These permits are available from the Forests, Fish and Wildlife Division.
16. No person shall ship raw furs from the province (P.E.I.) without first obtaining an Export Permit.
17. Anyone who buys the pelts or hides, either skinned or unskinned, of wild furbearing animals in PEI must be the holder of a valid Fur Dealer's License. The fee for this license is one hundred seventy-five dollars for a non-resident and twenty-five dollars for a resident.
18. Everyone is guilty of an offence who sells furs to a resident or non-resident who is not the holder of a Fur Dealer's License.
19. Any person convicted of a violation under the *Wildlife Conservation Act* shall lose his trapping privileges from the date of such conviction for one calendar year. That person will be required to take a trapper education course after the date of conviction before purchasing another trapping license.

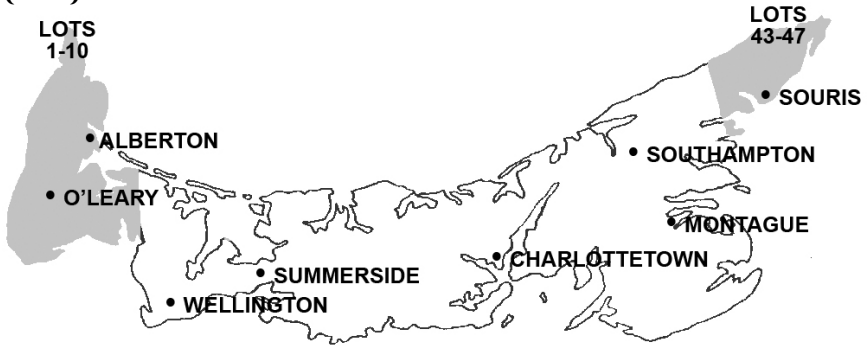
Remember: Trappers must ask permission before trapping on private land.

This is a summary of the Fur Harvesting Regulations. For the complete regulations please refer to the *Wildlife Conservation Act*, Fur Harvesting Regulations available on request from the Forests Fish and Wildlife Division or online at:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/law/regulations/pdf/W&04-1-2.pdf>

**For Further Information Contact
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For further information contact the Forests, Fish and Wildlife Office, 4th floor, 11 Kent Street, Charlottetown or phone (902) 368-4683.



For enforcement of any of the environment acts or regulations during regular working hours phone for a Conservation Officer at any of the following locations.

Alberton	853-3286	Sandra Keough
O'Leary	859-8800	Aaron Waddell
Wellington	854-7250	Roland Richard (<i>bilingual officer</i>)
Summerside	888-8000	Roland Richard
Charlottetown	368-4808	John Clements (<i>Chief Conservation Officer</i>)
	368-5000	Chuck Gallison
Montague	838-0600	Paul Walker
Souris/	687-7000	Wade MacKinnon
Southampton	961-7296	

For environmental emergencies or enforcement after normal office hours, phone 1-800-565-1633.

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