

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE TRAPPING ACTIVITY REPORT

The information collected using this report is vital to the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department's mission of maintaining sustainable furbearer populations and to protecting your right to trap. Please review these instructions and the sample activity report before completing your activity report. For some species these data are the only information we collect to help monitor these populations. Thank you for taking the time to do a thorough job!

Fill out the appropriate forms and return to Vermont Fish & Wildlife Dept., 100 Mineral Street, Suite 302, Springfield, VT 05156 or email them to marybeth.adler@vermont.gov. Return the forms before April 15, 2024.

All Vermont licensed trappers **MUST** complete and return the *Trapper Report Form* on page 1, even if you did not do any trapping. If you did not do any trapping, complete page 1 and return it and you are done.

NOTE: If you do not include your name and or conservation ID on the form, it will be considered a non-response and you will be out of compliance.

1. If you trapped during the regular trapping season (October 28, 2023 – March 31, 2024): Complete the *Trapping Activity Report for In-Season Trapping* on page 2 following the instructions below.
2. If you trapped for animal damage control outside of the regular trapping season (April 1, 2023 – October 27, 2023): Complete the *Trapping Activity Report for Out-Of-Season Animal Damage Control* on page 3.

INSTRUCTIONS

Trapping Activity Report for In-season Trapping on page 2 (see sample report below):

- a. Using the enclosed maps for reference, for each Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) and Watershed Management Unit (WSMU - *beaver and otter only*) in which you trapped, enter the number of traps set, number of nights set, total number of animals caught and, the number taken **in-season** for animal damage control for each species. This new column is intended to gather information on how often trapping during the regular season is done for animal damage control. The animals listed in this new column should also be included in the "Total # Taken" column.

Use the following examples for guidance:

Example 1: You trapped a total of 3 beavers in November, one was for damage control. Using the *Trapping Activity Report for In-season Trapping* on page 2, record 3 in the "Total # Taken" column and 1 in the "# Taken In-season for Animal Damage Control" column.

Example 2: You trapped 2 beavers in May 2023 and 1 in early September 2023, all for damage control. Using the *Trapping Activity Report for Out-of-season Animal Damage Control* on page 3, record 3 in the "Number Caught" column.

Example 3: You trapped 2 beavers in May 2023 and 1 in November 2023, all for damage control. Record 1 in both the “Total # Taken” and “# Taken In-season for Animal Damage Control” columns on *page 2* and record 2 in the “Number Caught” column on *page 3*.

- b. If the number of traps you had set for a species varied throughout the season, report the average number of traps set.
- c. If you trapped for multiple species with the same sets (e.g., fox and coyote), enter the total number of traps set and total number of nights they were set for each of the primary species you trapped for with these sets.
- d. If you unintentionally caught a furbearer species that was in-season, add it to the “Number Taken” column for that species and leave number of traps or number of nights blank.
- e. If you caught any furbearers out of season or any other animals while trapping for in-season furbearers, answer the questions at the bottom of the report.

Trapping Activity Report for Out-of-season Animal Damage Control on page 3 (see sample report below):

- a. Using the online maps for reference, record the WMU and/or WSMU (*beaver and otter*) where you trapped for animal damage control purposes.
- b. Report the number of each species you caught in defense of property between April 1, 2023 through October 21, 2023 in the column below the appropriate WMU and/or WSMU.
- c. If you caught any furbearers or other animals you have not listed above while trapping out of season in defense of property, answer the questions at the bottom of the report.

Double check your activity report for accuracy and completeness. Once finished, return the Trapper Form (page 1), and the appropriate Trapping Activity Reports (page 2 and/or 3) in the envelope addressed to VT Fish & Wildlife Department or email all three pages to marybeth.adler@vermont.gov

If you have questions about completing the report or any problems completing the report, please contact Bree Furfey, Furbearer Project Biologist, at brehan.furfey@vermont.gov or 802-952-8543 or Mary Beth Adler, Furbearer Project Technician, at marybeth.adler@vermont.gov or 802-289-0629.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS IN PROVIDING THIS IMPORTANT DATA!

SAMPLE

TRAPPING ACTIVITY REPORT for **IN SEASON TRAPPING**

SPECIES	WMU: J2				WMU: H				Enter the letter of the WMU in which you trapped for these 11 species (see enclosed map)
	NUMBER TRAPS SET	NUMBER NIGHTS	TOTAL NUMBER TAKEN	# TAKEN FOR DAMAGE CONTROL	NUMBER TRAPS SET	NUMBER NIGHTS	TOTAL NUMBER TAKEN	# TAKEN FOR DAMAGE CONTROL	
MINK									Opossum caught in-season but in a trap set for raccoon
RACCOON	3	5	2	1					
MUSKRAT									Raccoon taken in season for damage control
SKUNK									
OPOSSUM			1						Same 7 traps set for each of the species indicated
WEASEL									
COYOTE	7	12	2						Enter the number of the WSMU in which you trapped for beaver and otter (see enclosed map)
RED FOX	7	12	1						
GREY FOX	7	12	0						
BOBCAT					6	15	1		Two of the 5 beaver traps were also set to target otter
FISHER					6	30	1		
	WSMU: 14				WSMU: 16				Otter caught in-season but in a trap set for beaver
OTTER	2	22	1				1		
BEAVER	5	22	6		2	21	2		

Did you catch any out-of-season furbearers, other wildlife or other domestic animals while trapping during the regular trapping season (Oct. 28, 2023 – Mar. 31, 2024)? Yes No

If yes, please list the species, numbers caught, and indicate whether the animal(s) was released:

1 bobcat, released

SAMPLE

TRAPPING ACTIVITY REPORT FOR FURBEARERS TAKEN *OUT-OF-SEASON FOR ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL*

SPECIES Targeted	WMU: O	WMU: M	WMU:	Enter the letter of the WMU in which you trapped for these 11 species (see WMA map)
	<i>Number Caught</i>	<i>Number Caught</i>	<i>Number Caught</i>	
MINK				Enter the number of animals caught for each species in each WMU or WSMU
RACCOON	2	5		
MUSKRAT				
SKUNK				
OPOSSUM				
WEASEL				
COYOTE				
RED FOX				
GREY FOX				
BOBCAT				
FISHER				
	WSMU: 11	WSMU:	WSMU:	Enter the number of the WSMU in which you trapped for beaver and otter (see WSMU map)
OTTER				
BEAVER	4			

Did you catch any other furbearers, wild animals, or domestic animals while trapping out-of-season (Apr. 1, 2023 – Oct. 27, 2023) for animal damage control purposes?

YES

NO

If yes, please list the species, number caught, and indicate whether the animal(s) was released.

1 Coyote released unharmed

1 Red fox, not released