

DIVISION 050

FURBEARING AND UNPROTECTED MAMMAL REGULATIONS

635-050-0045

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, and/or salvage 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]~~ 2021 for the ~~[2018-2019]~~ 2020-2021 seasons and April 15, ~~[2020]~~ 2022 for the ~~[2019-2020]~~ 2021-22 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 longspring foothold trap or any foothold trap with an inside jaw spread at dog  
2 greater than 6” not having a jaw spacing of at least 3/16 of one inch when the trap is sprung  
3 (measurement excludes pads on padded jaw traps) and when the trap is placed in a manner that is not  
4 capable of 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  
20 as 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 of or  
24 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 once  
26 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  
4 squirrels and mountain beaver.

5 (15) When any furbearer or raw furbearer pelt is transferred to the possession of another person, a  
6 written 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  
9 such 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  
11 Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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

19 **635-050-0070**

20 **Beaver Harvest Seasons**

21 Open Season: November 15, [~~2018~~] **2020** through March 15, [~~2019~~]**2021** and November 15, [~~2019~~]  
22 **2021** through March 15, [~~2020~~] **2022** in the following described areas:

23 (1) Clackamas County. All open except waters within the exterior boundaries of Mt. Hood National  
24 Forest.

25 (2) Crook County. All open except Prineville Reservoir below high water line and the Ochoco  
26 National Forest.

27 (3) Curry County. All open except the Rogue River from the east county line to the mouth.

28 (4) Grant County. All open except within the exterior boundaries of the Ochoco National  
29 Forest; Murderers Creek and Deer Creek, tributaries of the South Fork John Day River, within the  
30 exterior boundaries of the Malheur National Forest.

31 (5) Jefferson County. All open except that portion of Willow Creek and its tributaries on  
32 the National Grasslands.

33 (6) Josephine County. All open except Rogue River from the confluence of Grave Creek

1 downstream to the county line.

2 (7) Union County. All open except:

3 (a) Waters inside exterior boundaries of National Forests. However, private inholdings within  
4 the National Forest remain open.

5 (b) Grande Ronde River above Beaver Creek.

6 (c) All tributaries of the Grande Ronde River above the confluence of Five Points Creek. (Five  
7 Points Creek open to the National Forest boundary.)

8 (8) Wallowa County. All open except:

9 (a) Wallowa River and tributaries above Wallowa Lake.

10 (b) Lostine River, Hurricane Creek, Bear Creek and their tributaries above the Wallowa-  
11 Whitman National Forest boundary.

12 (c) Minam River and tributaries.

13 (d) Peavine Creek, a tributary of Chesnimnus Creek.

14 (9) Wheeler County. All open except within the exterior boundaries of the Ochoco National  
15 Forest and Bridge Creek at its tributaries within the exterior boundaries of Bureau of Land  
16 Management lands.

17 (10) Other counties: All of the following counties in their entirety: Baker, Benton, Clatsop,  
18 Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Hood River, Harney, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Lane,  
19 Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wasco,  
20 Washington and Yamhill.

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

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

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24 **635-050-0080**

25 **Bobcat Harvest Seasons**

26 (1) The open harvest season for bobcat is December 1, [~~2018~~] **2020** through February 28, [~~2019~~]  
27 **2021** and December 1, [~~2019~~] **2021** through February 28, [~~2020~~] **2022**.

28 (2) The bag limit for bobcat in those counties east of the summit of the Cascade Range (including  
29 Hood River and Klamath counties) is five per season per licensed hunter or trapper.

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

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

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1 **635-050-0090**

2 **Gray Fox Harvest Seasons**

3 (1) Open season: October 15, [2018] **2020** through February 28, [2019] **2021** and October 15,  
4 [2019] **2021** through February 28, [2020] **2022**.

5 (2) Open area: Entire state.

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

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

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10 **635-050-0100**

11 **Red Fox Harvest Seasons**

12 (1) Open season: October 15, [2018] **2020** through February 28, [2019] **2021** and October 15,  
13 [2019] **2021** through February 28, [2020] **2022**.

14 (2) Open area: Entire state.

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

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

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19 **635-050-0110**

20 **Marten Harvest Seasons**

21 (1) Open season: November 1, [2018] **2020** through January 31, [2019] **2021** and November  
22 1, [2019] **2021** through January 31, [2020] **2022**.

23 (2) Open area: [~~Entire state~~] Eastern Oregon and that portion of Western Oregon east of [the]  
24 Interstate 5[~~-corridor~~].

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

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

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29 **635-050-0120**

30 **Mink Harvest Seasons**

31 (1) Open season: November 15, [2018] **2020** through March 31, [2019] **2021** and November  
32 15, [2019] **2021** through March 31, [2020] **2022**.

33 (2) Open area: Entire state.

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Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162  
Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

**635-050-0130**

**Muskrat Harvest Seasons**

(1) Open season: November 15, [~~2018~~] **2020** through March 31, [~~2019~~] **2021** and November 15, [~~2019~~] **2021** through March 31, [~~2020~~] **2022**.

(2) Open area: Entire state.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162  
Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

**635-050-0140**

**Raccoon Harvest Seasons**

(1) Open season: November 15, [~~2018~~] **2020** through March 15, [~~2019~~] **2021** and November 15, [~~2019~~] **2021** through March 15, [~~2020~~] **2022**.

(2) Open area: Entire state.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162  
Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

**635-050-0150**

**River Otter Harvest Seasons**

(1) Open season: November 15, [~~2018~~] **2020** through March 15, [~~2019~~] **2021** and November 15, [~~2019~~] **2021** through March 15, [~~2020~~] **2022**.

(2) Open area: Entire state except for all areas closed to beaver trapping in OAR 635-050-0070.

Stat. Auth.: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162  
Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496.162

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**Wolverine, Fisher, Ringtail [~~Cat~~], Sea Otter, Canada Lynx and Kit Fox**

(1) There is no open season.

(2) Any person who takes wolverine, fisher, ringtail, sea otter, Canada lynx or kit fox by incidental capture or any other form of take must report the take to the Department within 48 hours.

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

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

**635-050-0170**

**Pursuit Seasons**

(1) The following pursuit seasons are authorized:

(a) Bobcat: September 1, [~~2018~~] 2020 through February 28, [~~2019~~] 2021 and September 1, [~~2019~~] 2021 through February 28, [~~2020~~] 2022.

(b) Fox: September 1, [~~2018~~] 2020 through February 28, [~~2019~~] 2021 and September 1, [~~2019~~] 2021 through February 28, [~~2020~~] 2022.

(c) Raccoon: September 1, [~~2018~~] 2020 through March 15, [~~2019~~] 2021 and September 1, [~~2019~~] 2021 through March 15, [~~2020~~] 2022.

(2) License Requirements: Furtaker's license or hunting license for furbearers shall be on one's person during pursuit.

(3) No animals shall be killed except during authorized open harvest season.

(4) A bobcat record card shall be on one's person while taking or attempting to take bobcat.

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

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

**635-050-0180**

**Bobcat and River Otter Record Cards**

(1) Each person desiring to hunt or trap bobcat or river otter shall purchase a bobcat or river otter record card prior to hunting or trapping bobcat or river otter.

- 1 (2) Bobcat record cards will be available for a fee of [~~\$36.50~~] **\$37.50** (plus a \$2.00 license agent fee) per  
2 card.
- 3 (3) River otter record cards will be available for a fee of [~~\$36.50~~] **\$37.50** (plus a \$2.00 license agent fee)  
4 per card.
- 5 (4) Record cards will be available at the Salem headquarters and regional offices of the Department.
- 6 (5) River otter cards will have spaces for recording 15 river otters. There is no limit on the purchase of  
7 river otter record cards.
- 8 (6) Each western Oregon bobcat record card will have spaces for recording 15 bobcats. There is no limit  
9 on purchase of western Oregon bobcat record cards.
- 10 (7) No more than one **Oregon statewide** record card for [~~eastern Oregon~~] bobcats will be issued to any  
11 furtaker or hunter. A duplicate card may be issued, but no more than the bag limit described for [~~eastern~~]  
12 **statewide** Oregon bobcats in OAR 635-050-0080 may be taken in a season.
- 13 (8) No person may obtain or possess both [~~eastern~~] **statewide** and western Oregon bobcat record cards.
- 14 (9) Bobcat and river otter record cards shall not be sold after the end of their respective seasons.
- 15 (10) Each furtaker shall have the appropriate record card on his person while trapping or hunting bobcat  
16 or river otter.
- 17 (11) Furtakers shall not have record cards other than their own on their person, or in their possession  
18 while in the field or in transit.
- 19 (12) Upon coming into possession of any bobcat or river otter, the furtaker who killed the animal shall  
20 immediately write on their record card, the species, sex, date of possession and county of harvest.
- 21 (13) Each furtaker shall retain the record card until he disposes of the raw pelts.
- 22 (14) Fees paid for unused record cards shall not be refunded.
- 23 (15) It is unlawful to alter or be in possession of an altered bobcat or river otter record card.
- 24 (16) Each licensee shall register a brand number to obtain a bobcat or river otter record card.

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

27 Other Auth.: Senate Bill 247 (2015)

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

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### 30 **635-050-0183**

#### 31 **Bobcat and River Otter Ownership Tags**

- 32 (1) The ownership tag shall be affixed by Department personnel at district and regional  
33 offices and shall remain so affixed while the pelt is in raw form.



1 (2) Ownership tags may be used as foreign export tags.

2 (3) Each ownership tag authorizes the holder to sell one bobcat or river otter.

3 (4) Each person shall have an ownership tag affixed to his or her bobcat or river otter pelt at a  
4 Department district or regional office within five business days after the season ends.

5 (5) It shall be *unlawful* to possess a [~~2018-2019~~] **2020-2021** or [~~2019-2020~~] **2021-2022** harvested  
6 bobcat or river otter after five business days following the season closure without an ownership tag.

7 (6) It shall be *unlawful* to sell or remove from the state a [~~2018-2019~~] **2020-2021** or [~~2019-2020~~]  
8 **2021-2022** harvested bobcat or river otter pelt without the respective year's ownership tag.

9 (7) A furtaker shall be responsible for surrendering to the Oregon Department of Fish and  
10 Wildlife the lower jawbone including both canine teeth and information on sex, date of catch and  
11 county of harvest attached to each individual Oregon bobcat and river otter jawbone to qualify for  
12 ownership tags. A district office may, on a case-by-case basis, waive the lower jawbone requirement,  
13 for example if the furtaker provides evidence that failure to provide the jawbone is due to unexpected  
14 circumstances beyond his or her control.

15 (8) The record card with the required information including species, sex, date of possession and  
16 county shall be presented to obtain an ownership tag.

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

19 Stats. Implemented: ORS 496.012, 496.138, 496.146 & 496

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21 **635-050-0189**

22 **Special Bobcat and River Otter Regulations**

23 (1) Raw pelts taken prior to September 1, 1982 may not be sold unless they were metal-sealed  
24 by the Oregon State Police or the Department prior to that date.

25 (2) Those persons failing to comply with [~~2018-2019~~] **2020-2021** or [~~2019-2020~~] **2021-2022**  
26 Special Bobcat and River Otter Regulations may not be issued a license for the following furbearer  
27 season and shall be subject to the penalties provided in ORS 496.992.

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

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

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