



# OREGON FURBEARER TRAPPING and HUNTING REGULATIONS

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### Please Note:

Major changes are underlined throughout this synopsis.

### Trapper Education Requirement

By action of the 1985 Oregon Legislature, all trappers born after June 30, 1968, and all first-time Oregon trappers are required to complete an approved trapper education course.

The course may be completed at home. Testing will take place at Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) offices throughout the state. A furtaker's license will be issued by the Salem ODFW Headquarters office after the test has been successfully completed and mailed to Salem headquarters, and the license application with payment has been received.

Course materials are available by writing or telephoning Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, I&E Division, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302, (800) 720-6339 x76002.

The course is not required of persons trapping on land owned or leased by that person, the person's immediate family, or a person's agent who is controlling damage to livestock or agricultural crops.

### License Requirements

Juveniles younger than 12 years of age are not required to purchase a license, except to hunt or trap bobcat and river otter. However, they must register to receive a brand number through the Salem ODFW office. To trap bobcat or river otter, juveniles must complete the trapper education course.

Landowners must obtain either a furtaker's license, a hunting license for furbearers, or a free license to take furbearers on land they own and on which they reside. To receive the free license and brand number, the landowner must obtain from the Salem ODFW Headquarters office, a receipt of registration for the location of such land prior to hunting or trapping furbearing mammals on that land.

### Mandatory Annual Report Form

Persons who were licensed, but did not fill out and return a completed Furtaker Harvest Report Form postmarked by **April 15**, will not be issued a furbearer harvest license for the following season unless they complete and return the late Harvest Report form and application with a **\$50.00 fee** at time of renewal.

## LICENSE AND TAG FEES

Furtakers need either a Furtaker's License or a Hunting License for Furbearers.

- A **Furtakers License** allows the holder to trap, hunt and pursue.
- A **Hunting License for Furbearers** allows the holder only to hunt and pursue.
- A unique brand number will be issued to a person the first time they obtain either license. Like the Oregon Hunter/Angler ID number, the brand number is assigned to the individual furtaker for life.
- A general hunting license does not allow the holder to trap, hunt or pursue furbearers, but only to hunt unprotected mammals (see definition on page 7).

<b>Resident Furtaker's License</b>	<b>\$51.00</b>	<b>Bobcat Record Card</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
		<i>(Hunting License for Furbearers or Furtakers' License required)</i>	
<b>Nonresident Furtaker's License</b>	<b>\$380.00</b>	<b>River Otter Record Card</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>
		<i>(Hunting License for Furbearers or Furtakers' License required)</i>	
<b>Resident Hunting License for Furbearers</b>	<b>\$24.00</b>	<b>Fur Dealer's License</b>	<b>\$104.00</b>
<b>Juvenile Furtaker's License (Age 12-17)</b>	<b>\$17.00</b>	<b>Juveniles Younger than 12</b> (See license requirements above)	

The above license and record card fees each include a \$2.00 license agent fee. Further information on licenses and tags is available by writing or telephoning Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Licensing Section, 4034 Fairview Industrial Drive SE, Salem, OR 97302, (503) 947-6101.



### TO REPORT WILDLIFE

#### VIOLATORS CALL

1-800-452-7888 or

[TIP@STATE.OR.US](mailto:TIP@STATE.OR.US)

TIPs Can Remain Anonymous

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# GENERAL FURBEARER REGULATIONS

Any person possessing a valid furtaker's license or hunting license for furbearers is required to complete and return the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife Furtaker Harvest Report form, postmarked by April 15, 2017 for the 2016-2017 season and April 15, 2018 for the 2017-2018 season. Failure to do so will deny the license holder the opportunity to purchase a hunting license for furbearers or furtakers license for the following furbearer season unless the late Harvest Report form and application is submitted with a \$50.00 fee at the time of renewal.

## Licensing

- **The appropriate Furtaker's License or Hunting License for Furbearers must be in possession to hunt and/or trap furbearers.**
- It is unlawful to alter, borrow, loan or transfer to another person any license, permit or unused tag issued by the Commission.

## Furbearer Hunting

- No person shall hunt any wildlife from a motor propelled vehicle. Exception: Landowners or agents hunting predatory animals on land they own or lawfully occupy, or a qualified disabled hunter may obtain an Oregon Disabilities Hunting and Fishing Permit to hunt from a motor vehicle except while the vehicle is in motion or on any public road or highway.
- Bobcat, opossum and raccoon 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.
- Use of dogs is permitted to hunt or pursue bobcat, raccoon, fox, and unprotected mammals.

## Traps and Trapping

- All traps and snares, whether set for furbearing or unprotected mammals, must be legibly marked or branded with the owner's license number that has been assigned by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife; except that unmarked traps or snares may be set for unprotected nongame mammals by any person upon land that they lawfully own.
- No branded trap or snare may be sold unless accompanied by a uniform bill of sale.
- It is unlawful for any person to trap for furbearers, predatory animals, and/or unprotected mammals using:
  1. A steel foothold trap with a jaw spread greater than nine (9) inches.
  2. A No. 3 or larger foothold trap or any foothold trap with an inside jaw spread at dog greater than six inches (6") not having a jaw spacing of at least 3/16 of one inch when the trap is sprung (measurement excludes pads on padded jaw traps) and when the set is not capable of drowning the trapped animal.
  3. The flesh of any game bird, game fish or game mammal for trap bait.
  4. Any killing trap having a jaw spread of nine inches (9") or more in any land set.
  5. Any killing trap having a jaw spread of seven and a half inches (7.5") or more but less than nine inches (9"), in a land set on public lands, at a distance greater than 50 feet from a permanent water source or a seasonal water source when water is present except when authorized by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
  6. Any toothed trap or trap with a protuberance of the facing edge of the jaws that is intended to hold the animal, except pads on padded jaw traps.
  7. Or possessing the branded traps or snares of another unless in possession of written permission from the person to whom the brand is registered.
  8. Sight bait within 15 feet of any foothold trap set for carnivores.

- On state or federal lands, except when authorized by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, no traps or snares may be set on land:
  1. Within 50 feet of any public trail (see definition on page 7);
  2. Within 300 feet of any trailhead that is designated and maintained as such by the public land management agency and is accessible to vehicular traffic (see definition on page 7);
  3. Within 300 feet of any public campground or picnic area designated and maintained as such by the public land management agency on the most current official map of the agency; or
  4. Within 500 feet of the center of the mouth of an Oregon Department of Transportation wildlife crossing structure located between US Highway 97 mile posts 149 and 153.
- An artificial light may be used to provide light to aid in the dispatch of animals legally restrained in a trap or snare.
- It is unlawful to disturb or remove the traps or snares of any licensed trapper while that person is trapping on public lands or on other land by landowner's permission.
- The general furbearer regulations do not apply to the trapping of gophers, moles, ground squirrels and mountain beaver (boomer).
- It is unlawful for any person to damage or destroy any muskrat house at any time except where such muskrat house is an obstruction to a private or public ditch or watercourse.
- **REMINDER:** The Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT) Oregon Administrative Rule 374.305 prohibits the public from trapping on ODOT property without first obtaining written permission from ODOT. This includes ODOT highway right-of-ways.

## Trap Check Requirements

- All traps or snares set or used for the taking of furbearing or unprotected mammals shall be inspected at least every 48 hours and all trapped animals removed.
- Any person setting a trap for predatory animals, as defined in ORS 610.002, must check the trap as follows:
  1. For killing traps and snares, at least once every 30 days and remove all animals;
  2. For restraining traps and snares, at least once every 76 hours and remove all animals.
- Restraining traps and snares set by a person owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge of or dominion over any land, building, structure, wharf, pier or dock or their agent, and set for predatory animals damaging land, livestock or agricultural or forest crops, shall be checked at least once every seven (7) days. Any person(s) acting as an agent for a landowner shall have in their possession written authority from the landowner or lawful occupant of the land. Such written authority shall contain at least all of the following:
  1. The date of issuance of the authorization;
  2. The name, address and telephone number of the person granting the authorization;
  3. The name, address and telephone number of the person whom the authorization is granted, and
  4. The expiration date of the authorization, which shall be not later than one year from the date of issuance of the authorization.

## GENERAL FURBEARER REGULATIONS

### Possession and Sale

- Any person may sell or exchange the hide, carcass or any part thereof of any legally taken furbearing or unprotected animal.
- A licensed furtaker may sell or exchange, and any person may purchase, road-killed furbearers or unprotected mammals, provided that:
  1. The road-kill is taken by a licensed furtaker during an authorized season for hunting or trapping the species, and;
  2. The sale is made by the licensed furtaker who took the road-kill.
- When any furbearer or raw furbearer pelt is transferred to the possession of another person, a written record indicating the name and address of the person from whom the raw pelt was obtained shall accompany such transfer and remain with same so long as preserved in raw pelt form.
- Any person may purchase unprocessed furbearing or unprotected mammal pelts, provided that such pelts are purchased from the furtaker who took the furbearer and that the pelts are purchased for personal use and not for resale. For any furbearer pelt purchased under this section, the purchaser must retain a record of the furtaker's brand.
- No person, except a licensed furtaker during an authorized season, shall possess or transport any furbearer or part thereof, which has been road-killed, found or killed for humane reasons, unless they have notified and received permission from personnel of the Oregon State Police or the Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to transporting.

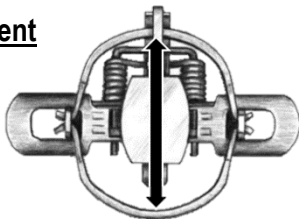
## ADDITIONAL NOTES

### Fisher Conservation

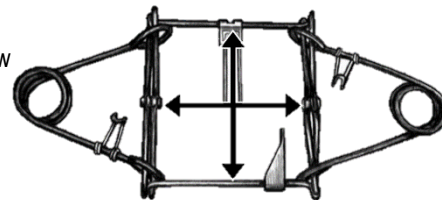
- Fisher are listed as a Conservation Strategy Species in Oregon and there is no open season. Numerous fisher research projects are underway in the Cascade and Siskiyou Mountains. Please assist in the conservation of this species by reporting observations of fisher or their tracks to ODFW.
- Non-federal landowners in western Oregon, including Oregon Department of Forestry, private timberland owners, and others, may be acquiring permits from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for a Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) for fisher in Oregon. This agreement requires landowners to implement conservation measures to aid in fisher conservation and in return, safeguards these landowners from additional restrictions should the fisher be listed under the federal Endangered Species Act. One component of the CCAA is to restrict trapping activities near known, occupied fisher dens. In order for landowners to be in compliance with the CCAA, trappers should communicate with them if they intend to trap on those lands during fisher denning period (March 15 to September 30).

### Trap Jaw Spread Measurement

Foothold- Measure the inside of the jaw at the dog to the opposite inside jaw.



Killing Trap- Measure the jaw spread by measuring inside jaw to inside jaw.  
(Conibear™ type trap shown)



### ONLINE RESOURCES

ODFW Furbearer Program

[http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/small\\_game/](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/small_game/)

Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies - Furbearer Management Resources

[http://fishwildlife.org/?section=furbearer\\_management\\_resources](http://fishwildlife.org/?section=furbearer_management_resources)

### Pelt Handling Manuals

Fur Harvesters Auction Inc.

<http://www.furharvesters.com/pdf/pelthandling.pdf>


North American Fur Auctions

[http://www.nafa.ca/wp-content/uploads/NAFA\\_PeltHandlingManual\\_2012-02.pdf](http://www.nafa.ca/wp-content/uploads/NAFA_PeltHandlingManual_2012-02.pdf)

**ODFW**  
**Parking Permit**

Check in with the Wildlife Area Office for  
area trapping and parking permit  
requirements.

If you have a parking permit issued  
free with an ODFW hunting license  
display it on your dashboard.



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## HARVEST SEASONS

Species	Open Seasons	Open Areas and Special Regulations
<b>Bobcat</b>	December 1 through February 28	WESTERN OREGON: No bag limit. All counties west of the summit of the Cascades, except Klamath and Hood River Counties. See page 5 for special bobcat regulations.
	December 1 through February 28	EASTERN OREGON: Bag Limit: Five (5) bobcats. All counties east of the summit of the Cascades, including all of Klamath and Hood River Counties. See page 5 for special bobcat regulations.
<b>Gray Fox</b>	November 15 through February 28	Entire state
<b>Red Fox</b>	Open season entire year	Baker, Gilliam, Harney, Malheur, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, Wallowa and Wheeler counties
	October 15 through January 15	Remainder of state
<b>Marten</b>	November 1 through January 31	Entire state. The Department requests that furtakers provide the date, location of harvest, and sex of marten taken, and that all marten carcasses be turned in to the local ODFW office prior to March 1, following each season. Furtaker cooperation is critical for successful future management of this species.
<b>Muskrat/Mink</b>	November 15 through March 31	Entire state
<b>Raccoon</b>	November 15 through March 15	Entire state
<b>River Otter</b>	November 15 through March 15	Entire state except for all areas closed to beaver trapping (see below). See page 5 for special river otter regulations.
<b>Fisher, Ringtail Cat, Wolverine, Kit Fox and Sea Otter</b>	Closed season entire year.	
<b>Badger, Coyote, Nutria, Opossum, Porcupine, Spotted Skunk, Striped Skunk and Weasel</b>	Open season entire year.	Requires appropriate Furtaker's License to trap (also allows hunting), or appropriate Hunting License for Furbearer's or general Hunting License to hunt these species.
<b>Beaver</b>	November 15 through March 15 in the following described areas:	See below.

- **Attention Coastal Beaver Trappers:** ODFW requests your continued cooperation in protecting beaver dams in coastal areas important to Coho salmon rearing. If you are not familiar with this program, which was initiated in 1998, please contact your local ODFW biologist. Field offices are listed on page 9.

### AREAS OPEN TO BEAVER TRAPPING:

**Clackamas County:** All open except those waters within the exterior boundaries of Mt. Hood National Forest.

**Crook County:** All open except Prineville Reservoir (high water line), and Ochoco National Forest.

**Curry County:** All open except the Rogue River from the east county line to the mouth.

**Grant County:** All open except within the exterior boundaries of the Ochoco National Forest; Murderers Creek and Deer Creek tributaries of the South Fork John Day River, within the exterior boundaries of the Malheur National Forest.

**Jefferson County:** All open except that portion of Willow Creek and its tributaries on the National Grasslands.

**Josephine County:** All open except Rogue River from the confluence of Graves Creek downstream to the county line.

**Union County:** All open except waters inside exterior boundaries of National Forests; Grande Ronde River above Beaver Creek, and all tributaries of the Grande Ronde River above the confluence of Five Points Creek (Five Points Creek open to National Forest boundary.) Private inholdings within the National Forest remain open.

**Wallowa County:** All open except Peavine Creek, a tributary of Chesnimus Creek; Minam River and tributaries; Wallowa River and tributaries above Wallowa Lake; and Lostine River, Hurricane Creek and Bear Creek and their tributaries above the Wallowa-Whitman National Forest boundary.

**Wheeler County:** All open except within the exterior boundaries of the Ochoco National Forest and Bridge Creek and its tributaries within the exterior boundaries of Bureau of Land Management lands.

**Other Counties:** All of the following counties are open in their entirety: Baker, Benton, Clatsop, Columbia, Coos, Deschutes, Douglas, Gilliam, Harney, Hood River, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Malheur, Marion, Morrow, Multnomah, Polk, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, Wasco, Washington and Yamhill.

## PURSUIT SEASONS (STATEWIDE)

No animals shall be killed except during authorized open harvest seasons. A record card must be in possession to harvest bobcat. A Furtaker's License or Hunting License for Furbearers must be in possession to hunt or pursue.

<b>Bobcat Pursuit Season</b>	September 1 through February 28
<b>Fox Pursuit Season</b>	September 1 through February 28
<b>Raccoon Pursuit Season</b>	September 1 through March 15

## SPECIAL BOBCAT and RIVER OTTER REGULATIONS

### Bobcat-River Otter Record Card

1. Each person desiring to harvest bobcat or river otter must secure a bobcat or river otter record card prior to hunting or trapping.
2. Bobcat record cards will be available for a fee of \$35.00 per card.
3. River otter cards will be available for a fee of \$35.00 per card.
4. Record cards will be available at the Salem ODFW Headquarters and the Bend, Clackamas, La Grande and Roseburg offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.
5. Each western Oregon bobcat record card will have spaces for recording 15 bobcats. No limit on purchase of western Oregon bobcat record cards.
6. Each eastern Oregon bobcat record card will have spaces for recording five (5) bobcats. No more than one card for eastern Oregon bobcats will be issued to any furtaker or hunter.
7. No person may purchase or possess both eastern and western Oregon bobcat record cards.
8. River otter cards will have spaces for recording 15 river otter. No limit on purchase of river otter record cards.
9. Upon coming into possession of any bobcat or river otter, the furtaker who killed the animal shall immediately write on their record card the species, sex, date of possession and county of harvest.
10. Each furtaker must have the appropriate record card in possession while trapping or hunting bobcat or river otter.
11. Furtakers shall not have record cards other than their own on their person or in their possession while in the field or in transit.
12. Duplicate cards will be issued, but no more than five (5) eastern Oregon bobcats may be taken in a season.
13. Bobcat and river otter record cards will not be sold after the end of their respective seasons.
14. Fees paid for unused record cards will not be refunded.
15. It is illegal to alter or be in possession of an altered record card.
16. The record card must be retained until disposal of raw pelts.

17. Record cards do not need to be submitted with the Furtaker Report.

### Additional Regulations

1. Raw pelts taken prior to September 1, 1982 may not be sold unless they were metal sealed by the Oregon State Police or Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to that date.
2. Those persons failing to comply with Special Bobcat and River Otter Regulations may be subject to penalties provided in ORS 496.992 and may not be issued a license for the following furbearer season.

### To Qualify for Ownership Tag

1. The lower jawbone, including both canine teeth, must be surrendered to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife and information on sex, date of catch, and county of harvest must accompany each individual Oregon bobcat and river otter to qualify for ownership tags.
2. A record card with required species, sex, date of possession and county must be presented to obtain ownership tag.

### Ownership Tag

1. The ownership tag will be affixed by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife personnel at district and regional offices and shall remain so affixed while the pelt is in raw form.
2. May be used as a foreign export tag.
3. Authorizes the holder to sell one bobcat or river otter.
4. Each person must have an ownership tag affixed to their bobcat or river otter pelt at an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife district or regional office within five (5) business days after the season ends. A list of department offices is on page 9. **Tagging is by appointment only.**
5. It shall be illegal to possess a harvested bobcat or river otter after five (5) business days following the season closure without an ownership tag.
6. It shall be illegal to sell or remove from the state a harvested bobcat or river otter pelt without the respective year's ownership tag.

## TRAPPER'S CODE OF ETHICS

This code of ethics was created in a joint effort by Oregon Trappers Association and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

1. Set traps only in appropriate locations. Avoid setting traps near high public use areas such as hiking trails, campgrounds, or parks.
2. Help educate and mentor inexperienced trappers in safe, humane, ethical and effective trapping methods and the attitudes and skills essential to be a responsible outdoors person.
3. On private property, act as an invited guest of the landowner, seeking their permission and conducting one's self so as to be welcome in the future. On public property, respect the land and acknowledge that multiple public uses occur on that land.
4. Promote trapping methods that reduce the possibility of catching non-target animals. Release domestic pets promptly and notify the owner or proper authorities when possible.
5. Obey all wildlife laws and regulations, such as trap-check requirements, and insist that other trappers do likewise.
6. Respect the area and do not tamper with the equipment of other trappers.
7. Know and use proper methods of releasing and humanely dispatching animals.
8. Dispose of animal carcasses properly.
9. Handle furs with care to avoid waste.
10. Strive to maintain a good relationship and act as a professional with other outdoor users and the general public at all times.
11. Support and promote furbearer conservation efforts that will assure good trapping for future generations of Americans.
12. Be sensitive to the fact that some individuals find some aspects of trapping disturbing and do not display offensive photographs, carcasses, or other items.
13. Stay current with the most up to date methods of humane, target specific and ethical trapping techniques available, including Best Management Practices.
14. Assist landowners who are having problems with predators and other furbearers that have become a nuisance.



### Best Management Practices for Trapping (BMPs)

#### WHAT?

- Based on sound-science and research, BMPs have been developed for over 20 years to inform people about traps and trapping systems considered to be state of the art in animal welfare and efficiency.

#### WHY?

- BMPs identify practical traps and trapping techniques that continue to improve efficiency selectivity, and the welfare of trapped animals.
- BMPs provide specifications for traps that meet BMP criteria for individual species in various regions of the United States.
- Through the use of BMP guidelines, trappers can continue to play an important role in furbearer management programs across the United States.

#### WHERE?

- BMPs can be found online at the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies (AFWA)  
Website: [http://fishwildlife.org/?section=best\\_management\\_practices](http://fishwildlife.org/?section=best_management_practices).



# SPECIAL AREA TRAPPING AND HUNTING REGULATIONS

The following areas are closed to all trapping and hunting referred to in these regulations except as authorized by special permit:

- Denman Wildlife Area
- E. E. Wilson Wildlife Area
- Enterprise Wildlife Area south of U.P. Railroad, Marr Tract
- Fern Ridge Wildlife Area
- Irrigon Wildlife Area
- Jewell Meadows Wildlife Area
- Klamath Wildlife Area
- Ladd Marsh Wildlife Area
- Rimrock Springs Wildlife Area
- Sauvie Island Wildlife Area
- Summer Lake Wildlife Area
- St. Louis Ponds
- McDonald Forest (Oregon State University)
- Tillicum Natural Area
- Federal refuges
- North Bank Habitat Management Area (BLM)
- Metolius Wildlife Refuge
- National, state and public parks
- Public campgrounds
- Cemeteries
- City and municipal watersheds now in refuge
- Within city boundaries
- School lands

**Exceptions:** Furbearers and unprotected mammals may be trapped and hunted in state refuges (except those listed above as closed to all hunting or trapping) during open harvest seasons between November 1 and March 31.

## DEFINITIONS

**EASTERN OREGON:** All counties east of the summit of the Cascades, including all of Klamath and Hood River Counties.

**FURBEARERS or FURBEARING MAMMALS:** Beaver, bobcat, fisher, marten, mink, muskrat, river otter, raccoon, red fox and gray fox. For any person owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge or dominion over any land (or an agent of this person) who is taking or attempting to take beaver or muskrat on that property, these two species are considered to be predatory animals.

**KILLING TRAP:** A device used to kill a mammal as part of a killing trap system. A killing trap system is a system set with the intent to kill a mammal comprising a combination of: equipment (the trap and trigger configuration), and set (including site modifications, lures, baits, location and other relevant requirements).

**LAND SET:** Is any set with a trap or snare other than a water set.

**PREDATORY ANIMALS:** Include coyotes, feral swine, rabbits, rodents and birds (excluding game birds) which are or may be destructive to agricultural crops, products and activities.

**PUBLIC TRAIL:** Any trail designated, maintained, mapped and marked by any state or federal land management agency on the most current official map of the agency; for the purposes of trapping, water way, water trails designated for floating craft and public roadways are not considered a "public trail".

**RAW PELT:** Any pelt that has not been processed or converted to any usable form beyond initial cleaning, stretching and drying.

**RESIDENT:** A person who has resided in Oregon for at least six (6) consecutive months immediately prior to the date of making application for a license, tag or permit. Resident license and tags may also be purchased by:

1. Members of the Armed Forces of the United States who:
  - Are permanently assigned to active duty in their state, and their spouse and dependent children.
  - Reside in this state while assigned to duty at any base, station, shore establishment or other facility in this state.
  - Reside in this state while serving as members of the crew of a ship that has an Oregon port or shore establishment as its home port or permanent station.
  - Reside in a foreign country and establish Oregon residency by filing Oregon state income taxes no later than 12 months before leaving active duty.
  - Armed Forces includes Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps and Coast Guard, or their reserve components; the National Guard or Oregon National Guard.
2. Aliens attending school in Oregon under a foreign student exchange program.

**RIVER:** The portion of a natural water body lying below the level of bankfull stage. Bankfull stage means the stage or elevation at which overflow of the natural banks or a stream or body of water begins to inundate the upland.

**RESTRAINING TRAP:** A device used to capture and restrain (but not kill) a mammal as part of a restraining trap system. A restraining trap system is a system set with the intent to capture and restrain (but not kill) a mammal comprising a combination of: equipment (the trap and the trigger configuration), and set (including site modification, lures, baits, location and other relevant requirements.)

**SIGHT BAIT:** Exposed flesh bait including whole animal carcasses within 15 feet of any foothold trap set for carnivores.

**TRAILHEAD:** "Trailhead", for the purposes of trapping, is the area beginning at the sign marking the origin of a public trail or segment of trail which is designated, maintained, mapped, and marked by at least one visible sign and includes any adjacent improved graveled or paved vehicle parking lot. The standard shoulder of the road is not considered part of the trailhead. Trailheads are marked by at least one visible sign posted by the responsible state or federal land management agency and identified on the most current official map of the agency. A trailhead does not include junctions between trails (posted or not) where there is no motorized vehicle access, or intersections where a trail crosses a road, or locations where users have developed an access point, but no improvements have been provided beyond minimal signage for public safety.

**UNPROTECTED MAMMALS:** Badger, coyote, gophers, moles, mountain beaver, nutria, opossum, porcupine, spotted skunk, striped skunk, weasel and yellow-bellied marmot. For any person owning, leasing, occupying, possessing or having charge or dominion over any land (or an agent of this person) who is taking or attempting to take coyote, gopher, mountain beaver (boomer) marmot, nutria, or porcupine on that property, these six species are considered to be predatory animals.

**WATER SET:** "Water set" is any trap or snare originally set within a permanent water source or a seasonal water source when water is present, such that at least a portion of the trap jaws or snare loop is submerged. If water levels fluctuate, any killing trap with a jaw spread of 9" or more originally set in a water set must be removed or adjusted such that at least a portion of the trap jaws are submerged at the next required trap-check except in tidally influenced areas when set below the mean high water mark.

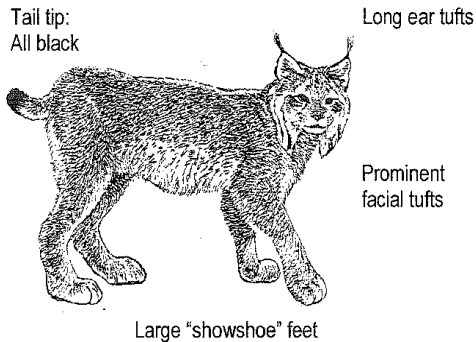
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## ATTENTION BOBCAT HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS

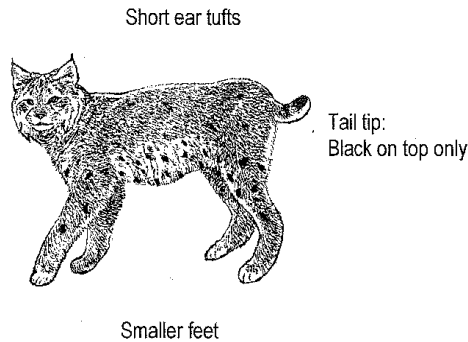
In March 2000, the Canada Lynx was listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act in 14 states, including Oregon. There are no known lynx populations in Oregon at this time, however, individual lynx are known to disperse into Oregon occasionally.

Although rare, the potential exists for Oregon bobcat trappers and hunters to encounter a lynx. Trappers and hunters must know the difference between lynx and bobcat and their sign to avoid catching or killing a lynx. Please contact ODFW should you see a lynx or its sign.

### LYNX



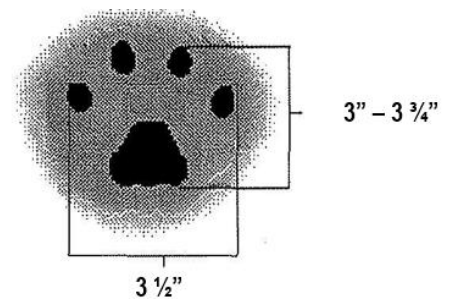
### BOBCAT



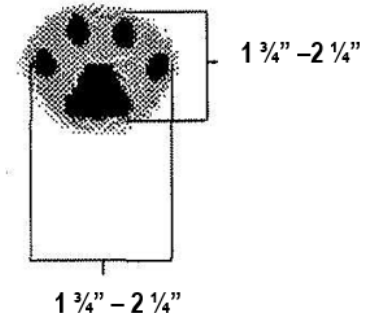
	<b>LYNX</b>	<b>BOBCAT</b>
<b>Coloration</b>	Gray to light brown. Spots light or absent.	Highly variable, range silver to reddish brown. Spotting on belly and legs.
<b>Tail</b>	Entire tip black, no barring.	Tip black on top only, light underneath, usually barred on top.
<b>Feet</b>	Appear too large for size of the animal.	Proportional to size of animal.
<b>Appearance</b>	Hind legs disproportionately long, resulting in stooped appearance.	

### TRACK COMPARISON

#### **LYNX**



#### **BOBCAT**



*Note:*

Lynx tracks are similar in size to cougar. Pad impressions are less distinct on lynx due to heavy fur on feet.

*Track data: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks. 1999*

### **Recommendations to Avoid Lynx in Trap Sets**

- Do not set traps or snares for bobcats where lynx tracks are observed or lynx are known to be present.
- Use a #2 or smaller foothold trap, or padded #3 foothold trap.
- Make marten sets on leaning poles no larger than 6 inches in diameter with trap and bait placed at least three feet above the ground or snow level.
- Do not suspend flags or sight-attractants near traps.
- Use tainted baits and avoid using parts of rabbits or hares as baits.

### **Preventing Injury and Releasing Lynx from Traps**

- Check your traps frequently on a regular basis and carry a catchpole to release lynx and other non-target species.
- Stake the trap so that a lynx cannot get entangled around a solid object (even a small sapling) after being captured.
- Traps should have tethering chains no longer than 18 inches and chains should include at least two swivels.



## LOCATIONS TO OBTAIN BOBCAT AND RIVER OTTER OWNERSHIP TAGS

**Tagging Deadlines:** Each person must have an ownership tag affixed to their bobcat or river otter pelt at an Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife office within **five (5) business days** after the season ends. **Tagging is by appointment only.**

LOCATION	OFFICE ADDRESS	NOTES	OFFICE PHONE
<b>Regional Offices</b>			
<b>CORVALLIS</b>	7118 NE Vandenberg Avenue Corvallis, OR 97330-9446	(Adair Village-8 miles north of Corvallis on US 99W)	(541) 757-4186
<b>LA GRANDE</b>	107 20 <sup>th</sup> Street La Grande, OR 97850	Tagging to take place on Mondays, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	(541) 963-2138
<b>Field Offices</b>			
<b>BAKER CITY</b>	2995 Hughes Lane Baker City, OR 97814		(541) 523-5832
<b>BEND</b>	61374 Parrell Road Bend, OR 97702	Tagging to take place on Mondays, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	(541) 388-6363
<b>CENTRAL POINT</b>	1495 Gregory Road Central Point, OR 97502		(541) 826-8774
<b>CHARLESTON</b>	63538 Boat Basin Drive PO Box 5003, Charleston, OR 97420		(541) 888-5515
<b>CLACKAMAS</b>	17330 SE Evelyn Street Clackamas, OR 97015		(971) 673-6000
<b>ENTERPRISE</b>	65495 Alder Slope Road Enterprise, OR 97828		(541) 426-3279
<b>GOLD BEACH</b>	29907 Airport Way Gold Beach, OR 97444		(541) 247-7605
<b>HEPPNER</b>	54173 Hwy 74, Box 363 Heppner, OR 97836		(541) 676-5230
<b>HINES</b>	237 Hwy 20 South, PO Box 8 Hines, OR 97738		(541) 573-6582
<b>JEWELL MEADOWS WILDLIFE AREA</b>	79878 Hwy 202 Seaside, OR 97138		(503) 755-2264
<b>JOHN DAY</b>	305 N Canyon City Blvd. Canyon City, OR 97820		(541) 575-1167
<b>KLAMATH FALLS</b>	1850 Miller Island Road, West Klamath Falls, OR 97603		(541) 883-5732
<b>LAKEVIEW</b>	18560 Roberta Rd Lakeview, OR 97630		(541) 947-2950
<b>NEWPORT</b>	2040 SE Marine Science Drive Newport, OR 97365		(541) 867-4741
<b>ONTARIO</b>	3814 Clark Blvd. Ontario, OR 97914		(541) 889-6975
<b>PENDLETON</b>	73471 Mytinger Lane Pendleton, OR 97801		(541) 276-2344
<b>PRINEVILLE</b>	2042 SE Paulina Highway Prineville, OR 97754		(541) 447-5111
<b>ROSEBURG</b>	4192 N Umpqua Hwy	Tagging to take place on Mondays, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm	(541) 440-3353
<b>SAUVIE ISLAND</b>	18330 NW Sauvie Island Road Portland, OR 97231		(503) 621-3488
<b>SPRINGFIELD</b>	3150 East Main Street Springfield, OR 97478		(541) 726-3515
<b>SUMMER LAKE</b>	53447 Hwy 31 Summer Lake, OR 97640		(541) 943-3324
<b>THE DALLES</b>	3701 West 13 <sup>th</sup> The Dalles, OR 97058		(541) 296-4628
<b>TILLAMOOK</b>	4907 3 <sup>rd</sup> Street Tillamook, OR 97141		(503) 842-2741

## FURTKER HARVEST REPORT INFORMATION

**UPDATE: ODFW is currently working to create an online reporting system that will allow licensed furtakers to submit their Furtaker Harvest Report online. Submitting a paper report would still remain an option. Another furtaker resource in the works is a webpage where furtakers can check the status on their reports (i.e. was their report received on or before the April 15 deadline). Be sure to include your email address in your furtaker license application and Harvest Report to receive report submission confirmation. These online resources are scheduled to be available in fall 2016, check the ODFW Website for updates.**

This section contains information on how to complete your Furtaker Harvest Report Form. If you have any questions please contact the Furbearer Program Coordinator at (503) 947-6301. If you lose your form, a new one can be found on the ODFW Website: [http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/small\\_game/docs/reportcard.pdf](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/resources/hunting/small_game/docs/reportcard.pdf)

**Your Furtaker Harvest Report provides valuable information to ensure sound management of Oregon's furbearers!**

### Harvest Report Instructions:

1. Print your name and brand number.
2. If you did not participate in any of the seasons, and did not pick up any road kills, check the box "I Did Not Hunt or Trap" and mail the report form. Check the ODFW Website to see if inline reporting has become an option.
3. If you participated in any season you must complete the form as follows, even if you did not harvest an animal.
  - a) **County:** Enter the county of harvest next to the appropriate species. If you need space for additional counties please attach additional form(s).
  - b) **Harvest:** Enter the total number harvested in each county by method of harvest. If harvest is zero, put 0. If an animal was released from a trap or hunted/treed but not harvested, enter that number in the Number Released column and not the Number Harvested column.
  - c) **Nights trapped and days hunted** should be reported for target species only, even if you were unsuccessful. Also report the average number of traps set each night. Please refer to the examples on the following page.
  - d) **Pursuit Season:** Record activity anytime you pursue, even if you have no intention of harvesting an animal.
  - e) **Road Kills:** Record all road-killed furbearers or unprotected mammals that you take into possession.

### Example

The next page is an example of how to fill out the Furtaker Harvest Report.

- This furtaker trapped 12 beaver in Lane County and 8 in Douglas County. Traps were set in each county for 23 days.
- The furtaker averaged 21 traps in Lane County and 16 traps in Douglas County each night he trapped.
- He spent 6 days with an average of 6 traps set per night trying to trap gray fox in Polk County.
- The furtaker had hounds and hunted bobcat and raccoon in 2 counties over 4 days during the season. He recorded the days spent in both counties for both species. He treed and harvested 3 raccoon but did not tree nor harvest any bobcats.
- He spent 2 days training his dogs during the pursuit season in Yamhill County. He treed and released 2 bobcats.
- He harvested 1 muskrat and 14 nutria in Lane County, but reported no effort because they were taken while beaver trapping.
- One weekend was spent calling in coyotes in Lane County. He called in and harvested 1 coyote.
- The furtaker took a road-killed badger into possession in Umatilla County.
- Two striped skunk were captured and released while attempting to trap gray fox in Polk County.

**EXAMPLE:**

**2016-2017 FURTAKEER HARVEST REPORT FORM**

I did not hunt or trap.

Name: JOE PUBLIC Identification/Brand No. 8912x  
 Email Address: PLEASE PRINT NAME joe.public@email.com Telephone: 503-947-6000

Complete the information below if you trapped or hunted, even if you did not harvest.  
 See reverse side for instructions. If you have questions contact ODFW 503-947-6301.  
 Report trap nights and hunt days for target species only. Report harvest for all species.

**PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO PUT THE COUNTY OF HARVEST. IF HARVEST IS ZERO, PUT 0.**

Species	County (Required)	Trapping Season				Hunting Season				Pursuit Season		Road Kill
		Number Harvested	Number of Nights Trapped	Average Number of Traps Set Each Night	Number Released	Number Harvested	Number of Days Hunted	Harvest Method Code (see below)	Number NOT Harvested	Number Traps or Called	Number of Days Called or Pursued	Road Kills Taken
(04) Beaver	Lane	12	23	21	0							
	Douglas	8	23	16	0							
(05) Bobcat	Polk					3	4	H	0			
	Yamhill					0	4	H	0	2	2	
(07) Gray Fox	Polk	0	6	6	0							
(08) Red Fox												
(09) Marten												
(10) Mink												
(11) Muskrat	Lane	1	0	0	0							
(14) Otter												
(15) Raccoon	Polk					6	4	H	0			
	Yamhill					5	4	H	0			
(06) Coyote	Lane					1	2	C	0			
(03) Badger	Umatilla											1
(12) Nubia	Lane	14	0	0	0							
(13) Opossum												
(16) Spotted Skunk												
(17) Striped Skunk	Polk	0	0	0	2							
(18) Weasel												

Harvest Method Codes:  
 (C) Predator Calling (H) Pursuit or Hunting with Hounds  
 (O) Opportunistic Harvest -Animal taken while not specifically pursuing furbearers.

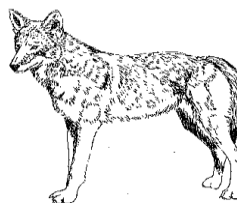
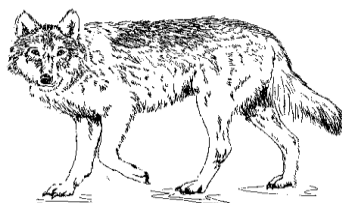
**RETURN POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 15, 2017.**

FAILURE TO RETURN WILL RESULT IN LICENSE DENIAL FOR THE 2017-2018 SEASON  
 UNLESS THE LATE HARVEST REPORT FORM AND APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED WITH A \$50.00 LATE FEE

# WOLVES IN OREGON: WHAT TRAPPERS NEED TO KNOW

## Differences in Appearance Between Wolves and Coyotes

SPECIES	WOLF	COYOTE
<b>Weight (lbs.)</b>	70-120 lbs.	20-35 lbs.
<b>Height at Shoulder</b>	26-34 inches.	16-20 inches.
<b>Coloration</b>	Black, white, all shades of gray and tan, grizzled. Never spotted.	All shades of gray and tan; white or black very rare. Never spotted.
<b>Tail</b>	Hangs down or straight out; never curls.	Hangs down or straight out; never curls.
<b>General Appearance</b>	Massive, long legged. First impression at long distance is often calf or deer.	Delicate, medium size, dog-like proportions with foxlike face.
<b>Ears</b>	Rounded, relatively short; never hang down.	Pointed, relatively long; never hang down.
<b>Muzzle</b>	Large and blocky.	Long and pointed.
<b>Track</b>	4 ½ - 5 inches long with claws.	2-3 inches long with claws.



Gray wolves are managed and protected under the Oregon Wolf Conservation and Management Plan and associated technical rules. Also, west of Oregon Highways 395/78/95, wolves are federally listed as endangered under the federal Endangered Species Act and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the lead management agency.

The 2015 Oregon minimum wolf population was 110 wolves. Twelve packs were documented and eleven of those packs met the criteria as breeding pairs. During 2015, known wolf groups occurred in parts of Baker, Grant, Jackson, Klamath, Lake, Morrow, Umatilla, Union, and Wallowa Counties, but furtrappers could observe wolves or wolf sign anywhere in Oregon. Maps of areas of known wolf activity in Oregon are available at <http://www.dfw.state.or.us/Wolves/index.asp>. If proper precautions are observed, wolf presence should not affect most trapping activities. The following tips help minimize the risk of accidental capture.

**Avoid trapping in areas with common or recent wolf sign.** Learn how to identify wolf sign. Before setting coyote or other large furbearer traps, look for wolf sign in the area. Wolves are highly mobile and can travel large distances daily. However, trapping in areas with common or recent wolf sign increases the chance of accidental wolf capture.

**Actual Size**  
**Wolf Track – 4 ½” to 5” Long**

### REPORT WOLF ACTIVITY:

Because of their knowledge of predators and animal sign, licensed trappers can play an important role in the conservation and management of wolves in Oregon. Please report any wolf observations or sign online through ODFW's web site ([www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves](http://www.dfw.state.or.us/wolves)) or by calling the department's Wolf Coordinator at 541-962-1850, or US Fish and Wildlife Service at 541-786-3282. Information such as the number and description of animals observed, track measurements, and other sign is extremely valuable to current wolf monitoring efforts. By working cooperatively, ODFW can improve wolf location information while helping trappers avoid accidental capture.

**Improve coyote trapping systems to reduce the chance of capturing wolves or losing traps.** Smaller traps for coyotes (#3 or smaller) reduce the chance of holding a trapped wolf. Double staking or cross pinning stakes (metal, 18-24 inches long) can prevent trap loss. Wolves are strong enough to pull out shorter stakes, especially in soft ground. Staked traps should have about eight inches (8”) or less of chain and a stout swivel system. Reinforce links by welding if necessary.

**When using a drag system, use heavy drags and chains with stout swivels.** Make sure all links are welded and swivels are strong. The drag system should be heavy enough to hold a 100+ pound animal. Traps anchored to a drag should have a minimum of seven feet (7’) feet of chain. Reinforce links by welding if necessary.

**Use a high-quality snare with breakaways.** Snares should be well anchored and have a long cable. Be mindful of where and how the snare is placed relative to obstacles such as logs, as these could entangle an animal caught incidentally, preventing the breakaway from working properly. Again, avoid hanging snares on trails that have or have had wolf sign.

**Actual Size**  
**Coyote Track – 2” to 3” Long**

**IF A WOLF IS CAUGHT IN A TRAP, IMMEDIATELY CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

ODFW Wolf Coordinators 541-786-5126 or 541-805-8967 or any ODFW office  
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 541-786-3282  
Oregon State Police Dispatch Center 541-664-4600