

*Summary*  
*of the*  
*Trapping Regulations*  
*of*  
*Prince Edward Island*  
*Canada*  
*2003*



*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**

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**J. Chester Gillan**

*Minister of Environment*  
Department of  
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Environment  
Charlottetown  
Prince Edward Island

## Trapping Seasons 2002-2003

### Furbearer

### Open Season

Beaver (Prince and Queens Counties) . . . . .	8:00 o'clock am, October 31 - January 31
Beaver (Kings County) . . . . .	November 15 - January 31
Mink . . . . .	8:00 o'clock am, October 31 - January 31
Muskrat . . . . .	8:00 o'clock am, October 31- January 31
Weasel . . . . .	8:00 o'clock am, October 31 - January 15
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

\* 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.

## License Fees

* Resident Trapping License	
(16 years and older) . . . . .	\$ 10.00
Junior Trapping Permit	
(15 years and under) . . . . .	\$ 5.00
Permit to hunt Raccoon at night . . . . .	\$ 7.00
* Resident Fur Dealers License . . . . .	\$ 25.00
Non-Resident Fur Dealers License . . . . .	\$175.00

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

Trapping Licenses may be obtained from the Conservation and Management Division office, 11 Kent Street, Charlottetown, or from the Conservation Officer in your area (see list on page 8).

# **Summary of Trapping Regulations of Prince Edward Island, Canada**

## **General Regulations**

1. No person shall set a trap designed to hold animals alive without examining each trap at least once a day.
2. No person shall set a trap designed to kill animals without examining each trap at least once every 48 hours.
3. No persons shall set a toothed trap, a deadfall or a hook.
4. No person shall use a running pole set or a spring pole set in combination with a foothold trap.
5. Any foothold trap set in or over water must be a drowning set.
6. All first time trappers are required to take an approved trapper education course before purchasing a trapping license.
7. 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.

8. 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 fox; or
  - (f) the trap is set for coyote and has been modified to improve humaneness by such means as laminating the jaws, off-setting the jaws, padding the jaws, using a trap that incorporates a snare, or other similarly effective means of improving humaneness.
9. No person shall place in the field any snare larger than single strand brass wire of 20 gauge except during the open season for snaring red fox or coyote. 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.
10. No person shall place a trap or snare in the field, either set or unset, before the opening of the trapping season for each animal.
11. No person shall leave a trap or snare in the upland after January 15 or in or over water after January 31.

12. Any person who traps beaver, muskrat, raccoon, fox, coyote, mink, weasel, skunk, or squirrel shall be the holder of a Trapping License or Junior Trapping Permit.
13. All persons who trap shall be issued with a Registration Number (a combination of letters and/or numbers) at the time of purchasing their Trapping License or Junior Trapping Permit. No person shall set a trap or snare without such trap or snare bearing the trapper's registration number clearly visible on the trap or snare. The registration number affixed to snares and stamped on traps must be made with official dies obtained from the Conservation and Management Division.
14. 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.
15. 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).
16. 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, coyote den or burrow or set a trap within ten feet of the house or den of a beaver or mink.
17. 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.

18. 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 water.
19. When required to do so, anyone trapping beaver shall within TEN days after the close of the open season exhibit the CARCASS and PELT of each beaver to a Game Officer for examination and tagging.
20. No person shall take or attempt to take any beaver, mink, or muskrat by any means other than trapping.
21. No person shall set a trap inside an active muskrat house.
22. 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 Conservation and Management Division.
23. 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.
24. No person shall have in possession untagged snares while in wildlife habitat.
25. No person shall ship raw furs from the province (P.E.I.) without first obtaining an Export Permit.
26. Anyone who buys the pelts of wild furbearing animals in PEI must be the holder of a 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.
27. 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.

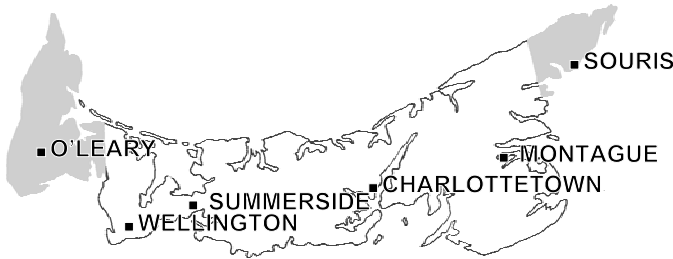
- 28.** Any person convicted of a violation under the *Wildlife Conservation Act* shall lose his trapping privileges from the date of such conviction for one calendar year.

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

**For Further Information Contact**

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For further information contact the Conservation and Management Office, 11 Kent Street 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 Regional Services Centers or the Charlottetown Office.

O'Leary	859-8853	Ross Bernard
Wellington	854-7250	Roland Richard
Summerside	888-8000	John Clements
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For environmental emergencies or enforcement after normal office hours phone **1-800-565-1633**.

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