

CHAPTER 6234
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
SMALL GAME REGULATIONS

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6234.1900 TAKING BEAVER.

Subpart 1. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in North Zone.** Beaver may be taken and possessed without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 26 to May 15.

Subp. 2. **Open season and bag limits for beaver in South Zone.** Beaver may be taken and possessed without limit by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to May 15.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.925*

History: *20 SR 2287*

6234.2000 TAKING OTTER.

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

Subp. 2. **Open season and area for otter in South Zone.** Otter may be taken by trapping from 9:00 a.m. on the Saturday nearest October 30 to the Sunday nearest January 6 only in that portion of the zone lying north of Interstate Highway 94 beginning at the west boundary of the state; thence along Interstate Highway 94 to U.S. Highway 10, and thence along U.S. Highway 10 to the east boundary of the state.

[For text of subps 3 and 4, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.921*

History: *20 SR 2287*

6234.2200 USE OF TRAPS.

[For text of subpart 1, see M.R.]

Subp. 2. **Trap-tending interval; nondrowning sets.** Any trap, except a body-gripping or "conibear" type trap, capable of capturing a protected wild animal and not capable of drowning the animal must be tended at least once each calendar day and any animal captured must be removed from the trap. A body-gripping or "conibear" type trap need not be tended more frequently than once every third calendar day and any animal captured must be removed from the trap.

[For text of subps 3 to 12, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.605; 97B.611; 97B.615; 97B.621, 97B.625, 97B.631; 97B.635; 97B.911; 97B.915; 97B.921; 97B.925*

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6234.2600 PELT TAGGING AND REGISTRATION.

[For text of subps 1 and 2, see M.R.]

Subp. 3. **Registration of pelts.** The pelt of each bobcat, fisher, pine marten, and otter and the whole carcass of each bobcat must be presented, by the person taking it, to a conservation officer for registration before the pelt is sold and before the pelt is transported out of the state, but in no event more than 48 hours after the season closes for each species, respectively. The entire carcass of bobcat and the entire head of pine marten must be surrendered to the conservation officer. The pelt of bobcat, otter, fisher, and pine marten must have been removed from the carcass.

[For text of subps 4 and 5, see M.R.]

Statutory Authority: *MS s 97B.625; 97B.635; 97B.901; 97B.921*

History: *20 SR 2287*

6234.2800 PAYMENT OF PELTING FEES.

If a person recovers, treats, preserves, or transports the pelt of any fur-bearing animal that was accidentally killed, or lawfully killed while causing or threatening injury or damage, the person may be entitled to a pelting fee equal to 50 percent of the average value of a pelt in the lot of fur in which the pelt was sold or 50 percent of the proceeds of the sale of the pelt if not sold in a lot of fur. A pelting fee will not be paid on muskrats.

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