

# 2018 Trapping Seasons

(Saskatchewan Residents Only)



Species	Season Dates	Additional Information
Arctic Fox	Oct. 15, 2018 - Mar. 15, 2019	Province wide (NFCA and SFCA)
Badger	Nov. 1, 2018 - Apr. 15, 2019	Province wide
Black Bear	Sept. 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019	NFCA, excluding provincial parks and recreations sites
	Sept. 10, 2018 - May 31, 2019	WMZs 30 and 34 to 50, 52 to 55 and 68 within SFCA and the following provincial parks and recreation sites; Athabasca Sand Dunes, Clarence-Steepbank Lakes, Clearwater River, Duck Mountain, Greenwater Lake, Great Blue Heron, Lac La Ronge, Meadow Lake, Narrow Hills and Wildcat Hill provincial parks, and Bronson Forest, Woody River, Nesslin Lake and Round Lake recreation sites
Beaver	Oct. 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019	NFCA
	Oct. 1, 2018 - May 31, 2019	SFCA except in RMs with open season bylaw *
Bobcat	Oct. 15, 2018 - Mar. 15, 2019	Province wide
Coyotes	Oct. 15, 2018 - Mar. 15, 2019	NFCA
Coyotes	Open Season	SFCA
**Cougar	Oct. 15, 2018 - Mar. 15, 2019	Province wide
Fisher	Nov. 1, 2018 - Mar. 1, 2019	Province wide
Fox (Red, Silver, Cross)	Oct. 15, 2018 - Mar. 15, 2019	Province wide
Lynx	Nov. 1, 2018 - Mar. 1, 2019	Province wide
Marten	Nov. 1, 2018 - Mar. 1, 2019	Province wide
Mink	Nov. 1, 2018 - Mar. 1, 2019	Province wide
Muskrat	Oct. 15, 2018 - May 31, 2019	Province wide
Otter	Nov. 1, 2018 - Apr. 30, 2019	Province wide
Raccoon	Open season	Province wide
Skunk	Open season	Province wide
Squirrel	Nov. 1, 2018 - Mar. 15, 2019	Province wide
Weasel	Nov. 1, 2018 - Mar. 1, 2019	Province wide
Wolf	Oct. 15, 2018 - Mar. 15, 2019	Province wide
Wolverine	Oct. 15, 2018 - Feb. 15, 2019	Province wide

\*See website [saskatchewan.ca/hunting](http://saskatchewan.ca/hunting) for the list of RMs with open season status for beaver.

\*\* There is a mandatory reporting requirement for possession of a dead cougar; a person capturing a cougar must immediately advise a wildlife officer, provide the cougar for inspections and apply for a permit to possess the animal.

# Summary of Trapping Regulations and Information <sup>2</sup>

## General Information

### The province is divided into two trapping areas:

#### Northern Fur Conservation Area (NFCA) (Northern Saskatchewan Trapping Blocks)

- Constitutes all Crown non-leased lands north of Highways 3, 35 and 49 and includes most of the provincial forest in central and northern Saskatchewan, Duck Mountain and Greenwater Lake provincial parks and Fort à la Corne WMU (portions of WMZ 40, 42W, 43, 45W, 47, 48, 49, 50, 52, 53, 55, 68N and all of WMZs 56 to 76). For additional information, contact a Ministry of Environment office.
- This area is partitioned into 89 community-based trapping blocks, which are managed by individual trappers through an orderly membership system.
- Eligible trappers holding a valid NFCA fur licence or a Saskatchewan resident youth fur licence, may only trap in the Fur Block in which they are a member.
- Trapping in a NFCA is by application only through Ministry of Environment offices.

#### Southern Fur Conservation Area (SFCA) (South Saskatchewan open trapping area)

- Constitutes leased or private land primarily in that portion of Saskatchewan south of the provincial forest boundary (all leased or private lands within WMZs 1-50, 52-55 and 68N).
- A SFCA licence is available to any Saskatchewan resident provided they have:
  - ~ successfully completed a firearm safety/hunter education course.
  - ~ a trapper education course.
  - ~ successfully completed the trapper education exam.
  - ~ have held a fur licence previously in any jurisdiction.
- Eligible trappers holding a valid SFCA, or Saskatchewan resident youth fur licence may trap anywhere in the SFCA, provided they have obtained right-of-access from the landowner (if private land), or occupant (lessee), or applicable government agency (vacant Crown land, community pastures, rural municipality right-of-ways, etc.).

## Trapping Regulations

### It is a violation to:

- hold a fur licence unless you have previously held a fur licence or successfully completed a recognized trapping course or examination and a firearm safety/hunter education course.
- take furbearing animals without a fur licence except beaver (in select rural municipalities), coyotes, rabbits, raccoons and skunks. These species may be hunted year round without a licence by Saskatchewan residents in WMZs 1 to 50 and 52 to 55 (in the SFCA).
- hold or apply for a fur licence while suspended.
- sell any raw or unprocessed furs without possessing a valid fur licence or fur dealer's licence.
- purchase any furs for the purpose of resale without possessing a fur dealer's licence.
- purchase raw or unprocessed pelts or fur animals from a licensed trapper or fur dealer for personal use without a permit (contact your local conservation officer for further information).
- send or take fur out of the province without obtaining an export permit.

- use foot-hold traps for beaver, muskrat, otter or mink unless the trap is set so the animal drowns when caught.
- use a foot-hold trap on land for the restraint of any fur animal unless the trap is a certified restraining trap, the trap has been set to kill the fur animal (i.e. quick-kill trap) or has been modified to improve humaneness (see page 41).
- use or set a body-gripping trap that is not a certified trap for beaver, bobcat, otter, lynx, marten, fisher, ermine, least weasel, long tailed weasel, muskrat or raccoon.
- use foot-hold traps with an inside jaw opening more than 24 centimetres (9.5 inches).
- trap bears except with mechanically activated foot snares.
- shoot a bear under the authority of a SFCA fur licence unless the bear is restrained in a mechanically activated leg snare.
- shoot a cougar under the authority of a fur licence unless the cougar is restrained in a trap or snare.
- use traps with serrated jaws or teeth to take furbearing animals.
- use hooks or sharp devices to snag or spear furbearing animals.
- use neck snares without a special permit except to take beaver under the ice or to take squirrels and rabbits.
- use power snares (steel, spring-activated power neck snares) without a special permit.
- tamper or interfere with legally placed traps unless authorized to do so.
- trap on any land without the permission of the landowner or occupant.
- use or set a trap or snare on any land within 500 metres of a building, stockade or corral occupied by people or livestock without the consent of the owner or occupant in charge.
- fail to check traps or snares:
  - > within one day when set within five kilometres of urban limits.
  - > within one day when setting a mechanically activated leg snare for bears in the SFCA.
  - > three days when set on other lands in the southern zones.
  - > five days when set on lands within the Fur Conservation Block.

### Licensed trappers may:

- hunt fur animals (except bears in the SFCA and cougars) with any firearm during an open fur season with the exception of Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs as noted below.
- carry a firearm of a .22 (or less) calibre rimfire rifle on an ATV during a big game season (except wolf) in WMZs 1 to 47, 52, 54, Duck Mountain and Moose Mountain provincial parks, Regina/Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Prince Albert WMZs and Fort à la Corne WMU while conducting normal trapping operations.
- carry and use a .22 (or less) calibre rimfire rifle in Regina/Moose Jaw and Saskatoon WMZs during a big game season, provided you are performing normal trapping operations.

# Update on Implementing the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards

Canada is a signatory to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS). This agreement states that only certified traps, where listed, can legally be used for trapping furbearers. In accordance with AIHTS, Saskatchewan regulations state it is unlawful to use or set a body-gripping trap (killing) that is not a certified trap for the applicable species. Trappers are allowed to use existing traps if a certified device for that species has not been identified. Following the Agreement, restraining (foot-hold) traps can be used on land for the restraint and live-capture of a fur animal if the trap has been certified or modified to improve humaneness or is set in a manner that will kill the animal with reasonable dispatch. Visit [saskatchewan.ca/hunting](https://saskatchewan.ca/hunting) for more information on modifying conventional steel-jawed foot-hold traps.

The current listing of certified traps and humane trapping information is available at the Fur Institute of Canada website at [fur.ca](https://fur.ca), by phone at 613-231-7099, or by email at [info@fur.ca](mailto:info@fur.ca).

## Wild boars

Wild boars are classed as unprotected wildlife and may be hunted by Saskatchewan residents without a licence. During a big game season, a person can hunt wild boar (without a valid big game licence) as long as he or she is not accompanying a licensed big game hunter. All safety regulations are still in effect. Hunters are reminded to always obtain permission on private lands before pursuing wild boar. There are restrictions on pursuing wild boar within wildlife management units and provincial parks. Please check with your conservation officer for more details.

The Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards states that all trappers are required to use:

- certified killing traps: bobcat (Fall 2018)
- certified restraining traps: bobcat (Fall 2018); wolf (2020)
- certified restraining (cage) traps: beaver (2020).

## Neck Snares

Neck snares are not covered under the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards and may only be used with a special permit subject to existing provincial regulations and policy. Check with your nearest conservation officer for more details.

## Trapper Education

First-time trappers must take a trapper education course or pass an equivalency exam before they can obtain a fur licence. The trapper education exam can be taken at Ministry of Environment offices.

The Saskatchewan Trappers Association (STA) and Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association Co-operative (NSTAC) offer recognized trapping education courses. For information, please contact:

### Saskatchewan Trappers Association

Email : [sta@saskatchewantrappers.com](mailto:sta@saskatchewantrappers.com)

Website: [saskatchewantrappers.com](https://saskatchewantrappers.com)

### Northern Saskatchewan Trappers Association

Phone: 306-635-9225

Ministry of Environment

Phone: 306-933-5767

Website: [saskatchewan.ca/hunting](https://saskatchewan.ca/hunting)

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or email **centre.inquiry@gov.sk.ca**



## Certified Traps – AIHTS Implementation in Canada Updated July 1 2018

(New additions to this list are highlighted and marked in Bold)

The Canadian Wildlife Directors, Competent Authorities for implementation of the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS) have approved a 2-phase process for implementing the AIHTS in Canada. The following list shows the two phases for regulating species-specific traps: (1) the **certified traps** currently regulated for specific species; (2) **certified traps that are not regulated at this time**. The traps listed by name have all been certified by a governing competent authority as meeting the requirements of the AIHTS for specific species.

**Check with your provincial or territorial government to confirm regulations related to trap uses applicable in your trapping area.**



### PHASE 1 - KILLING TRAPS - Certified traps currently regulated for use per species

SPECIES				
<b>BEAVER</b>	-Bélisle Classique 330 -Bélisle Super X 280 -Bélisle Super X 330 -B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 330 Body Gripper -B.M.I. BT 300	-Bridger 330 -Duke 280 -Duke 330 -LDL C280 -LDL C280 Magnum -LDL C330	-LDL C330 Magnum -Rudy 280 -Rudy 330 -Sauvageau 1000-11F -Sauvageau 2001-8 -Sauvageau 2001-11	-Sauvageau 2001-12 -Species-Specific 330 Dislocator Half Mag -Species-Specific 440 Dislocator Half Mag -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330
<b>CANADA LYNX</b>	-Bélisle Super X 280 -Bélisle Super X 330 -B.M.I. 220 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 220 Magnum Body Gripper	-B.M.I. 280 Magnum Body Gripper -Bridger 220 -Bridger 280 Mag. Bodygripper -Duke 280	-LDL C220 -LDL C220 Magnum -LDL C280 Magnum -LDL C330 -LDL C330 Magnum	-Rudy 330 -Sauvageau 2001-8 -Sauvageau 2001-11 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330
<b>FISHER</b>	-Bélisle Super X 120 -Bélisle Super X 160 -Bélisle Super X 220	-Koro no 2 -LDL C160 Magnum -LDL C220 Magnum	-Rudy 120 Magnum -Rudy 160 Plus -Rudy 220 Plus -Sauvageau 2001-5	-Sauvageau 2001-6 -Sauvageau 2001-7 -Sauvageau 2001-8
<b>MARTEN</b> <i>Martes americana</i> <i>Martes martes</i> <i>Martes zibellina</i>	-Bélisle Super X 120 -Bélisle Super X 160 -B.M.I. 126 Magnum Body Gripper	-LDL B120 Magnum -LDL C160 Magnum -Koro no 1 -Koro no 2	-Northwoods 155 -Rudy 120 Magnum -Rudy 160 Plus -Sauvageau C120 Magnum	-Sauvageau 2001-5 -Sauvageau 2001-6 -KP120 (Russia) -Kleiner Schwanenhals (Germany) -Eiabzugseisen (Germany)
<b>MUSKRAT</b> On Land	-Bélisle Super X 110 -Bélisle Super X 120 -B.M.I. 120 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 120 Body Gripper Magnum -B.M.I. 126 Body Gripper Magnum -Bridger 120 -Bridger 120 Mag. Bodygripper -Bridger 155 Mag. Bodygripper	-CONV 110 CAN (Holland) -Duke 120 -FMB 110 SS (Holland) -FMB 150 SS (Holland) <b>-HZ-110 Stainless Steel (Holland)</b> -Koro Muskrat Trap -Koro Large Rodent Double spring	-LDL B120 -LDL B120 Magnum -Oneida Victor 120 Stainless Steel -Oneida Victor Conibear 110-3 Stainless Steel <b>-Oneida Victor Conibear 110-3 MAGNUM Stainless Steel</b> -Ouell 411-180 -Ouell RM	-Rudy 110 -Rudy 120 -Rudy 120 Magnum -Sauvageau 2001-5 -Sauvageau C120 Magnum -Sauvageau C120 Reverse Bend -Triple M -WCS Tube Trap Int'l -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 110 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120
<b>MUSKRAT</b> Underwater	Any jaw type trap (body gripping or leghold) set as a submersion set that exerts clamping force on a muskrat and that maintains this animal underwater.			
<b>OTTER</b>	-Bélisle Super X 220 -Bélisle Super X 280 -Bélisle Super X 330 -LDL C220 -LDL C220 Magnum -LDL C280 Magnum	-Rudy 220 Plus -Rudy 280 -Rudy 330 -Sauvageau 2001-8 -Sauvageau 2001-11 -Sauvageau 2001-12	-Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 220 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 280 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330	
<b>RACCOON</b>	-Bélisle Classique 220 -Bélisle Super X 160 -Bélisle Super X 220 -Bélisle Super X 280 -B.M.I. 160 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 220 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 280 Body Gripper -B.M.I. 280 Magnum Body Gripper	-Bridger 160 -Bridger 220 -Bridger 280 Mag Bodygripper -Duke 160 -Duke 220 -Koro no 2 -LDL C160 -LDL C160 Magnum	-LDL C220 -LDL C220 Magnum -LDL C280 Magnum -Northwoods 155 -Rudy 160 -Rudy 160 Plus -Rudy 220 -Rudy 220 Plus	-Sauvageau 2001-6 -Sauvageau 2001-7 -Sauvageau 2001-8 -Species-Specific 220 Dislocator Half Mag -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 160 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 220
<b>WEASELS</b>	-Bélisle Super X 110 -Bélisle Super X 120 -B.M.I. 60 -B.M.I. 120 Body Gripper Magnum -B.M.I. 126 Body Gripper Magnum	-Bridger 120 -Bridger 120 Mag Bodygripper -Bridger 155 Mag Bodygripper -Koro Muskrat Trap -Koro Rodent Trap -Koro Large Rodent Double Spring -LDL B120 Magnum	-Ouell 411-180 -Ouell 3-10 -Ouell RM -Rudy 120 Magnum -Sauvageau C120 Magnum -Sauvageau C120 Reverse Bend	-Sauvageau 2001-5 -Triple M -Victor Rat Trap -WCS Tube Trap Int'l -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 110 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 120

### PHASE 1 - RESTRAINING TRAPS - Certified traps currently regulated for use per species

SPECIES				
<b>CANADA LYNX</b>	-Bélisle Footsnare #6 -Bélisle Sélectif	-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil springs	-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs	-Oneida Victor #3 equipped with at least 8mm thick, non-offset steel jaws, 4 coil springs and an anchoring swivel centre mounted on a base plate

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**Phase 2. YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION TO BE DETERMINED**

Although the traps listed in Phase 2 are certified for the following species and trap categories, the year of entry into force of the obligation to use only AIHTS Certified traps has not yet been determined. This date, which could vary from one species to another, will be known at least 3 years in advance. *Until then, traps that are currently legally permitted can still be used.*

**For all Canadian jurisdictions:**

-Use of certified bobcat restraining and killing traps will become mandatory (Phase 1) in the fall of 2018.

**-Use of certified restraining traps will become mandatory for wolf and beaver (cages) in the fall of 2020.**

**Check with your provincial or territorial government to confirm regulations related to trap uses applicable in your trapping area.**

**PHASE 2 - KILLING TRAPS – Traps certified per species but not yet mandatory**

SPECIES				
<b>BOBCAT</b>	-Bélisle Super X 280 -Bélisle Super X 330 -B.M.I 220 Body Gripper -B.M.I 280 Body Gripper -B.M.I 220 Magnum Body Gripper	-B.M.I 280 Magnum Body Gripper -Bridger 220 -Bridger 280 Mag. Bodygripper -Duke 280	-LDL C220 -LDL C220 Magnum -LDL C280 Magnum -LDL C330 -LDL C330 Magnum	-Rudy 330 -Sauvageau 2001-8 -Sauvageau 2001-11 -Woodstream Oneida Victor Conibear 330

**PHASE 2 - RESTRAINING TRAPS – Traps certified per species but not yet mandatory (see Note 1 below)**

SPECIES		
<b>COYOTE</b>	-Bélisle Footsnare #6 -Bélisle Sélectif -Duke No 3 Rubber Jaws with an anchoring swivel centre mounted on the base plate -Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil spring -Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil spring -Oneida Victor 1.75 equipped with 3/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on top side of jaw and ¼-inch on underside of jaws), with a 4 coil springs -Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil spring -Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs	-Oneida Victor #3 equipped with 3/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on topside of jaw and ¼-inch on underside of jaws), with 2 coil springs -Oneida Victor #3 equipped with 3/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on topside of jaw and ¼-inch on underside of jaws), with 4 coil springs. -Bridger #3 equipped with 5/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on topside of jaw and ¼-inch on underside of jaws), with 4 coil springs and an anchoring swivel centre mounted on a base plate. -MB 550 Rubber Jaws equipped with 4 coil springs
<b>BEAVER Cages</b>	-Comstock 12 X 18 X 39 Swin Through Beaver Cage -Breathe Easy Live Beaver trap -Ezee Set Live Beaver Trap	-Hancock Live Beaver Trap -Koro "Klam" Live Beaver Trap
<b>WOLF</b>	-Bélisle Footsnare #8 -Bridger Alaskan #5 Offset and Laminated Jaws -Bridger Alaskan #5 Rubber Jaws -Livestock Protection EZ Grip No. 7 -MB 750 Alaskan OS (3/8')	-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs, a minimum 8mm thick base plate and an anchoring swivel mounted on this base plate -Rudy Red Wolf 4 ½ -Bridger Brawn no 9 Rubber Jaws
<b>BOBCAT</b>	-Bélisle Footsnare #6 -Bélisle Sélectif -Oneida Victor #1.5 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs -Oneida Victor #1.75, offset, laminated jaws equipped with 2 coil springs	-Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 2 coil springs -Oneida Victor #3 Soft Catch equipped with 4 coil springs -Oneida Victor #3 equipped with 3/16-inch offset, double rounded steel jaw laminations (3/16-inch on topside of jaws and ¼-inch on underside of jaws), with 2 coil springs
<b>RACCOON (CAGE &amp; BOX TRAPS)</b>	-Ramconct DURA-POLY Box Trap -Havahart Cage Trap 1079 -Havahart Cage Trap 1081 -Havahart Cage Trap 1085 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 108 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 108.1 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 108.5 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 108F -Tomahawk Cage Trap 108SS -Tomahawk Cage Trap 108.2SS	-Tomahawk Cage Trap 1010 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 1010F -Tomahawk Cage Trap 1010SS -Tomahawk Cage Trap 1010SS-F -Tomahawk Cage Trap 608 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 608.1 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 608.5 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 608F -Tomahawk Cage Trap 608SS -Tomahawk Cage Trap 608.2SS -Tomahawk Cage Trap 6010 -Tomahawk Cage Trap 6010F -Tomahawk Cage Trap 6010SS
<b>RACCOON Note 1</b>	-Duffer -Bridger T3 -Egg Trap	-Lil' Grizz Get'rz -Duke DP Coon Trap

**Note 1: The exclusive use of these certified traps is currently mandatory only in Ontario, Québec, New Brunswick**