



Some of the information in this letter has been provided through the cooperative efforts of North Carolina's licensed trappers and licensed fur dealers. The information they provide helps the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission monitor furbearer harvest levels and track trends in the population.

## Regulations changes for the 2008-09 furbearer harvest season

- Removed the restriction on trapping and taking otters in areas north of US64/264 on Roanoke Island.
- Removed season and possession bag limits on raccoons taken by trapping.
- Removed restriction on setting steel traps on upland terrain for muskrat and mink in portions of WRC Districts 7, 8, and 9.
- Clarified that trappers need to obtain tags for fox, bobcat and otter before leaving N.C.
- Consolidated the four regional trapping seasons into two seasons:
  - a. November 1 – end of February in WRC Districts 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.
  - b. December 1 – end of February in WRC Districts 1 and 2.

## Additional fox trapping opportunities

During the most recent North Carolina General Assembly (NCGA) legislative session, two additional counties were opened to fox trapping:

- Craven – New season
- Stokes – Extended season



## Public Hearing Schedule for January 2009

(To find out what district you are in, please see map on other side.)

There are a number of hunting and trapping rule change proposals being considered for the 2009-2010 hunting and trapping season. Please attend the public hearing in your district to have your voice heard on these proposals.

District 4 – January 5<sup>th</sup>

District 7 – January 15<sup>th</sup>

District 5 – January 7<sup>th</sup>

District 1 – January 20<sup>th</sup>

District 6 – January 8<sup>th</sup>

District 2 – January 21<sup>st</sup>

District 8 – January 13<sup>th</sup>

District 3 – January 22<sup>nd</sup>

District 9 – January 14<sup>th</sup>

\*Public hearing locations have not been finalized. Please check [www.ncwildlife.org](http://www.ncwildlife.org) in late fall for public hearing locations.



### Season Results from 2007-2008 Furbearer Harvest Season

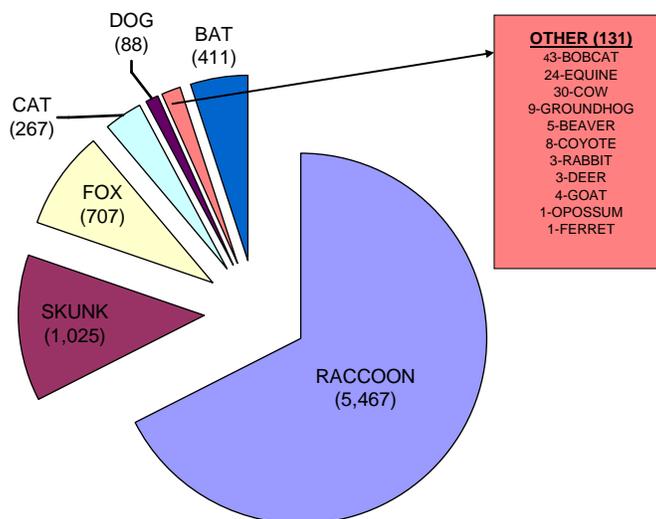
Information on the harvest of furbearer species taken comes from the voluntary mail survey of licensed trappers and information provided by licensed fur dealers.

#### 2007-2008 Furbearer Harvest, Average Pelt Prices and Value

Species	Harvest 2006-07	Harvest 2007-08	% change in harvest from prior season	Average Pelt Price	Value of 2007-08 season
Beaver	11,458	9,919	-13%	\$16.25	\$161,184
Mink	328	331	1%	\$9.30	\$3,078
Muskrat	7,412	3,543	-52%	\$3.15	\$11,160
Nutria	3,720	2,436	-35%	\$2.13	\$5,189
Otter	1,751	1,457	-17%	\$23.25	\$33,875
Bobcat	791	1,045	32%	\$28.12	\$29,385
Coyote	847	1,434	69%	\$18.12	\$25,984
Gray Fox	3,020	5,560	84%	\$26.46	\$147,118
Red Fox	695	1,180	70%	\$14.83	\$17,499
Opossum	4,317	6,393	48%	\$2.55	\$16,302
Raccoon	5,967	6,712	12%	\$10.75	\$72,154
Skunk	186	641	245%	N/A	N/A
Weasel	33	0	-100%	\$6.12	N/A
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>40,525</b>	<b>40,651</b>	<b>0%</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>\$522,929</b>

### Rabies information

During 2007, there were 418 furbearers, comprising of beaver, bobcat, coyote, fox, opossum, raccoon and skunk, which tested positive for rabies. This was 14% decrease in the number of rabies-positive furbearers than during 2006.



Species Composition of North Carolina Rabies Cases, Excluding Bats 1990-2007

### Websites of interest

North Carolina Wildlife Resources  
Commission

<http://www.ncwildlife.org/>

North Carolina Trappers Association

<http://www.nctrappers.com/>

National Trappers Association

<http://www.nationaltrappers.com/>

Association of Fish and Wildlife  
Agencies Furbearer Resources

<http://www.fishwildlife.org/furbearer.html>

Conserve Wildlife

<http://www.conservewildlife.org/>

Furbearers Unlimited

<http://www.furbearers.org/>

Fur Takers of America

<http://www.furtakersofamerica.com/>

Internet Center for Wildlife Damage  
Management

<http://icwdm.org/>

N.C. Department of Health and Human  
Services Rabies Information

<http://www.epi.state.nc.us/epi/vet.html>

Southeast Cooperative Wildlife Disease  
Study

<http://www.scwds.org/>

### Phone numbers of interest

Big Game Harvest Reporting

(800) I-GOT-ONE

(800) 446-8663

Violations Reporting

(800) 662-7137

(919) 707-0040 (in Raleigh area)

(800)662-7137 (TTY machine for people  
with hearing disabilities)

Regulation Information

(919) 707-0030

License Information

(919) 707-0391

License Purchases by credit card

(888) 2HUNTFISH

(888) 248-6834

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(919) 707-0050

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