DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION

FUR CATCHER LICENSE

Nonresident Application

Cost: $500.90 **Valid: Oct 1 – Sept 30**

PRINT OR TYPE ONLY - INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE RETURNED

Name: _____

(1)Social Security #: _____ - ____ - _____ Driver's License # _____

Date of Birth: _____ email: _____

Sex: ____ Height: _____ Weight: _____Eyes: _____ Hair: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Hm (___) _____-_____ Wk (___) _____-_____ Cl (___) _____-_____

For Business purposes, completing this entire section is required.

Business Name _____

Fed ID #: _____ - _____ Business Start Date: _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Submit: (1) **completed application**, (2) **check or money order,** and (3) **driver's license copy** to: Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Div., Attn: License Sales, PO Box 301456, Montgomery, AL 36130-1456, or by walk-in or express mail requests: 64 N Union Street, Ste 567, 36104. Questions: (334) 242-3465 or joeanne.stjohn@dcnr.alabama.gov

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be excluded from any list of names sold by ADCNR, please check this box [ ]

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

License Number: _____ Amount Received: _____ Date Issued: _____

(1)DCNR IS NOW REQUIRED BY SECTION 30-3-194(A) CODE OF ALABAMA 1975 TO COLLECT SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS ON ALL RECREATIONAL LICENSES BEING ISSUED/RENEWED.

STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION

Alabama Trappers Fur Catch Report

Season: _____

You are required by law to file with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division Office in Montgomery a report listing the number and type of animals during the preceding season and to whom those furs were sold. Completion and return of this form within 45 days after the end of the trapping season will fulfill your legal obligation to report your catch as required by Act. No. 801 of the Regular session, 1977, of the Alabama Legislature.

Animal	**County Name and Number of Animals per County**	**Number Sold from Road Kill**
Beaver		
Otter		
Muskrat		
Nutria		
Mink		
Raccoon (trapped)		
Raccoon (hunted)		
Red Fox		
Gray Fox		
Coyote		
Bobcat		
Civet Cat		
Skunk		
Opossum		
Other (specify)		

Name and address of buyer(s) to whom you sold fur to: (use back of form if more space is needed)

_____

_____

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Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
License No.: _____

Return the COMPLETED form to:
DCNR - Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division
Attn: Wildlife Section
PO Box 305, Northport, AL 35476

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Section 9-11-59

License to capture or kill fur-bearing animals for commercial purposes; identification of traps; confiscation and disposition of traps used in violation of section.

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to take, capture or kill, or to attempt to take, capture or kill for commercial purposes by any means or device any of the fur-bearing animals protected by the laws or regulations of this state without first procuring a license therefor, to be issued in the same manner as is provided for hunting and fishing licenses. Any person who has been a bona fide resident of this state for six months next preceding may procure a resident trapping license for himself by paying the sum of $7.65. Any person who has not been a bona fide resident of this state for six months next preceding may procure a nonresident trapping license for himself by paying the sum of $500.15. Any resident or nonresident when trapping for beaver only shall not be required to pay a license fee. Said trapping license shall be valid only during the season when fur-bearing animals may be legally taken.
(b) It shall be unlawful for any person to trap in the State of Alabama without identifying each trap with a plastic or metal tag bearing the license number, name and address of the owner; provided, however, that traps used solely for beaver shall be identified in a like manner, but said tag shall bear only the name and address of the owner. Should any law enforcement officer, of this state or employee of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources of the State of Alabama discover any trapping device being used in violation of the terms of this section, he shall confiscate said device and it shall become the property of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and shall be disposed of as ordered by the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources.
(c) A violation of the provisions of this section or failure to fully comply therewith shall constitute a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, the person violating same or failing to comply therewith shall be punished by a fine of not less than $50.00 nor more than $200.00 for each offense.

Section 9-11-60

Disposition of funds from sale of fur catchers' licenses; report of licenses issued.

Judges of probate and other persons authorized and designated to issue licenses provided in Section 9-11-59 shall retain out of the license fee the sum of $.25, which shall cover the services required for issuing and reporting the sale of said licenses, and shall remit the balance to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources the first of each month, which balance shall be deposited with the State Treasurer to the credit of the Game and Fish Fund; provided, that if any such license is issued by any probate judge, license commissioner or other officer who is paid a salary for the performance of his duties as such officer, he shall be required to remit the entire amount collected to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources except the $.25 charged by the issuing officer for the issuance of such licenses, and this amount shall be remitted to the treasurer of the county in which said license was paid for credit to the appropriate fund. Each person authorized to issue fur catchers' licenses shall make a full and complete report on the first day of each month to the Commissioner of Conservation and Natural Resources of the number of licenses issued and the

name and post office address of the person or persons to whom issued, giving opposite each name the serial number of the license issued and the amount of money remitted therefor.

Section 9-11-61

Transporting, etc., furs, skins or pelts without having fur catcher's license.

Any person, firm or corporation who sells, ships by mail, express or otherwise transports within or without this state raw furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals, the taking, capturing, killing or catching of which has been done without first procuring a fur catcher's license, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than $25.00 nor more than $50.00 for each offense; provided, however, that nothing in this section shall apply to commercial shippers and common carriers which merely ship or otherwise transport said raw furs, skins or pelts by request of or contract with the possessor or owner thereof.

Section 9-11-241

Hunting, trapping, etc., of wild game during day on lands of another without permission.

Any person who hunts, traps, captures, injures, kills or destroys or attempts to hunt, trap, capture, injure, kill or destroy any wild game on the lands of another between the hours of daylight and sunset without the written permission of or accompanied by the landowner or person in possession or control of said lands shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished for the first offense by a fine of not less than $250.00, and at the discretion of the court may have all hunting license privileges revoked for up to one year from the date of conviction. Any said person shall be punished for the second and each subsequent offense by a fine of not less than $500.00 and the revocation of all hunting license privileges for one year from the date of conviction, and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for a period not less than 10 nor more than 30 days.

This section shall not apply to the members of the family, guests, servants or agents of the landowner.

Section 9-11-243

Hunting, trapping, etc., of fur-bearing animals within 10 feet of banks of waters on property of another without permission.

Any person who hunts, traps, captures, injures, kills or destroys or attempts to hunt, trap, capture, injure, kill or destroy any fur-bearing animal on or in any river, creek, branch, lake, pond or other waters in this state running through or on property not his own or under his control, within 10 feet of the banks thereof, without the written permission of or accompanied by the landowner or person in possession or control of said lands shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not less than $10.00 nor more than $50.00 for each offense.

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Section 9-11-254

Limitation as to number of traps for taking, etc., of fur-bearing animals; penalty.

No person using traps for the purpose of taking or catching fur-bearing animals shall be permitted to set or have set in any one day more than 150 traps. A violation of the provisions of this section shall be a misdemeanor, and the person so violating shall be punished by a fine of not less than $10.00 nor more than $25.00 for each offense.

Section 9-11-264

Liability for injury or damage to persons or domestic animals of persons using traps, etc., to take, capture, etc., fur-bearing animals; exemption of Lawrence County.

Any person shall be strictly liable for civil damages who causes the injury or damage to any person or domestic animal as a result of using any trap or similar device to take, capture or kill any of the fur-bearing animals protected by the laws or regulations of this state.

Any person who suffers injury or damage to his person or domestic animal as a result of such activity shall have an action for civil damages and such aggrieved person need not prove negligence.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to Lawrence County.

Section 9-11-265

Trapping on or from right-of-way of state highway; exemption of Lawrence County.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to trap on or from a state highway right-of-way unless the trapper has the permission of adjoining landowners.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to Lawrence County.

Section 9-11-265.1

Sections 9-11-264 and 9-11-265 inapplicable in Limestone County.

The provisions of Sections 9-11-264 and 9-11-265 shall not apply to Limestone County.

Section 9-11-266

Checking of traps; hanging or suspending of bait over or within 25 feet of steel trap.

All traps set in or beneath water must be checked at least once every 72 hours. All traps other than water sets must be checked at least once every 24 hours.

It shall be unlawful for anyone to hang or suspend bait over or within 25 feet of a steel trap.

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Section 9-11-267

Filing of reports as to animals trapped, purchased, etc., by persons licensed to trap fur-bearing animals and by fur dealers.

Any person licensed to trap fur-bearing animals in the State of Alabama shall file with the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries office in Montgomery a report listing by county the number and type of animals trapped during the preceding season and the names and addresses of the persons or companies to whom the furs were sold.

Any person, firm or corporation licensed as a fur dealer pursuant to the laws of Alabama shall file a report with the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries office in Montgomery listing the names and addresses of each trapper from whom furs were purchased and describing the number and type of furs purchased from each trapper.

All reports required by this section must be submitted no later than 45 days after the close of each trapping season.

Section 9-11-268

Penalty for violations of provisions of Sections 9-11-265, 9-11-266 and 9-11-267.

A violation of the provisions of Sections 9-11-265, 9-11-266 and 9-11-267 or failure to fully comply therewith shall constitute a misdemeanor and the person violating same or failing to comply therewith shall be punished by a fine of not less than $50.00 nor more than $200.00 for each offense.

Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
Regulation 220-2-.30

Fur-Bearing Animals Designated

The following shall be named and designated as fur-bearing animals in Alabama:
Beaver, Bobcat, Civet Cat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Nutria, Opossum, Otter, Raccoon, Skunk, and Coyote.

(1) Fur Catchers - no land set leg-hold trap having a jaw width exceeding 6 inches, leg hold trap having teeth or serrated edges along the inside of one or both jaws, conibear trap or killer type trap with jaw width exceeding 5 inches or snares (except powered foot snare with a maximum loop of 5 1/2 inches) can be used to trap fur-bearing animals on land. Any person trapping fur-bearing animals in the State of Alabama must carry with him a choke stick while running traps. When legally trapped fur-bearing animals are dispatched with a firearm, only standard .22 caliber or smaller rimfire firearms may be used.

(2) Persons taking bobcat and otter must have the fur or pelts tagged by representatives of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of taking and before the fur or pelt is sold or otherwise disposed of.

(a) However, a licensed fur catcher may sell untagged bobcat and otter to an authorized resident fur dealer and leave a completed signed fur tag report with said dealer. The dealer must then have the bobcat and otter tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of purchasing bobcat or otter pelts.

(b) Legally acquired bobcat and otter pelts or carcasses may be delivered untagged to a resident taxidermist for mounting if the owner leaves a completed, signed fur tag report with said taxidermist. The taxidermist must then have the bobcat and otter tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries within 14 days of taking delivery of said pelts and transmit the completed fur tag report to the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries representative at the time the pelt or carcass is tagged.

(c) Tags may be removed from bobcat and otter pelts when processed by a taxidermist for mounting. However, the removed tag must remain with the mounted specimen when it is returned to its owner and until the mount and pelt are destroyed.

(d) It shall be unlawful for anyone to ship, transport, or export bobcat and otter pelts from this state unless said bobcat and otter pelts are tagged by a representative of the Division of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries.

(e) All bobcat and otter pelts shipped or imported into this state must be officially tagged by the state of origin.

(3) It shall be illegal to set a trap on top of a post or stake elevated above ground level.

(4) It shall be unlawful for anyone to use or possess any device as a predatory call during nighttime hours while in the possession of any type of firearm or when any member of a group is in possession of any type of firearm.

Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
Regulation 220-2-.31

Unlawful to Hang or Suspend Bait

It shall be unlawful to hang or suspend bait over or within 25 feet of a steel trap.

Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
Regulation 220-2-.32

Possession or Sale of Raw Furs After Close of Season

Any fur catcher or fur dealer holding the raw furs, skins or pelts of fur-bearing animals after the season for taking same has been closed must submit to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources an inventory of all raw furs being held by the fur catcher or fur dealer within 45 days after the date season closes, listing furs as to species and number and where such furs are stored. Any change in this inventory prior to the opening of following season for taking fur-bearing animals shall be reported to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources within seven days. The Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall have the right to inspect said furs at any time it deems necessary.