

Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission  
Proclamation

Statewide Furbearer Hunting and Trapping Seasons and Bag Limits  
(Exclusive of Wildlife Management Areas and Refuges)

Pursuant to the authority granted by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 70-4-107 and 70-5-108, the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commission hereby proclaims the statewide furbearer hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits effective August 1, 2006.

Section I. Hunting

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
Groundhog, Coyote, Nutria, Striped Skunk, Beaver	Year-round		No Limit
Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Spotted Skunk, Weasel	Friday before Thanksgiving	Feb. 15	No Limit
River Otter <sup>1</sup>			
Regions I, II and III. That portion of Tennessee as defined by TWRA regional boundaries as published			
	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
	Friday before Thanksgiving	Feb. 15	No Limit
Region IV. That portion of Tennessee as defined by TWRA regional boundaries as published			
	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
	Friday before Thanksgiving	Jan. 15	No Limit
Bobcat	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
	Friday before Thanksgiving	Feb. 15	1

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<sup>1</sup> All river otters harvested must be tagged by harvester with Tennessee US CITES tags.

Raccoon, Opossum<sup>2</sup>

Western Unit

That portion of Tennessee west of and including Scott, Morgan, Roane, McMinn, and Bradley counties

	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
Taking Season	Sunset 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in September	Sunrise Feb. 15	2 per person per night <sup>3</sup>
Training Season	Year-round except where regulated by Private Act		No Taking Permitted

Eastern Unit

That portion of Tennessee east of Scott, Morgan, Roane, McMinn, and Bradley counties

	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
Taking Season	Sunset 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday in November	Sunrise Feb. 15	2 per person per night <sup>3</sup>
Training Season	Year-round except where regulated by Private Act		No Taking Permitted

Section II. Trapping

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
Groundhog, Coyote, Nutria, Beaver	Year-round		No Limit

Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Spotted Skunk, Striped Skunk, Weasel	Friday before Thanksgiving	Feb. 15	No Limit
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River Otter<sup>4</sup>

Regions I, II and III. That portion of Tennessee as defined by TWRA regional boundaries as published

	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
	Friday before Thanksgiving	Feb. 15	No Limit

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2 No limit on opossum

3 Night defined as one 24-hour period commencing at sunset.

4 All river otters harvested must be tagged by harvester with Tennessee US CITES tags.

River Otter <sup>5</sup> (Cont.)

Region IV. That portion of Tennessee as defined by TWRA regional boundaries as published

Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
Friday before Thanksgiving	Jan. 15	No limit

The following counties are included in the statewide fox hunting and trapping seasons, after determining a need for the opening thereof:

Blount	Johnson	Overton
Carter	Knox	Pickett
Clay	Loudon	Putnam
Cocke	Macon	Rhea
Fentress	McMinn	Robertson
Hamblen	Meigs	Sevier
Haywood	Monroe	White
Jefferson		

Section VI. Possession Limits

The possession limit for all species listed herein is twice the daily bag limit except opening day when it shall be the same as the daily bag limit.

Section VII. Repeal of Prior Proclamation

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 05-12, dated May 19, 2005.

Proclamation No. 06-12 received and recorded this 16th day of June, 2006.

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