

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission  
Proclamation 17-07

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, 2017.

Section I. Hunting

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
Groundhog, Coyote, Striped Skunk, Beaver	Year-round		No Limit
Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Spotted Skunk, Weasel, River Otter <sup>1</sup>	Friday before Thanksgiving	Last day in February	No Limit
Bobcat	Friday before Thanksgiving	Last day in February	1
Raccoon, Opossum <sup>2</sup>			
	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
Taking Season Private Land Only	Sunset July 1	Sunrise 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in September	1 per person per night
Taking Season	Sunset 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday in September	Sunrise last day in February	2 per person per night <sup>3</sup>
Training Season	Year-round except where regulated by Private Act		No Taking Permitted

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

<sup>2</sup> No limit on opossum

<sup>3</sup> Night defined as one 24-hour period commencing at sunset.

Section II. Trapping

Species	Opens	Closes	Daily Bag
Groundhog, Coyote, Beaver	Year-round		No Limit
Bobcat, Fox, Mink, Muskrat, Opossum, Raccoon, Spotted Skunk, Striped Skunk, Weasel, River Otter <sup>4</sup>	Friday before Thanksgiving	Last day of February	No Limit

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. Special Regulations for Bear Reserves

On Andrew Johnson, Kettlefoot, and Laurel Fork Bear Reserves, raccoon and opossum hunting is prohibited one day before and during bear hunts that allow the use of hounds. During bear hunts that prohibit the use of hounds, raccoon and opossum hunters are limited to 2 dogs per vehicle.

On the Ocoee Bear Reserve, raccoon and opossum hunting is open the day after bear seasons end in Bear Hunt Zone 3 and runs until February 1. Hunters are limited to 2 dogs per vehicle.

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Section VII. Repeal of Prior Proclamation

This proclamation repeals Proclamation No. 16-35, dated May 13, 2016.

Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission

Jamie Woodson  
Chairman

I certify that this is an accurate and complete copy of a proclamation lawfully promulgated and adopted by the Tennessee Fish and Wildlife Commission on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2017.

Ed Carter  
Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 19 day of June, 2017.



Lisa Crawford  
Notary Public

My commission expires: My Commission Expires: 3/10/2019

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Tre Hargett  
Tre Hargett, Secretary of State

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