

be telechecked by calling 1-800-245-4263 by midnight on the day the animal is recovered, before processing the carcass and before transporting the raw fur, pelt or unskinned carcass out of Kentucky. A hunter or trapper who wants to have a bobcat or otter mounted shall provide his or her name, telephone number and telecheck confirmation number to the taxidermist. Taxidermists cannot legally accept an unchecked otter or bobcat for mounting.

A Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) tag, issued by Kentucky Fish and Wildlife, must be attached to the raw fur, pelt or unskinned carcass of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky if the hunter or trapper intends to sell or ex-

port internationally.

To request a CITES tag, log on to "My Profile" online at fw.ky.gov.

A CITES tag must be attached to the raw fur, pelt or unskinned carcass of any bobcat or river otter taken in Kentucky immediately upon receipt of the tag from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife per the instructions provided by the department and remain attached until it is processed or exported outside the United States.

Possession of an unused bobcat or otter CITES tag is prohibited.

A person who transfers, but does not sell, a river otter or bobcat to another person or taxidermist, is not required to request a CITES tag. But, this person must attach a handmade carcass tag to the animal that contains the telech-

eck confirmation number and the hunter or trapper's name and phone number.

BUYING and SELLING HIDES

There is no time restriction on the holding of raw furs of furbearers by a trapper or hunter after the close of furbearer season. Raw furs may be sold only to licensed taxidermists, licensed fur buyers or licensed fur processors.

FREE YOUTH WEEK

Resident and nonresident youth hunters and trappers ages 15 and younger may hunt and trap applicable game and furbearers, and hunt migratory birds in season without a hunting or trapping license for seven consecutive days starting the Saturday after Christmas.

Please refer to the hunter orange clothing law section (pg. 8) for guidelines.

Youth hunters must comply with all equipment regulations and bag limits for furbearers when hunting or trapping. Hunter education is not required for license-exempt hunters. Adults accompanying youth hunters/trappers during the free youth hunting and trapping week do not need a license if they are not hunting/trapping.



FURBEARER HUNTERS AND TRAPPERS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Kentucky Fish & Wildlife is collecting lower jaws from hunted and trapped bobcats and river otters for a population study. Please contact the department at 1-800-858-1549 to request a sample packet and instructions. Thank you for your contribution to furbearer management.

SMALL GAME HUNTING and TRAPPING

SEASON DATES and RESTRICTIONS

SMALL GAME		Hunting	Trapping
Squirrel		Aug. 17 - Nov. 8 and Nov. 11, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025	Nov. 11, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025
Rabbit	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025	Nov. 11, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025
	Western Zone	Nov. 11, 2024 - Feb. 10, 2025	Nov. 11, 2024 - Feb. 10, 2025
Quail	Eastern Zone	Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2024 - Jan. 31, 2025	No trapping
	Western Zone	Nov. 11, 2024 - Feb. 10, 2025	
Grouse*		Nov. 1-8 and Nov. 11, 2024 - Feb. 28, 2025	
Falconry		Sept. 1, 2024 - March 30, 2025	
Free Youth Hunting & Trapping Week		Dec. 28, 2024 - Jan. 3, 2025	

* In Grouse Hunting Zone only. Information about grouse hunting on public areas is available online at fw.ky.gov.

SMALL GAME

The following animals are considered small game: squirrels, rabbits,

northern bobwhite (quail) and grouse.

Only rabbits and squirrels may be trapped. Quail and grouse may not

be trapped. Hunting bag limits apply. Trapping equipment and restrictions are the same as those listed in the fur-

