

2. In Baltimore, Cecil, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, and Worcester Counties, a person may hunt or trap mink or muskrat between December 15 and March 15 of the year following.

(iv) The Department may extend any muskrat season set by this subsection for a period of 1 week, if the Department considers it necessary for any reason, including weather conditions.

(2) A person may possess the meat of muskrat or otter no more than 10 days after the close of open season for these mammals in order to dispose of the meat for food. However, a person may apply for a permit to store the meat during the closed season if the meat was hunted lawfully.

(3) A muskrat damaging any embankment or impoundment may be destroyed by the owner at any time.

(4) A person may hunt or trap and possess the pelt or meat of raccoon or opossum during those periods and under the restrictions, including bag limits, the Department may establish by regulation.

(5) In Charles and Dorchester Counties, a person may hunt or trap a fox or possess the pelt of a fox at any time of year.

(6) A person may hunt or trap on the person's land a coyote, fox or skunk that is damaging or destroying the personal or real property of the landowner.

(7) A person may:

(i) Trap a coyote during the trapping season established by the Department; or

(ii) Hunt a coyote:

1. While the person is legally hunting for any other species of game bird or mammal, by any method legal for use at the time in hunting that other species; or

2. At any time of year, by predator calling.

**Chapter 572 of the Acts of 1995, as amended by Chapter 200 of the Acts of 1998**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1995. [It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved May 18, 2000.