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Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Howes of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-FIVE

AN ACT Relating to Open Season on Muskrats.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the open season on muskrats includes the spring months, and

Whereas, it is necessary to have a closed season during such months, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of section 16 of Article XXXI of the constitution and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., c. 33, §72, amended. Paragraph (a) of section 72 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘(a) There shall be a perpetual closed season on hunting or trapping any fur-bearing animal, except as provided in this chapter and whoever has in possession at any time any fur-bearing animal or part thereof taken in closed season shall be subject to the penalties of section 107. Fur-bearing animals taken in open season shall not be kept alive in closed season except under the provisions of section 9. ~~The open season on muskrats shall be as follows:~~

~~March 20th to April 20th, inclusive, in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York.~~

~~April 1st to May 10th, inclusive, in the counties of Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Penobscot (except as prohibited in section 72-C), Piscataquis, Somerset, Oxford and Washington.~~

~~April 1st to May 15th, inclusive, in the county of Aroostook.~~

The open season on muskrats shall be the month of November only. Provided that the open season in the county of Penobscot shall be subject to the prohibition in section 72-C.

Provided, however, that no muskrats shall be hunted or trapped in Lake Alamoosook and Dead river and its tributaries in the town of Orland and county of Hancock.

The open season on mink shall be the month of November only.

There shall be no open season on fisher and sable.

The open season on all other fur-bearing animals, including raccoons, but excepting bobcats, loupceviver, Canada lynx, and beaver, shall be from October 16th to February 15th, except in the county of York where the open season on foxes shall be from October 16th to March 1st.'

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this act shall take effect when approved.