

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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House of Representatives, February 11, 1949

Referred to the Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game, sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Bearce of Caribou by request.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FORTY-NINE

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AN ACT Relative to Trapping Season on Fur-Bearing Animals.

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

R. S., c. 33, § 97, sub-§ I, amended. Subsection I of section 97 of chapter 33 of the revised statutes, as revised, is hereby amended to read as follows:

~~I. There shall be an open season on muskrats in the counties of Androscoggin, Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York from March 20th to the following April 20th, inclusive, during the calendar year.~~

The commissioner may declare an open season on muskrats that are polluting water supplies or damaging property if the owner makes a written complaint thereof to the commissioner.

~~There shall be an open season on muskrats in the counties of Franklin, Hancock, Penobscot (except as prohibited in section 99), Piscataquis, Somerset and Oxford from November 17th to November 30th and from April 10th to April 25th, inclusive; Kennebec and Washington, from April 1st to the following April 30th, inclusive, in each calendar year.~~

~~There shall be an open season on muskrats in the county of Aroos-~~

~~took from November 17th to November 30th and from April 26th to the following May 15th, inclusive, in each calendar year.~~

No muskrats shall be hunted or trapped in Lake Alamoosook and Dead River and its tributaries in the Town of Orland situated in Hancock county.

Muskrats shall not be taken by the use of wire nets, box traps or any trap other than the ordinary steel trap.

The open season on mink, **muskrat and otter** shall be during the month of November in each calendar year; **except that there shall be no open season on muskrat in the month of November, 1949.**

There shall be no open season on fisher and sable.

The open season on all other wild or fur-bearing animals, excepting bobcats, loup cervier, Canada lynx and beaver, shall be from ~~October 16th~~ **November 1** of each calendar year to the following February 15th in the next following year, excepting in the county of York where the open season on foxes shall be from ~~October 16th~~ **November 1** in each calendar year to the following March 1st in the next calendar year.