

2023-2024 Virginia Trapper Harvest Survey

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OBJECTIVE

To quantify 2023-2024 statewide trapper effort and furbearer harvest and to obtain additional occurrence information for rare furbearer species.

METHODS

A total of 1,773 persons purchased annual or multi-year Virginia trapping licenses valid during some portion of the 2023-2024 trapping season (Table 1a). We verified address information for each and removed those that were undeliverable then identified instances where multiple license holders had the same address and removed all but one from our survey pool. The resulting dataset contained 1,727 names with verified addresses, and each of these individuals received a postcard in the mail requesting that they provide information from their trapping efforts for the season.

The postcard (Appendix A) contained a brief explanation of the survey, a unique 5-character code, and an Internet address to access the online survey instrument. Trappers were asked to navigate to the survey using the link provided and respond to the questions presented including entering the 5-character code. We mailed a second postcard to those who did not respond to the first postcard request (N = 1,670).

The survey asked trappers whether they were active during the 2023-2024 season and, if so, how many days they trapped and how many traps they set. Additional information on county locations, targeted species, and success were also requested. We also asked whether trappers observed rare species during the trapping season. New to this year's survey, we asked whether they engaged in any trapping of nuisance species outside of the regular trapping season, and (if so) how many animals were captured.

Data Analyses

We attempted to utilize all data provided whenever possible. For example, respondents may have provided information about their harvests but neglected to identify the overall number of days trapped or traps set. That information was retained when analyzing state-level response rates but was omitted from other estimates; therefore, the number of respondents included for each level of analysis may differ. This results in differences in calculated metrics that are presented in data tables.

RESULTS SUMMARY

A total of 136 (7.9% effective response rate) annual license holders responded to the survey (Table 1b). Of the 136 surveys returned, all were considered usable responses for some aspect of the analysis. Of these, 106 (78.7%) reported trapping activity during the 2023-2024 season (active trappers) and 29 (21.3%) reported no trapping activity (non-active trappers). Those respondents that supplied all the requested data (N=94) reported trapping a total of 3,473 days (average 36.9 days per trapper), setting an average of 12.9 traps per day (Table 3), and harvesting 3,047 furbearers (Tables 5).

Trapper success varied across target species with beaver trappers experiencing the highest rate (Table 4). When considering species captured (both as targets and as by-catch), the raccoon was the most abundant with 66.3% of trappers reporting a capture (Table 5) and 964 individual animals trapped (Table 6).

We summarized harvest by species across each of the five regions in Virginia. Trappers in the Southern Mountain region captured the most animals (893) despite having fewer trappers than the Northern Piedmont (Table 6). The number of each species captured varied across regions (Table 6) and counties (Table 7).

We used the data provided by respondents to build estimates for the statewide trapping effort, including total number of trappers (Table 8 and Table 9), total number of captures (Table 10), and a summary of trapping statistics for each species (Table 11). The most trapped species was raccoon (13,980), followed by beaver, opossum, red fox, and coyote.

Only seven of the 136 respondents indicated that they trapped outside of the regular trapping season in 2023-2024 (5.1%). We summarized information on species targeted and number of individuals captured (Table 12).

TABLES & FIGURES

Table 1a. Summary of trapping licenses sold for the 2023-2024 season.

License Type	N	Total %
County/City Resident Trapping	580	32.7
Non-Resident State Trapping	30	1.7
Resident 65 and older Trapping	172	9.7
Resident Junior State Trapping	64	3.6
Resident State Trapping	877	49.5
Resident State Trapping - 2 Years	33	1.9
Resident State Trapping - 3 Years	4	0.2
Resident State Trapping - 4 Years	13	0.7
Total	1,773	

Table 1b. Summary of survey sample by trapping licenses, and by those who responded (active and non-active trappers) to the 2023-2024 Virginia Trapper Harvest Survey (N=1,727).

License Type	No. licensed trappers	% of licensed trappers	No. of respondents	% Return for License Type ¹	No. active trappers	% of respondents ²	No. non-active trappers	% of respondents ²
Annual	1,647	95.4	125	7.6	96	70.6	29	21.3
Multi-year	49	2.8	6	12.2	4	2.9	2	1.5
Non-resident	31	1.8	5	16.7	5	3.7	0	0.0
Total	1,727		136	7.9	105	77.2	31	22.8

¹ Derived by dividing the number of respondents by the total number in the survey sample for each license type

² Derived by dividing the number of active/non-active trappers by the total number of respondents for each license type

Table 2. Number of Virginia trappers by number of counties trapped and physiographic region during the 2023-2024 season.

No. of Counties Trapped	No. of Active Trappers	% of Trappers
One	74	77.9
Two	17	17.9
Three or more	4	4.2
No county reported	0	0
Total	95	

Region Trapped	No. of Active Trappers ¹	% of Trappers ²
Northern Mountain	15	10.0
Southern Mountain	38	25.3
Northern Piedmont	29	19.3
Southern Piedmont	34	22.7
Tidewater	34	22.7
Not Given	16	10.7

¹ An individual trapper may trap in multiple regions; hence, the summation of these values will exceed the total number of trapper respondents

² Derived by dividing number of trappers in region by total number of trappers that reported county information (N=95)

Table 3. Targeted furbearer trapping efforts reported by respondents to the 2023 - 2024 Virginia Trapper Harvest Survey (N = 95).

Target species	No. trappers that targeted species	% of total active trappers	Total no. days trapped	Average no. days trapped	Average no. traps set per day per trapper	Total no. of trap days ¹
Beaver	39	41.1	1,046	26.8	8.6	8,982
Bobcat	34	35.8	1,226	36.1	7.8	9,597
Coyote	52	54.7	2,135	41.1	9.6	20,405
Gray Fox	22	23.2	910	41.4	7.8	7,086
Long-tailed Weasel	1	1.1	90	90.0	1.0	90
Mink	8	8.4	303	37.9	4.1	1,256
Muskrat	14	14.7	306	21.9	7.6	2,328
Nutria	0	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0
Opossum	20	21.1	691	34.6	6.0	4,146
Otter	14	14.7	236	16.9	5.2	1,220
Raccoon	55	57.9	2,045	37.2	7.3	14,964
Red Fox	42	44.2	1,703	40.5	9.3	15,872
Striped Skunk	6	6.3	212	35.3	3.6	769
All Species	95	100.0	3,468	36.5	13.3	45,914

¹ Total number days trapped x average number traps set per day per trapper

Table 4. Reported number of successful trappers by species for target and non-target trapping efforts in Virginia, 2023-2024 (N = 95 number of trappers who supplied necessary data).

Species	# Successful trappers					
	Target		Non-target		Total	
	No.	% ¹	No.	% ²	No.	% ³
Beaver	39	100.0	2	3.6	41	43.2
Bobcat	23	67.6	3	4.2	26	27.4
Coyote	39	75.0	2	3.6	41	43.2
Gray Fox	11	50.0	6	7.1	17	17.9
Long-tailed Weasel	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0
Mink	5	62.5	14	15.6	19	20.0
Muskrat	5	35.7	2	2.2	7	7.4
Nutria	0	0.0	1	1.1	1	1.1
Opossum	19	95.0	26	34.2	45	47.4
Otter	10	71.4	4	4.7	14	14.7
Raccoon	53	96.4	10	23.8	63	66.3
Red Fox	35	83.3	4	6.7	39	41.1
Striped Skunk	5	83.3	12	13.3	17	17.9

¹ of total active trappers who reported targeting the species (see Table 3)

² of total active trappers who did not target that species (95 - # target)

³ of total active trappers who supplied necessary data (N=95)

Table 5. Reported harvest by species for target and non-target trapping efforts in Virginia, 2023-2024 (N=95).

Species	Target harvest	% of total	Non-target harvest	% of total	Total harvest
Beaver	475	99.0	5	1.0	480
Bobcat	83	96.5	3	3.5	86
Coyote	329	99.4	2	0.6	331
Gray Fox	27	77.1	8	22.9	35
Long-tailed Weasel	0	0.0	0	0.0	0
Mink	22	20.4	86	79.6	108
Muskrat	8	80.0	2	20.0	10
Nutria	0	0.0	1	100.0	1
Opossum	323	62.4	195	37.6	518
Otter	21	40.4	31	59.6	52
Raccoon	911	94.5	53	5.5	964
Red Fox	407	96.0	17	4.0	424
Striped Skunk	14	36.8	24	63.2	38
Total	2,620	86.0	427	14.0	3,047

Table 6. Reported harvest of furbearer species and percent of statewide harvest by region in Virginia, 2023-2024 (N=122 records, exceeds total number of respondents since some trappers reported harvest of a species in more than one region). Total number of records in each region are provided.

Species	State total harvest No.	Region										
		Northern Mountain			Northern Piedmont		Southern Mountain		Southern Piedmont		Tidewater	
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Beaver	480	11	2.3	73	15.2	80	16.7	128	26.7	188	39.2	
Bobcat	86	7	1.5	4	0.8	56	11.7	6	1.3	13	2.7	
Coyote	331	57	11.9	73	15.2	160	33.3	25	5.2	16	3.3	
Gray Fox	35	1	0.2	1	0.2	13	2.7	7	1.5	13	2.7	
Long-tailed Weasel	0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	
Mink	108	3	0.6	0	0.0	5	1.0	1	0.2	1	0.2	
Muskrat	10	55	11.5	11	2.3	8	1.7	19	4.0	15	3.1	
Nutria	1	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	0.2	0	0.0	
Opossum	518	87	18.1	57	11.9	195	40.6	105	21.9	74	15.4	
Otter	52	2	0.4	7	1.5	7	1.5	30	6.3	6	1.3	
Raccoon	964	121	25.2	197	41.0	300	62.5	237	49.4	109	22.7	
Red Fox	424	170	35.4	96	20.0	49	10.2	11	2.3	98	20.4	
Striped Skunk	38	1	0.2	8	1.7	20	4.2	5	1.0	4	0.8	
Grand Total	3,047	515		527		893		575		537		
Number of records	122	11		30		27		24		30		

Table 7. Harvest of furbearer species by county reported in 2023-2024 (N=95 trappers providing necessary data).

County	Species												Striped Skunk
	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Gray Fox	Long-tailed Weasel	Mink	Muskrat	Nutria	Opossum	Otter	Raccoon	Red Fox	
Amelia	15	6	2	1	0	0	6	0	1	2	10	2	1
Appomattox	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	1	2	0
Arlington	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bath	5	1	13	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	8	0
Bedford	1	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	41	8	2
Botetourt	7	2	2	0	0	0	3	0	11	3	25	37	3
Brunswick	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Buchanan	4	1	13	2	0	0	9	0	26	0	2	81	0
Caroline	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Charles City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	9	1
Charlotte	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	4	0
Chesapeake City	0	1	9	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	1
Chesterfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	2
Clarke	0	22	28	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	0	25	5
Craig	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Culpeper	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	19	8	0
Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	15	3
Dickenson	5	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dinwiddie	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	15	0
Essex	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fauquier	0	3	24	1	0	2	5	0	23	0	23	30	0
Floyd	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	20	0	0	8	0
Franklin	0	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	0
Frederick	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	2	14	0
Giles	0	4	25	1	0	0	0	0	30	0	6	20	2
Grayson	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	4	0	0
Halifax	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Hanover	0	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	2	0
Henrico	10	5	1	1	0	1	38	0	0	0	3	1	1
Isle of Wight	40	2	0	4	0	0	2	1	13	18	9	7	0
James City	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
King and Queen	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0
King George	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	1	10	0

Table 7 (continued). Harvest of furbearer species by county reported in 2023-2024.

County	Species												Striped Skunk
	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Gray Fox	Long-tailed Weasel	Mink	Muskrat	Nutria	Opossum	Otter	Raccoon	Red Fox	
Lee	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	3	0
Loudoun	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Louisa	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	2
Lunenburg	0	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	5	0
Madison	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	3	32	1
Mecklenburg	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
Middlesex	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	10	2	0
Montgomery	10	0	0	2	0	0	3	0	10	0	8	35	0
New Kent	8	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	20	3	10	27	6
Nottoway	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	18	5	0
Orange	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Page	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Patrick	30	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Pittsylvania	1	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	22	0
Prince William	0	9	6	5	0	0	0	0	27	0	18	93	2
Richmond	5	3	14	3	0	0	0	0	3	0	8	19	0
Roanoke	23	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	15	2	3	12	0
Rockbridge	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rockingham	13	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	4	0
Russell	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	0
Scott	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	0	2	6	0
Shenandoah	9	0	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	2	0
Smyth	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	2	12	2
Southampton	40	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	0
Spotsylvania	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	12	1
Stafford	25	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	3	0
Suffolk City	26	2	25	1	0	0	0	0	30	2	6	31	2
Surry	17	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	0
Sussex	0	2	55	0	0	0	0	0	93	0	154	124	0
Tazewell	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Virginia Beach City	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Washington	9	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 7 (continued). Harvest of furbearer species by county reported in 2023-2024.

County	Species												
	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Gray Fox	Long-tailed Weasel	Mink	Muskrat	Nutria	Opossum	Otter	Raccoon	Red Fox	Striped Skunk
Westmoreland	16	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	6	0
Wise	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NONE	16	5	11	0	0	3	7	0	80	4	2	149	1
Grand Total	480	86	331	35	0	10	108	1	518	52	424	964	38

Table 8. Expanded statewide estimates of the total number of trappers by targeted furbearer species in Virginia, 2023-2024 (N=95).

Species	Est. no. trappers	95% confidence interval		
		SE	Lower	Upper
Beaver	620	92	528	712
Bobcat	490	65	425	555
Coyote	749	68	681	817
Gray Fox	317	57	260	374
Long-tailed Weasel	14	14	0	28
Mink	115	38	77	153
Muskrat	202	48	154	250
Nutria	0	0	0	0
Opossum	288	56	232	344
Otter	202	48	154	250
Raccoon	792	67	725	859
Red Fox	605	68	537	673
Striped Skunk	86	33	53	119

Table 9. Expanded statewide estimates of the total number of successful target and non-target trappers by furbearer species in Virginia, 2023-2024.

Species	Target				Non-target				Total			
	Est. no. trappers	SE	95% CI		Est. no. trappers	SE	95% CI		Est. no. trappers	SE	95% CI	
			Lower	Upper			Lower	Upper			Lower	Upper
Beaver	620	92	528	712	29	20	9	49	648	92	556	740
Bobcat	490	65	425	555	43	24	19	67	533	66	467	599
Coyote	749	68	681	817	29	20	9	49	778	67	711	845
Gray Fox	317	57	260	374	86	33	53	119	403	62	341	465
Red Fox	605	68	537	673	58	27	31	85	663	68	595	731
Mink	115	38	77	153	202	48	154	250	317	57	260	374
Muskrat	202	48	154	250	29	20	9	49	231	51	180	282
Nutria	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	28	14	14	-	28
Opossum	288	56	232	344	375	61	314	436	259	53	206	312
Otter	202	48	154	250	58	27	31	85	663	68	595	731
Raccoon	792	67	725	859	144	42	102	186	937	63	874	1,000
Striped Skunk	86	33	53	119	173	45	128	218	259	53	206	312
Long-tailed Weasel	14	14	-	28	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	28
All Species	1,426	56	1,370	1,482	663	68	595	731	1,426	56	1,370	1,482

Table 10. Expanded statewide estimates of the total number of target and non-target furbearer species harvested in Virginia, 2023-2024 (N= 95).

Species	Target				Non-target				Total			
	Est. No.	SE	95% CI		Est. No.	SE	95% CI		Est. No.	SE	95% CI	
Beaver	11,801	6,142	5,659	17,943	72	57	15	129	11,873	6,141	5,732	18,014
Bobcat	1,196	366	830	1,562	43	24	19	67	1,239	366	873	1,605
Coyote	4,741	1,251	3,490	5,992	29	20	9	49	4,769	1,250	3,519	6,019
Grey Fox	389	132	257	521	115	51	64	166	504	138	366	642
Red Fox	5,864	2,345	3,519	8,209	245	142	103	387	6,109	2,343	3,766	8,452
Mink	317	174	143	491	1,239	557	682	1,796	1,556	577	979	2,133
Muskrat	115	55	60	170	29	20	9	49	144	58	86	202
Nutria	-	-	-	-	14	14	-	28	14	14	-	28
Opossum	4,654	1,810	2,844	6,464	2,810	948	1,862	3,758	7,464	1,979	5,485	9,443
Otter	303	101	202	404	447	350	97	797	749	361	388	1,110
Raccoon	13,127	2,926	10,201	16,053	764	329	435	1,093	13,890	2,910	10,980	16,800
Striped Skunk	202	95	107	297	346	115	231	461	548	144	404	692
Long-tailed Weasel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
All Species	42,708	9,410	33,298	52,118	6,153	1,311	4,842	7,464	48,861	9,581	39,280	58,442

Table 11. Statewide estimates and summary statistics for each furbearer species targeted in 2023- 2024. Note that data for averages, and related SE, are derived from the sample data. Estimates for number of trappers and days trapped for each species are extrapolations from those estimates. Overall estimates (all species combined) were derived from the sample values reported by trappers directly rather than combining estimates by species.

Species	Est. # trappers that targeted species	% of total licenses ¹	Avg. # days trapped per trapper	SE	Est. total # days trapped	Avg. # traps set per day per trapper	SE	Avg. season harvest per trapper	SE	Avg. harvest per 100 trap days per trapper	Est. total number of trap days
Beaver	620	35.0	25.6	4.4	15,872	5.9	0.8	10.2	2.8	13.2	93,645
Bobcat	490	27.6	36.1	4.5	17,689	8	1.3	2.4	0.7	1.3	141,512
Coyote	749	42.2	41.1	3.8	30,784	8.7	1.1	6.3	1.6	3.2	267,820
Gray Fox	317	17.9	41.4	5.9	13,124	8.4	1.5	1.2	0.4	0.4	110,240
Long-tailed Weasel	14	0.8	90	0	1,260	1	0	0	0	0	1,260
Mink	115	6.5	37.9	9.2	4,359	4.3	0.9	2.8	1.3	4.6	18,742
Muskrat	202	11.4	21.9	6.4	4,424	9	2.7	0.6	0.2	1	39,814
Nutria	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Opossum	288	16.2	34.6	5.5	9,965	0.1	0.1	16.2	5.7	44	996
Otter	202	11.4	16.9	4.2	3,414	2.6	1.4	1.5	0.4	0.7	8,876
Raccoon	792	44.7	37.2	4.4	29,462	7.9	0.9	16.6	3.5	7.7	232,753
Red Fox	605	34.1	40.5	4.8	24,503	8.9	1.4	9.7	3.8	3.2	218,072
Striped Skunk	86	4.9	35.3	16.7	3,036	3	1.5	2.3	0.7	10.8	9,107
All Species	1,426	80.4	36.5	2.7	52,049	13.3	1.3	32.1	6.0	6.6	692,252

Table 12. Summary of respondents who trapped outside of the traditional season.

Species Targeted	N trappers	No. Captured
Beaver	1	5
Coyote	4	19
Muskrat	0	0
Nutria	0	0
Opossum	1	3
Raccoon	2	17
Striped skunk	1	2

Table 13. Rare furbearer observations based upon responses to the 2023-2024 Trapper Harvest Survey.

Species	No. observed	No. trapped	List of counties observed ¹ or feature reported	List of counties where trapped
Fisher	1	0	Louisa	None
Spotted Skunk	0	0	None	None
Least Weasel	0	0	None	None
Armadillo	0	0	None	None
Porcupine	0	0	None	None

¹ county locations are provided where possible and are based on descriptions provided by respondents.

Appendix A: Postcards 1 and 2



2023-2024 Virginia Trapper Online Survey



We need your help! The DWR needs information from the 2023-2024 trapping season (November 15, 2023 to February 29, 2024). We are only collecting information via the online survey portal at <http://vatrappingsurvey.info>. This is a **confidential** survey but we ask that you enter this unique identifier so we can track responses based on license type (**F8334**). We appreciate your willingness to participate. Your response will help generate meaningful estimates of the statewide furbearer harvest and allow us to effectively manage populations for future trappers. If you have questions about the survey, please feel free to contact me at 804.801.4108 or via email at Leah.Card@dwr.virginia.gov.

Thank you,
Leah Card

Virginia Department of Wildlife Resources



2023-2024 Virginia Trapper Online Survey



We still need your help! The Virginia Dept. of Wildlife Resources needs information from the 2023-2024 trapping season (November 15, [2023](#) to February 29, 2024). If you have not already done so, please fill out the information using the online survey portal at <http://vatrappingsurvey.info>. This is a **confidential** survey but we ask that you enter this unique identifier so we can track responses based on license type (**A1273**). Your response helps us generate estimates of the statewide furbearer harvest. If you have questions about the survey, please feel free to contact me at 804.801.4108 or via email at Leah.Card@dwr.virginia.gov. Just type <http://vatrappingsurvey.info> into your web browser to get started.

Thank you,
Leah Card

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Appendix B: Virginia Trapping Season Dates

There is a continuous open season to trap beaver, muskrat, opossum, and raccoon within the incorporated limits of any city or town in the Commonwealth, and in the counties of Arlington, Chesterfield, Fairfax, Henrico, James City, Loudoun, Prince William, Spotsylvania, Stafford, Roanoke, and York.

Species	Start of Season	End of Season
Beaver	December 1 st	February 29 th
Bobcat	November 15 th	February 29 th
Coyote	Continuous open season	
Fisher	Continuous closed season	
Fox ¹	November 15 th	February 29 th
Mink	December 1 st	February 29 th
Muskrat	December 1 st	February 29 th
Nutria	Continuous open season	
Opossum	November 15 th	February 29 th
Otter	December 1 st	February 29 th
Raccoon	November 15 th	February 29 th
Striped Skunk	Continuous open season	
Spotted Skunk	Continuous closed season ²	
Weasel	December 1 st	February 29 th

¹ Fox trapping is prohibited in Clarke (except on G. Richard Thompson WMA), Fauquier (except on Chester F. Phelps WMA and G. Richard Thompson WMA), Loudoun, and Rappahannock counties.

² Spotted skunk and the pelts of spotted skunk may not be sold.

Appendix C: Map of Trapping Regions in Virginia

