

in non-tidal waters unless completely submerged underwater when the water is at the normal level. In tidal water, such traps must be completely covered at normal high tide.

It is illegal to use, set or maintain a body-gripping or killer-type trap having a jaw spread greater than 6 inches without a permit for beaver or river otter. A body-gripping or killer-type trap with a jaw spread of no more than 10 inches may be used for beaver or river otter. Jaw spread shall be measured between the inner edges of the jaws across the trigger of a set trap.

Beaver and otter trap tags must be placed above the water line and exposed to view.

**Traps, Leg-hold**

It is illegal to possess or use steel-jawed leghold traps anywhere in New Jersey.

**Coyote, Red and Gray Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, Opossum and Weasel Trapping**

- ♦ **Season Dates:** Nov. 15–Mar. 15 except Jan. 1–Mar. 15 on select WMAs\*.
- ♦ **Bag Limits:** No daily bag limit for any of these species.
- ♦ No open fisher season. Call (877) 927-6337 to report any fisher capture.

- ♦ Traps may not be set prior to 6 a.m. on the respective opening day.
- ♦ Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area closed to trapping.

**Mink, Muskrat and Nutria Trapping Zones**

- ♦ **North Zone:** Those portions of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Morris, Passaic, Somerset, Sussex, Union and Warren counties lying north beginning at the intersection of US Rt. 1 and the Delaware River at Trenton; then north along Rt. 1 to its intersection with I-287; then south along I-287 to its intersection with Rt. 440; then east along Rt. 440 to the NJ-NY state line.
- ♦ **South Zone:** Those portions of Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, Mercer, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Salem counties lying south of the aforementioned line.

\* **The following wildlife management areas (WMAs) are closed to trapping until Jan. 1:** Assunpink, Berkshire Valley, Bevans (Millville), Black River, Clinton, Colliers Mills, Flatbrook-Roy, Glassboro, Greenwood (incl. Howardsville), Heislerville, MacNamara (Tuckahoe), Mad Horse, Manahawkin, Manasquan River, Medford, Nantuxent, Peaslee, Pequest, Port Republic, Stafford Forge, Walpack, Winslow and Whittingham. Trapping is prohibited at all times on the Delaware Water Gap Nat'l Recreation Area. 🦉

