

104 CODE OF TRIBAL REGULATIONS
FURBEARING ANIMAL HARVEST REGULATIONS
UNDER THE FISH AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION CODE
WITHIN THE ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION

1. **Purpose.** The purpose of these regulations is to regulate and govern furbearing animal harvesting within the exterior boundaries of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation.
2. **Authority.** The Sub Committee is authorized to established regulations for furbearing animal harvesting and other activities involving wildlife as provided for by the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Code of the Tribe.
3. **General Provisions.** No person shall take, attempt to take, pursue, harass or injure any fur-bearer in its den, or remove any young except as may occur during normal agricultural, horticultural or wildlife research practices and as may be authorized by the Department. Nothing in this regulation shall be construed to prohibit the taking of such fur-bearers for scientific purposes or depredation control as may be authorized by the Department.
4. **Open and Closed Seasons.**
 - a. A closed season is hereby established for the hunting and trapping of fur-bearers except for open seasons as declared by the Tribal proclamation.
 - b. Except as otherwise expressly provided by this regulation, no person shall hunt, take, or trap fur-bearers on the Reservation during a closed season.
5. **Permits and Tags.**
 - a. No person shall take, hunt, or trap fur-bearers on any lands of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation pursuant to this section without possessing a valid fur-bearers license or required permit approved by the Tribe.
 - b. Rocky Boy's Fish and Wildlife Conservation Department shall not issue more than one license to one person at one time except as authorized by the Department Supervisor.
 - c. No fur-bearers license shall be considered valid unless:
 1. The license or permit is properly signed in ink by the hunter or trapper.
 2. A valid hunter safety certificate is shown at time of purchase and certificate number is recorded on the license or permit.
 3. For which any permit or license is marked invalid.
6. **Fur-bearer Season.**
 - a. No person shall take, hunt or trap any fur-bearer from the close of a specific season to the opening of a specific season.
 - b. Each year a regular firearms and trapping season for fur-bearer shall be established by the Tribe's governing body or its designee with the following limitations.
 1. The regular season for trapping fur-bearers shall not open before the first Saturday in October of one year and may continue through the last Sunday in April of the next year to constitute a trapping year.
 2. A regular season, to include a year-round season, for hunting fur-bearers shall only be established for the following species: Coyote, Fox, Skunk, Badger, Raccoon, Prairie Dog and feral dogs.
7. **Fur-Bearer Hunting and Trapping Hours.** Except where otherwise expressly authorized, no person shall pursue, shoot, kill, trap or attempt to take any fur-bearer between ½ hour after sunset

of one day and ½ hour before sunrise of the next day. *(Options to consider are allowing trappers to check traps any time of the day, and night hunting and/or calling of coyotes or raccoons).

8. Methods of Taking. No person shall:

- a. Trap with any leghold trap larger than a Number 4 (4) and/or any trap containing a tooth style jaw.
- b. Trapping within a 30 feet of any exposed bait visible to airborne raptors.
- c. Trapping with aide of poison or poison bait.
- d. Trapping with traps or snares attached to the traps or snares a metal tag displaying the trappers full name, address and phone number.
- e. Use of Cross-Bows.
- f. Use of bow with a pull strength less than 30 pounds.
- g. Use of arrows less than 24 inches in length.
- h. Use of explosive points.
- i. Use of arrows with a point other than a broadhead having no less than two(2) sharpened edges.
- j. Use of artificial lights. *(As an option, the use of flashlights with no more than four (4) cells may be authorized for calling, hunting, or pursuing coyotes or raccoons at night).
- k. Use of a rifle with a barrel length less than 16 inches and use of shotgun with a barrel length less than 18 inches.

9. Use of Traps. Any person trapping must attend their traps at least every 48 hours and remove any trapped fur-bearer.

10. Trapping Areas Prohibited.

- a. No person shall trap on private land within the Reservation boundaries without receiving verbal or written permission from the owner or tenant.
- b. No person shall trap on any Tribal Refuge without possessing the required permits, license and/or tags.

11. Possession of Live Fur-Bearers.

- a. No person shall remove any live fur-bearers from their den, lodge, hut or nest or trap and maintain them in captivity for the purpose of raising them for profit or offering them for sale.
- b. Any person who maintains live fur-bearers on any lands of the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation must serve notice within 30 days after receipt of the live fur-bearer(s) to the Department and obtain a permit for those fur-bearers.

12. Bobcat Provisions. The taking, hunting, trapping, pursuing, selling, purchasing, trading or bartering or any attempt to the above is prohibited.

13. Use of Dogs. Dogs may be used in the pursuit of raccoon, coyote, and fox while hunting with a valid fur-bearers license. Dogs must be vaccinated under accepted veterinary practices and owner must maintain proof of vaccination while afield.

14. Harvest of Depredating Animals. Any landowner or tenant may destroy any fur-bearer which has been identified as depredating any livestock, poultry or crops. He/she shall not commercialize in, sell, trade, or ship any pelt or parts thereof without possessing a valid Tribal fur-bearers license or permit.

- 15. Buying or Shipping of Furs or Pelts.** No person shall engage in the business of buying or shipping of furs or pelts on any Reservation lands unless he/she possesses a valid Tribal fur-bearers license or permits.
- 16. Records to be Kept by Licensed Dealer.** Any person licensed to engage in the business of buying or shipping furs or pelts shall keep a true and accurate record of each purchase and/or shipment of furs or pelts.
- The records shall include:**
- a. The date of purchase;
 - b. The date of shipping;
 - c. The name and address of seller;
 - d. The kind and number of furs involved;
 - e. The amount of money paid for the furs;
 - f. Any additional information requested.
- 17. Transportation of Fur-Bearers.** No person shall transport any fur-bearer in or on any motor vehicle without possessing a valid fur-bearer license or required permit and/or required tags.
- 18. Aerial Hunting.** No person except an authorized agent shall attempt to take, hunt, or pursue any fur-bearer using aircraft without authorization from the Department.
- The following information shall be provided:**
- a. The name and address of each person whom will be hunting
 - b. A description of the fur-bearers authorized to be taken, the number of fur-bearer to be taken and the harvest area;
 - c. The reason for requesting a permit;
 - d. Description of aircraft and pilot's name.
- 19. Motor Vehicle Use.** No person shall take, hunt, kill, chase, harass, pursue or attempt the above from any type of motor vehicle unless specifically authorized by permit or license issued by the Department.
- 20. Penalties.** An individual violating any provisions of this Section may be assessed damages amounting to a minimum of \$50.00 and a maximum of \$500.00. In addition, the Tribal Court may enter an injunction prohibiting the exercise of that person's Reservation hunting, fishing and trapping privileges for a period of time.