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Hunting and Trappling Laws, November 1, 1929

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Definitions of words as used here:

(A) **Hunting**: Hunting means to pursue, catch, take, kill, wound or destroy wild birds or animals.

(B) **Alien**: An alien is an unnaturalized foreign born person who is not a taxpayer upon real estate in Maine and has not resided in Maine for the past two years continuously.

(C) **Jacklight**: A jacklight when hunting means any artificial light when used in conjunction with a rifle larger than a twenty-two caliber: a twenty-two hipower or a shot gun loaded with buckshot or ball cartridge are considered larger.

(D) **Trapping**: To trap shall also mean to trap for.

(E) **Calf Moose**: as herein used, shall be construed to mean that these animals shall be considered calves until they are at least one year old and have at least two prongs or tines not less than three inches long to each of their horns.
## LICENSES

### Resident Licenses

- **Hunting License Fee**: $0.65 annually
- **Comb. Hunting and Fishing License**: $1.15
- **Fishing License**: $0.65
- **Guide’s License**: $1.00 annually
- **Trapping License for Organized Territory**: $5.00
- **Trapping License, State-wide**: $10.00
- **Fee for Stamping Beaver**: $2.00 each
- **Taxidermist License**: $5.00 annually
- **Fur Buyer**: $25.00
- **Deer Skin Buyer**: $25.00
- **Marketman, Camp Proprietor, Hotel or Eating Place to sell or serve deer meat—Fee**: $5.00
- **Sporting Camp Fee**: $5.00
- **Fur Farm Fee**: $10.00

### Non-Resident Licenses

- **Big Game Hunting Fee**: $15.15 annually
- **Small Game Hunting Fee**: $5.15
- **Fishing 30 Days Fee**: $3.15
- **Fishing Season Fee**: $5.15
- **Alien Fishing Fee**: $2.15
- **Alien Taxidermist Fee**: $25.00
- **Trapping Fee**: $50.00
- **Guide Fee**: $20.00

Non-residents cannot be licensed to buy fur or the skins of deer.

### TAGS

- **Resident shipping tag for one moose**: $5.00
- **Resident shipping tag for one deer**: $2.00
- **Resident shipping tag for one pair of game birds**: $0.50
- **Shipping Tag for 10 lbs. of fish**: $1.00
- **Non-Resident shipping tag for one pair of game birds**: $0.50
## Hunting Laws and Seasons

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*Moose may be hunted during above named open season in the following Counties: Aroostook, Hancock, Knox, Lincoln, Penobscot, Waldo, and Washington. 1929 only. Cow and calf moose protected at all times.

†Northern counties are: Aroostook, Franklin, Oxford, Penobscot, Piscataquis, and Somerset.

‡Southern Counties are: Androscoggin, Cumberland, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo and York.

Hunting of wild animals is prohibited from an hour after sunset to an hour before sunrise. Hunting of wild birds is prohibited from sunset to one-half hour before sunrise.

Residents under 18 years of age do not need a license to either hunt or fish.

Non-residents under 18 years of age must file the written consent of their parent or guardian before they can buy a license to hunt.

Non-residents of any age must buy a license before they can either fish or hunt.
SALE AND TRANSPORTATION OF DEER OR MOOSE

No person shall sell, give away or buy any deer or moose meat to be carried or transported beyond the limits of the State of Maine.

No person shall carry or transport from place to place any moose unless open to view, tagged, and plainly labeled with his name and residence and accompanied by him while being transported, and identified at such places as the Commissioner may name by publication in the newspapers.

Deer must be transported open to view and labelled with the name and address of the owner, accompanied by the owner, and identified at one of the places designated by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game.

TRANSPORTATION TAGS

Residents may ship deer without accompanying same by buying a special tag which costs $2.00.

MOOSE SHIPMENT

Moose when being transported must be accompanied by the evidence of sex.

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY

No person shall tear down any fence, or leave open any gate, trample or destroy any crops while hunting, trapping or fishing.

SUNDAY HUNTING

Sunday hunting for wild birds or animals is prohibited.

DECOYS

Not more than twelve live decoys shall be used in one flock when hunting waterfowl. No flock shall be set within fifty yards of a flock set or being set. Only one flock allowed to a blind or boat. No boat shall be in said waters earlier than one and one-half hours before sunrise for the purpose of hunting nor shall any duck decoys be allowed to remain in said waters between the hour of sunset and one hour before sunrise.
BLINDS IN MERRymeETING BAY
Stationary blinds or artificial cover not allowed in Merrymeeting Bay or its tributaries, except Kennebec river within one mile of the waters of said bay, between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. This applies to the waters of the Kennebec river up to a point one mile above Swans Island.

LUMBER CAMPS
Possession of deer or moose meat in a lumber camp is prohibited.

AUTOMOBILES
It is unlawful to hunt from an automobile or have a loaded gun in or upon said automobile.

SILENCERS
Possession, sale or use of silencers is prohibited.

POISON OR SNARES
The use of poison, snares, nets, swivel, pivot or set guns is prohibited in the taking of wild birds or animals.

NON-RESIDENTS MUST HAVE GUIDE
Non-residents who are camping in unorganized territory and fishing must employ a guide.
Non-residents while hunting in unorganized territory must employ a guide.
Non-resident fishermen camping at a Forestry Camp Site while fishing are not required to employ a guide.

DOGS
The use of dogs in hunting deer and moose is prohibited and any dog found chasing a deer or moose may be killed by an officer.

JACKLIGHT
The sale, possession and use of a Jacklight, or any light fitted for night hunting, is prohibited.

GAME SANCTUARIES
Hunting in a game sanctuary is prohibited.

HUNTING FROM BOATS
The hunting of ducks from a power propelled boat is prohibited.
TRAPPING LAWS AND SEASONS

| Fur bearing animals | Nov. 16  | Jan. 31 |

NIGHT HUNTING OF SKUNKS AND RACCOONS

Permitted in all Counties					Oct. 1 Dec. 15

SPECIAL FOX LAW

Cumberland, Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and York Dec. 1 Feb. 14

BEAVER

Open season on Beaver as advertised by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game.

SPECIAL MUSKRAT LAWS

Sourdabscook Stream in Carmel from the State Highway in the village to the Penobscot River closed to trapping for muskrats; the Outlet Stream of Swett’s Pond in Orrington closed to trapping from the pond to the Penobscot River, for muskrats.

RABBITS

Androscoggin, York, Cumberland and Sagadahoc Oct. 1 Feb. 28
All other Counties Oct. 1 Mar. 31

GREY SQUIRRELS

Open season October only.

MISCELLANEOUS

Trapping License not required for Bob Cats.
Digging out of any hole or fox den or setting a trap in a fox den prohibited.
Trapping license for all kinds of fur bearing animals in their respective open seasons, statewide, $10.00.
Each beaver skin must be officially stamped, fee for same two dollars.
Trapping license for Organized Towns not including Beaver, $5.00.
Non-Resident and Alien Trapping License. $50.00.

No trapping license required to shoot fur bearing animals except Beaver.

Traps must be visited every 24 hours, in organized territory, except water-sets for mink and muskrat. Consent of the land owner must be secured if traps are set within one mile of cultivated land. No person shall set a trap outside of own land within half a mile of the compact or built up portion of a city or village, except a water-set trap, so called.

Any person holding a state-wide trapping license ($10.00) can trap beaver on land opened to trapping by the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game without the consent of the land owner.

The use of a gun larger than No. 10 guage is prohibited.

RESIDENT TRAPPERS

Any resident under eighteen years of age can trap for any fur bearing animal except beaver in the organized townships without a trapping license (in unorganized townships license required).

Any resident of any age who traps for beaver or any fur bearing animal (except as above) must be licensed.

Any resident or a member of the immediate family may hunt, fish or trap on land owned or leased by him and used exclusively for agricultural purposes without a license, except for beaver, for the trapping of which a $10.00 license is required.

Penalty one to three hundred dollars and costs or not exceeding ninety days in jail, or both.

This summary is a brief text of the Fish and Game laws of the State of Maine, as passed and amended by the Legislature of 1929.

Any person desiring full information on any particular law may inquire at the office of the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Game, State House, Augusta, Maine.