

**115-25-11. Furbearers; open seasons and bag limits.** (a) All hunting, trapping, and running seasons shall begin at 12:01 a.m. on the opening day and close at 11:59 p.m. on the closing day.

(b) The open season for the taking of badger, bobcat, gray fox, red fox, swift fox, mink, muskrat, opossum, raccoon, striped skunk, and weasel by hunting and trapping shall be from the first Wednesday after the second Saturday in November through the last day of February of the following year. The bag limit for these species shall be unlimited.

(c) The extended season for the taking of raccoon and opossum by hunting and trapping shall be from the first day of March through the first Tuesday after the second Saturday in November of the same year. Trapping equipment permitted during this season shall consist of box traps, cage traps, and foot-encapsulating traps commonly known as “dog-proof” traps. The bag limit for these species shall be unlimited.

(d) The open season for the taking of beaver by trapping shall be from the first Wednesday after the second Saturday in November through the last day of March of the following year. The bag limit shall be unlimited. Muskrat that are incidentally taken after the close of the open season for muskrat but during the open season for beaver by trapping may be possessed. The bag limit for incidentally taken muskrat shall be 10 animals.

(e) The open season for the taking of otter by trapping shall be from the first Wednesday after the second Saturday in November through the last day of March of the following year. The season bag limit shall be ten otters per trapper. No more than one otter may be taken from the following otter management units: Western, Solomon, Smoky-Saline, Republican, and Middle Arkansas. No more than two otters may be taken from the following otter management units: Big Blue, Kansas, Upper Neosho, and Lower Arkansas. No more than five otters may be taken from

the following otter management units: Verdigris and Missouri. No more than 10 otters may be taken from the following otter management units: Lower Neosho and Marais des Cygnes.

(f) The open season for the running of bobcat, gray fox, and red fox shall be from the first day of March through the Wednesday after the first Saturday in November. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2023 Supp. 32-807; amended Nov. 23,2022; amended April 3, 2024.)