



## 2022 TRAPPING AND WOLF HUNTING AND TRAPPING REGULATIONS

### Specific Changes

Note: *New language is in italics and underlined*. Deleted language is indicated by a ~~strikethrough~~. Page numbers have the appropriate regulation referenced.

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**Pelt Tagging/Inspection (CR)** – Trappers are required to personally present the pelts of fisher, bobcat, otter, *marten*, and swift fox, for tagging to a FWP employee within 10 days of the calendar close of season. Trappers are required to provide harvest registration data for fisher, bobcat, otter, *marten*, and swift fox at the time the pelt is presented for tagging. Trappers unable to comply with the pelt tagging requirement due to special circumstances or the unavailability of local FWP personnel must contact a regional FWP office within 10 days of the calendar close of season to make arrangements for tagging by FWP personnel. Pelts not presented or reported to FWP personnel within 10 days of the calendar close of season are subject to confiscation.

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**Pelt Possession (CR)** – It shall be unlawful for any fur dealer or fur dealer agent to purchase or possess any untagged bobcat, otter, fisher, *marten*, or wolverine, except those untagged furs originating outside Montana that are accompanied by an export permit or other documentation of lawful acquisition.

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#### Harvest Quotas

- Harvest quotas may be established ~~for each WMU.~~
- In WMUs ~~with a harvest quota (WMUs 110, 313, and 316)~~, when a hunting season quota is reached, the hunting season will close upon a ~~1224~~-hour notice, but no later than March 15, ~~2021~~2023.
- ~~The Fish & Wildlife Commission has authorized the department to initiate an emergency season closure at any time.~~

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**Trapping Season:** Season dates for trapping wolves will be the first Monday after Thanksgiving to March 15 for the entire state. For those districts in and near occupied grizzly bear habitat as depicted on the map on page 14, the department will apply a floating open season date that could start the Monday after Thanksgiving (November 29, 2021), or any day thereafter as determined by the department based upon a real time reading of conditions. If the department does not select a date prior to December 31, then the season will open on December 31 and close on March 15. For more information see [fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf](http://fwp.mt.gov/hunt/regulations/wolf). In and near occupied grizzly bear habitat is defined as the following (map on page ~~14~~TBD):

- Wolf Management Units 100, 101, 110, 121, 130, 150
  - ~~That portion of WMU 200 that includes the Ninemile watershed north of I-90.~~
  - ~~WMUs 210, 280, 290, 310, 313, 316, 320.~~
  - ~~The western portion of WMU 390 (west of Hwy 310, South of I 90, and west of I 15/Hwy 69).~~ •
  - ~~The western portion of WMU 400 (north and west of I 15/ Hwy 87, west of Hwy 223 between Fort Benton and Hwy 2 at Chester, south of Hwy 2 between Chester and I 15 at Shelby, and west of I 15 between Shelby and the Canadian border).~~
- Trapping District (TD) 1; TD 2 except for area beginning at the Montana-Idaho border on US Highway 93 at Lost Trail Pass, then southwesterly, northerly and westerly along said border to Interstate 90 at Lookout Pass, then easterly along the northern boundary of Mineral County to its intersection with Interstate 90, then easterly along Interstate 90 to the first Interstate Highway 90 bridge west of the Ninemile Interchange, then southeasterly along said highway to the Rock Creek Interchange, then south along Rock Creek Road to Eagle Creek Cable Crossing, then west on USFS Trail 215 to the Rock Creek-Bitterroot River Divide, then southerly along said divide to the Continental Divide (at West Pintler Peak), then southwesterly along said divide to the Montana Idaho border, then westerly along said border to US Highway 93, the point of beginning; TD 3 except for the portion west of Interstate 15 and south of Interstate 90 and that portion north of Interstate 90, north and east of state route 69, and east of Interstate 15; TD 4 except for the eastern portion (south and east of I-15–Hwy 87, east of Hwy 223 between Fort Benton and Hwy 2 at Chester, north of Hwy 2 between Chester and I-15 at Shelby, and east of I-15 between Shelby and the Canadian border); and TD 5 west of US Route 310 and south of Interstate 90.

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**Harvest Monitoring:**

**Harvests will be updated on the MTFWP website at:**

**[myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/speciesHuntingGuide?wmrSpeciesCd=GW](http://myfwp.mt.gov/fwpPub/speciesHuntingGuide?wmrSpeciesCd=GW) between 11am and 1 pm daily.**

- A harvest of 450 wolves (excluding those wolves harvested within WMU 313) shall initiate a commission review with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to hunting and trapping regulations. Thereafter the commission shall be similarly re-engaged at intervals of additional 50 wolves harvested, if season adjustments allow for additional wolf harvest. The following harvests by any Region alone shall initiate a commission review:
- Region 1: 195 wolves, Region 2: 116 wolves, Region 3: 82 wolves (excluding those wolves harvested within WMU 313), Region 4: 39 wolves, Region 5: 11 wolves, Region 6: 3 wolves, Region 7: 4 wolves
- A non-target capture of one lynx or one grizzly bear shall initiate a commission review with potential for rapid in-season adjustments to trapping regulations. The commission shall be similarly re-engaged for any additional non-target capture of lynx or grizzly bear.