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Muskrats are rodents and eat aquatic vegetarian. In our marshes, lakes and streams. They reproduce and thrive in areas of flooded vegetation where water levels remain constant. Current <sup>marsh</sup> restoration projects are creating this habitat.

Muskrats are late primers producing their best quality pelts before ice out, <sup>which</sup> normally comes after the end of season. <sup>Which</sup>

Late march is a time of change temperatures rise, days become longer and ice recedes.

These seasonal changes cause the muskrat to become very active. This activity gives trappers an excellent opportunity to harvest prime pelts. Too many muskrats, damage dikes, destroy vegetation and cause disease.

BE IT RESOLVED the conservation congress at its annual meeting held in Fond Du Lac Co on April 9 2012 recommends that the Department of Natural Resources take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes allowing an extension of the muskrat season to run until March 31.

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