

## **Horicon Marsh State Wildlife Area 2018-19 Trapping Unit Information**

### **Wetland Units**

Ten wetland units will be auctioned off for trapping during the 2018-19 trapping season. One trapper and a helper are allowed per unit. Trappers are limited to one unit on the entire marsh, either as a trapper or helper. Successful bidders and their helpers will be allowed to trap muskrats, raccoon, opossum, skunk, fox, coyote, mink, and weasel. In addition, 2 beaver and 2 otter (trapper and helper must possess a central zone otter tag) may be harvested per unit. Trapping season for all units will run from October 27, 2018 through March 17, 2019. In waterfowl refuges, trapping of dikes may begin October 27<sup>th</sup> and the remainder of the unit December 1<sup>st</sup>. Canoes and skiffs are allowed in all of these units and ATV's may only be used on the ice or on dike tops. Boat motors are not allowed in the following units: J, KL, N, and OP. These units are located within waterfowl refuges. Pre-staking is allowed and stake willows may be cut on the Wildlife Area.

### **Youth/Disabled/Senior Citizen Trapper Unit**

Any interested youth (between the ages of 12 to 17), disabled trapper (must possess a disabled hunting permit), or Senior Citizen (age 65 +) will be allowed to trap Unit N, free of charge. Trappers must obtain a permit at the auction or from the DNR office prior to trapping. Mentors may accompany permitted persons but will not be allowed to physically check or set traps.

### **Upland Permits**

Upland trapping permits will be given free of charge. Upland trappers are only allowed to trap raccoon, opossum, skunk, fox, coyote, mink, and weasel. Species not allowed to be harvested under this permit include muskrat, beaver, and otter. Season dates for all species will run from October 27, 2018 through March 17, 2019. Upland trappers may trap on any Horicon State Wildlife Area uplands regardless of wetland unit boundaries. No wet sets will be allowed in order to minimize incidental muskrat harvest. Any incidental muskrat, otter, or beavers must be reported and dropped off at the DNR office located on Hwy 28.

### **Other Rules and Considerations**

- All flagging, stakes, and traps must be removed by March 17, 2019.
- Trapper harvest reports are mandatory for all wetland and upland trappers. Reports are due by the 7<sup>th</sup> of each month. You may choose to call in your harvest, mail a report, or email your harvest.
- Preseason scouting by foot or boat is allowed at any time.
- The combination for any gate locks will be provided to the trappers
- Be conscious, courteous, and respectful of other trappers, hikers, hunters, dogs, and other Wildlife Area users. Always portray a positive image because the future of trapping at Horicon depends on it.

## 2017-18 Trap Results

Trapping Unit	Bid	Muskrat	Raccoon	Beaver	Mink	Opposum	Fox	Otter
AB	\$175	44						
D	\$450	127						
F	\$150	35	4					
CEG	\$100	229	1	1	1			
HI	\$50	5						
J	\$150	102						
KL	\$200	319	12	1	4	10	1	1
OP	\$225	17						
S	\$375	18	2			3		1
T	\$75	53						
N (youth/senior)	FREE	37	7			1	1	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,950</b>	<b>986</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>

## 2016-17 Trap Results

Trapping Unit	Bid	Muskrat	Raccoon	Beaver	Mink	Opposum	Weasel	Otter
AB	\$25							
D	\$425	198	3	2				
F	\$25	10						
CEG	\$125	61	2		6			
HI	\$75							
J	\$300	460	2	2	4			
KL	\$300	396	35	2	3	18	6	1
OP	\$800	264			4			
S	\$25		1	2				
T	\$175	23						
N (youth/senior)	FREE	96						
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,275</b>	<b>1508</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>