



**WILDLIFE DIVISION**  
**BEAVER TRAPPER APPLICATION**  
CT DEEP Wildlife Division  
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Dear Prospective Beaver Trapper:

Each year, the Wildlife Division receives approximately 250 calls statewide from Connecticut residents regarding beaver activity. Given the demand for trapper assistance, the Wildlife Division maintains a list of Volunteer Beaver Trappers and licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators (NWCOS) experienced in trapping beaver. Volunteer Authorizations and NWCO Permits for beaver trapping are only issued to individuals with beaver trapping experience who qualify through an application process (see application enclosed). Volunteer beaver trapper applicants are screened for hunting and fishing convictions.

Outside of the regulated beaver trapping season (December 1 through March 31), NWCOS and volunteers that are on the Department's list of approved beaver trappers must first obtain a NWCO Permit or Volunteer Trapping Authorization to trap each problem site. Permits/authorizations for beaver trapping during the closed season will only be issued in response to nuisance complaints pursuant to Connecticut General Statute (CGS) 26-3 and CGS 26-47-1(e). These complaints include situations where beaver are: 1) causing threats to public health and safety (including but not limited to road flooding, well inundation, and septic leach field flooding); 2) likely to be detrimental to agricultural crops, native plants, livestock, or wildlife; 3) likely to be the carrier of insects, disease, or parasites detrimental to such crops, plants, or wildlife; 4) likely to have a detrimental effect on natural or agricultural ecosystems; 5) likely to be detrimental to endangered or threatened species or species of special concern; or 6) causing severe property damage. A written permit/authorization from the Wildlife Division specifies the property location, methods, special conditions if applicable, and duration of the permit/authorization. The permit/authorization is valid only with the written permission of the landowner(s) of the property where such trapping takes place and a harvest report must be submitted to the Department. All other trapping regulations will apply. During the regulated beaver trapping season, NWCOS with a beaver trapping endorsement are now authorized under a single blanket permit to trap beaver and do not have to obtain a separate NWCO permit.

If you are approved to trap, you will receive a letter of appointment from the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and your name, town of residence, and phone number will be added to the list of approved volunteer and/or NWCO beaver trappers. The list is provided to all landowners requesting assistance with beaver problems and also is made available on the Department's website. All volunteers and NWCOS are expected to maintain a high standard of conduct as they deal with the public. The Department reserves the right to remove individuals from the list of approved trappers at any time.

Volunteer trappers and NWCOS have provided a valuable service to the citizens of Connecticut over the last several years. Thank you for your interest in providing assistance.

Sincerely,

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