



## APPLICATION TO TRAP BEAVER CAUSING SEVERE DAMAGE OR THREATS TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

*All landowners and towns are encouraged to tolerate beaver on their property whenever possible, since beaver provide a range of environmental benefits, including the creation and maintenance of wetland wildlife habitat. The Division publicizes information both on the benefits of beaver and a range of options for dealing with beaver/human conflicts. Complainants are advised to consult this information at <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/nuisance-wildlife/problems-with-beavers>. These options include tolerance, fencing of trees and shrubs, exclusion fencing at culverts, water level control devices and use of the regulated beaver trapping season (December 1 – March 31). However, the Wildlife Division recognizes that at some sites where beaver cause severe property damage or threaten public health and safety, immediate relief may require trapping outside of the season.*

*Connecticut General Statute 26-3 provides landowners who have a demonstrable beaver problem that threatens public health or safety and/or is causing severe property damage the ability to obtain a permit/authorization allowing beaver to be trapped during the closed season (April 1 – November 30). The need for such a permit/authorization must be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Wildlife Division. Connecticut General Statute 26-47 allows certain licensed Nuisance Wildlife Control Operators (NWCOs) to handle beaver problems for a fee, if issued a special permit by the Wildlife Division. Connecticut General Statute 26-7 allows certain trappers to be appointed as volunteer assistants and to receive authorization to trap problem beaver free of charge if issued an authorization by the Wildlife Division. A list of NWCOs/Volunteers can be found on line at <https://portal.ct.gov/deep/wildlife/nuisance-and-distressed-wildlife>. Please note that volunteers may decline to handle beaver complaints during certain times of the year. NWCOs charge varying rates, so applicants are advised to compare prices and contract terms.*

**ALL OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS MUST BE ANSWERED ACCURATELY AND COMPLETELY FOR YOUR APPLICATION TO BE PROCESSED.**

Applicant: _____
Address: _____ _____
Phone: _____
Fax: _____
Email: _____

Location/street address of the property where the damage is occurring for which the permit/authorization is being requested (R.F.D. # unacceptable):

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<sup>1</sup>To request information regarding beaver management and human beaver conflicts in Connecticut by mail, please contact the Wildlife Division Hartford Office at 860-424-3011.

If the beavers causing the problem are located on property owned by someone other than the applicant, please list the location/address of the property/properties and provide landowner name and phone number if known. *(Be Advised: Trapper will need written permission of any landowner where trapping will occur.)*

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Is this activity SEVERELY DAMAGING PROPERTY AND/OR CAUSING POTENTIAL OR IMMEDIATE THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY?      Yes                      No**

Please indicate the type of beaver damage/conflict. Please be specific, and you may choose more than one.

Trees will or have fallen on:

- Vehicle
- Power lines
- Building/Structure
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

- Public use area (recreation area, athletic field, etc...)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Plugging of manmade structure:

- Culvert(s) What will this flood?  
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Flooding or potential flooding of:

- Well or septic/leach field
- Road
- Driveway
- Parking lot
- Building/or other structure
- Maintained yard

- Pond outlet or manmade control structure
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Agriculture:

- Beaver are flooding and/or damaging agriculture. What type of agriculture?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Applicant must provide proof of SEVERE DAMAGE AND/OR THREAT TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY by providing at least ONE of the following:**

**1. PHOTOGRAPH:** Provide a photograph of the severe damage or health and safety threat being caused by the beaver activity. Photographs may be returned with this application via postal mail or email. Please include your name and street address in the body of your email. *(If you cannot provide a photograph that clearly shows the problem, please secure the signature of the appropriate official listed in 2 or 3.)*

**2. TOWN BUILDING INSPECTOR, TOWN ENGINEER, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS OR WETLANDS**

**COMMISSIONER ENDORSEMENT:** If the problem involves a road, driveway, parking lot, public use area, building or structure, please obtain the signature of the appropriate town official (i.e.: Town Building Inspector, Town Engineer, Director of Public Works or Wetlands Commissioner) who can verify the severity of the damage or health and safety concern. Their signature indicates that they have inspected and/or have knowledge of the problem and agree that the current beaver activity is causing severe property damage and/or a threat to public health and safety.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

**3. TOWN OR DISTRICT SANITARIAN ENDORSEMENT:** If the conflict involves an on-site septic system or a drinking water well, the sanitarian overseeing your town or the district to which you belong must sign off on this application or submit a separate letter for a special permit/authorization to be issued. Their signature indicates that they have inspected and/or have knowledge of the problem and agree that the current beaver activity is likely to or is currently interfering with the proper function of the septic system and/or drinking water well system.

(Signature) \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) \_\_\_\_\_ (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

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If the beaver problem described in this document meets the statutory criteria, a special permit or authorization may be issued to a NWCO or a Volunteer Trapper. Permits will be issued based on this application, all required supporting documents and approval by the Wildlife Division Director. Again, landowners can chose from NWCOs who are licensed by the Division and who charge for their services **OR** Volunteers who may provide the trapping service for free. In general, volunteers only trap outside the regulated season on a very limited basis. I have chosen the following trapper:

Trapper Name \_\_\_\_\_ NWCO# \_\_\_\_\_ Volunteer Conservation I.D. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Volunteer

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

NWCO

**DEEP reserves the right to inspect the property at any time to verify that the beaver problem requires a special permit/authorization and the laws governing the issuance and use of damage permits are being met.**

**I declare under penalties of false statement as provided for in Sec. 26-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes that the statements herein made by me are true and correct.**

Landowner/Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Return application to: DEEP Wildlife Division  
Sessions Woods WMA  
P.O. Box 1550  
Burlington, CT 06013  
ATTN: Beaver Management Program**

**FAX: 860-675-8141  
EMAIL: DEEP.Wildlife@ct.gov**

*Questions regarding the completion of this application may be directed to the Wildlife Division, Hartford Office, 860-424-3011.  
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