



KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF FISH & WILDLIFE RESOURCES

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AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO KRS 150.105

Pursuant to the authority of KRS 150.105, and with the approval granted by the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources (KDFWR) Commission at its June 15, 2018 meeting, I hereby issue the following authorization:

To address the widespread property damage and prevent further damage by beavers in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, any licensed trapper or nuisance wildlife control operator is hereby authorized to use a modified timeline from KRS 150.410(2) for trapping, under the following conditions:

1. This authorization shall apply to **Laurel County**.
2. This authorization **shall only apply to beaver or muskrat causing flooding of property or damage** to roads, crops, cropland, timber, or ornamental trees.
3. This authorization shall only apply to traps utilized as water sets defined in 301 KAR 2:251.
4. Traps set for the purposes of taking damage-causing beaver or muskrat under this authorization must be checked at least once every forty-eight (48) hours.
5. Incidental catch of otter or bobcat must be telechecked (either online via fw.ky.gov or 1-800-245-4263) and may be used for personal or educational use but shall not be sold.

This authorization is effective from the date of this letter **through March 31, 2025**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rich Storm".

Rich Storm
Commissioner