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AUTHORIZATION PURSUANT TO KRS 150.105

Pursuant to the authority of KRS 150.105, and with 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 beaver and muskrat in the Commonwealth of Kentucky, any licensed trapper or nuisance wildlife control operator is hereby authorized to trap beaver and muskrat statewide during the month of March 2026 under the following conditions:

1. This authorization shall apply only to beaver or muskrat causing damage, including but not limited to flooding or damage to property, roads, crops, cropland, timber, or ornamental trees.
2. This authorization shall only allow the use of traps utilized as water sets, defined in 301 KAR 2:251.
3. 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.
4. This authorization shall be suspended and void upon the effective date of pending amendments to 301 KAR 2:251 related to water set trapping in March.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rich Storm".

Rich Storm

Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources