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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 Fish and Wildlife Commission at its June 15, 2018 meeting, I hereby issue the following authorization:

In order to address widespread property damage and prevent further damage by beavers and muskrats 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 and visiting traps under the following conditions:

1. This authorization shall only apply to traps utilized as water sets defined in 301 KAR 2:251.
2. This authorization shall only apply to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Commission Districts.
3. This authorization shall only apply to beaver or muskrat causing flooding of property or damage to roads, crops, cropland, timber or ornamental trees.
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 and may be used for personal or educational use, but may not be sold.

This authorization is effective from the date of this letter through March 31, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rich Storm".

Rich Storm
Commissioner

