

## International Humane Trapping Standards

Canada is a signatory to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS). That Agreement stipulates that effective October 1, 2007 only traps certified as meeting humane standards will be allowed to be used by trappers. This stipulation will be reflected in Saskatchewan's wildlife regulations. However, provisions in the Agreement will allow the continued use of traps that have not yet been tested or traps for species where no trap has as yet been certified. The current listing of certified traps can be found by checking the Fur Institute of Canada at [www.fur.ca](http://www.fur.ca) or by calling (612) 231-7099 or by e-mail at [info@fur.ca](mailto:info@fur.ca).

The table below shows what the impact of the AIHTS will be for trapping furbearer species in Saskatchewan effective October 1, 2007.

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Species	Effect of the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS) on Furbearer Trapping Methods in Saskatchewan		
	Killing Trap Systems*	Leghold (restraining) Trap Systems **	Other Methods***
<b>Furbearer Species Subject to AIHTS</b> – Shaded cells indicate where changes to existing trapping regulations will take effect on October 1, 2007.			
Beaver	Use certified beaver traps Effective Oct. 1, 2007	No System in General Usage	Restraining traps may be used for beaver ONLY if used as part of a system that submerges the animal and prevents it from surfacing.  Neck snares are deemed to be non-commercial devices not subject to AIHTS and may be used in accordance with provincial regulations.
Badger	Continue use of existing killing traps until certified traps are identified (no killing traps yet certified for badger)	No System in General Usage	Neck snares are deemed to be non-commercial devices not subject to AIHTS and may be used in accordance with provincial regulations.
Muskrat	Use certified muskrat traps Effective Oct. 1, 2007	No System in General Usage	Restraining traps used in submersion sets that maintain muskrats underwater are deemed to comply with AIHTS.
Otter	Continue use of existing killing traps until certified traps are identified (no killing traps yet certified for otter)	No System in General Usage	Traps used in submersion sets that maintain otters underwater are deemed to comply with AIHTS.
Short-tailed weasel (Ermine)	Continue use of existing killing traps until certified traps are identified (no killing traps yet certified for ermine)	No System in General Usage	
Raccoon	Use certified raccoon traps. Effective Oct. 1, 2007	No System in General Usage	
Marten	Use certified marten traps. Effective Oct. 1, 2007	No System in General Usage	
Fisher	Use certified fisher traps. Effective Oct 1, 2007	No System in General Usage	

Lynx	Continue use of existing killing traps until certified traps are identified (no killing traps yet certified for lynx).	Use certified lynx leghold restraining traps only. Effective Oct. 1, 2007	Neck snares are deemed to be non-commercial devices not subject to AIHTS and may be used in accordance with provincial regulations.
Bobcat	Continue use of existing killing traps until certified traps are identified (no killing traps yet certified for bobcat).	Continue use of existing modified leghold restraining traps or foot snares until more certified traps are identified.	Neck snares are deemed to be non-commercial devices not subject to AIHTS and may be used in accordance with provincial regulations.
Coyote	Continue use of existing killing traps until certified traps are identified (no killing traps yet certified for coyote).	Continue use of existing modified leghold restraining traps or foot snares until more certified traps are identified.	Neck snares are deemed to be non-commercial devices not subject to AIHTS and may be used in accordance with provincial regulations.
Wolf	Continue use of existing killing traps until certified traps are identified (no killing traps yet certified for wolf)	Continue use of existing modified leghold restraining traps or foot snares until certified traps are identified (no restraining traps yet certified for wolf)	Neck snares are deemed to be non-commercial devices not subject to AIHTS and may be used in accordance with provincial regulations.
<b>Furbearer species not subject to AIHTS</b> – Existing methods may continue to be used for all species not covered under the AIHTS except that Long-tailed and Least Weasel will be subject to the same regulations as apply to Short-tailed Weasel (Ermine).			
Mink	Continue to use existing killing traps	No System in General Usage	Any restraining trap set as part of a system that submerges the mink may be used.
Red fox	Continue to use existing killing traps	Conventional steel-jawed leghold restraining traps or foot snares may continue to be used to live-trap red fox.	May be trapped using neck snares in accordance with provincial regulations.
Arctic fox	Continue to use existing killing traps	Conventional steel-jawed leghold restraining traps or foot snares may continue to be used to live-trap arctic fox.	May be trapped using neck snares in accordance with provincial regulations.
Red Squirrel Gray Squirrel Fox Squirrel	Continue to use existing killing traps	No System in General Usage	Suspended snares may be used to trap red squirrels
Wolverine	Continue to use existing killing traps	Continue use of existing modified leghold restraining traps or foot snares.	May be trapped using neck snares in accordance with provincial regulations.
Long-tailed weasel Least Weasel	Continue use of existing killing traps until certified traps are identified****.	No System in General Usage	

\*"Killing traps" means traps intended to strike and hold a furbearing mammal with the intention of killing it.

\*\*"Leghold (restraining) traps" mean body-gripping traps intended to hold a furbearing mammal alive by a part of its body until the trapper arrives and releases or dispatches the animal.

\*\*\* No live or box traps have been certified to date and these types of trapping systems will not be regulated until after 2007.

\*\*\*\* Once certified traps are available for Short-tailed Weasel (Ermine) they will be required for these species as well under provincial regulations.