

2017-18 SMALL GAME TRAPPING PERMIT

Downeast Lakes Land Trust (DLLT), with an office at 4 Water Street, Grand Lake Stream, ME 04668, hereby grants this "Small Game Trapping Permit" to _____ of _____ ("Permittee").

Permittee may set and maintain trap lines for the purpose of legally taking small furbearing animals (**EXCLUDING BEARS**) on the Downeast Lakes Community Forest (DLCF) subject to the terms and conditions that follow. This permit shall be in effect from May 1, 2017 to April 30, 2018.

1. Permittee shall follow all applicable hunting and trapping laws.
2. Permittee shall review all applicable and relevant guidelines to avoid the taking of Canada lynx and other non-target species.
3. Permittee may cut trees ≤ 6.0 " diameter at breast height (DBH) to use for poles to set beaver traps.
4. Permittee may use 6 or 8 penny nails to secure fisher and marten traps on any dead trees, or on live trees ≤ 6.0 " DBH. Permittee shall pull all nails and platforms by 4/30/18.
5. Permittee shall operate all motor vehicles, including ATVs and snowmobiles, in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and any restrictions or guidelines imposed by DLLT from time to time. Such operation shall exhibit proper concern for safety and the conservation of soil and water quality. Within the Fourth Machias Lake Ecological Reserve and the Amazon-Musquash Reserve and Special Management Area, Permittee may only operate motorized vehicles on designated roads and trails depicted in the attached map. In addition, the operation of snowmobiles in a responsible manner is permitted on Big Musquash Stream and adjacent wetland areas under frozen, snow-covered conditions.
6. Permittee shall not set or maintain traps within 250 feet of any areas where timber is being actively harvested.
7. Camping and outdoor fires are permitted only in designated areas. Permittee shall be responsible for complying with any state requirements for fire permits. Permittee shall remove any and all of Permittee's debris and trash from the DLCF.
8. Permittee shall indemnify and hold harmless DLLT, its employees, officers, and assigns, from any injury or property damage sustained by Permittee while exercising privileges under this permit.
9. It is understood that grantor assumes no liability for any injury or damage that may be suffered by Permittee. It is also understood that this permit is granted according to Title 14 M.R.S.A. Section 159-A, which grants a landowner, lessee, manager, holder of an easement or occupant of a premises "limited liability for recreational or harvesting activities" on their land. This permit shall automatically terminate without notice in the event that grantor loses some or all limited liability by the amendment or repeal of the referred to statute or any final court decision interpreting said statute.
10. In accordance with state regulations, this permit bearing permittee's original signature must be in Permittee's possession when exercising privileges under this permit.
11. This permit is revocable at any time by any DLLT employee, officer, or assign or any law enforcement officer.
12. Permittee must provide a signed copy of this permit to DLLT within 30 days of signing.

Date: _____

PERMITTEE:

GRANTOR:

Downeast Lakes Land Trust
4 Water Street
Grand Lake Stream, ME 04668

Signature: _____

BY:

