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Department of Natural Resources  
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## Wild Fur Farm License Application

Form 9400-291 (R 03/23)

Use the third page of this application to apply for a Wild Fur Farm License. General information is provided below to help you complete the application. This is informational only and not a complete set of rules. Licenses are governed by Wisconsin Statute ch. 169, Captive Wildlife and Natural Resources Administrative Code ch. NR 16 Captive Wildlife.

### Wild Fur Farms General Information

A wild fur farm license authorizes the holder to possess or propagate on the land, sell, take alive or kill by trapping all of the following species: beaver, coyote, mink, muskrat, otter, opossum, raccoon, skunk and weasel on the licensed facility. The licensee may sell the species listed on the license only to persons authorized to possess these species. This license does not allow purchase or stocking of live wild animals.

This license is for ACREAGE ONLY. Except for skunk which cannot be held alive, temporary possession of live captive wild animals authorized under this license is allowed for a period of 48 hours if held for sale. Possession beyond 48 hours requires a captive wild animal farm or other applicable license.

All land to be licensed as a wild fur farm must be contiguous, and at least 40 acres in size but not greater than 640 acres, unless the wild fur farm was licensed as a fur farm under s. 29.869, 1999 Stats., on December 31, 2002.

A wild fur farm license is effective from the date issued through the 3rd December 31st following the date of issuance.

### Limitations

A wild fur farm license DOES NOT authorize the taking of badger, bobcat, fisher, fox, lynx, marten, rabbit or wolf. No person may harvest, possess or sell these species except under the authority of ch. NR 10 Wis. Admin. Code, and ch. 29, Stats.

All skunks taken shall be immediately killed in a humane manner and may not be sold live.

### Otter

Otter may only be trapped, possessed and removed from the licensed premises when in possession of the required department issued tags. The number of tag(s) issued each year may vary but will not exceed the number issued to a licensed trapper in the same otter management zone. If you plan to harvest otter contact Customer Service and Licensing in Madison to request your tag(s).

Immediately upon killing an otter you must validate the pelt tag and attach it to the otter by following the instructions on the back of the tag. Otter registration/ CITES tags may be obtained by contacting your local conservation warden.

Immediately upon harvesting a live otter you must validate the pelt tag by slitting the month and date of harvest. The validated tag must stay with the otter. Live otter may only be held in pens for 48 hours to facilitate sale. Further possession requires a captive wild animal farm or other applicable license.



**Note:** This license does not limit the number of otter that may be taken on a licensed facility by individuals trapping under the authority of a trapping license and valid otter tag issued under Natural Resources Administrative Code ch. NR 10. Animal damage or nuisance permits may also be available. If needed, contact your local wildlife manager for additional information.

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## Leased Land

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If land is leased, a copy of the lease MUST accompany the application form. All lease(s) must specifically authorize the right to establish a wild fur farm for the term of the license. The lease(s) shall be in writing and shall include:

1. Name of the land owner(s) and lessee(s).
2. A legal description of the land leased along with a plat map with the exact area leased outlined or highlighted.
3. The term (length) of the lease.
4. Identify any conditions placed on the lease.
5. Signatures of both owner(s) and lessee(s).

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## Plat Map(s)

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A copy of a plat map MUST accompany the application form. Outline or highlight the exact area you are seeking to license. A copy of a plat map can be obtained from your local municipality, county government or your local library.

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## Other Regulations

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Except for otter, a person trapping the animals listed on the wild fur farm license is exempt from having any trapping approval issued under ch. 29 Wisconsin Statutes, and is exempt from any closed season restrictions and bag limits. A trapping license is not required to trap or take otter, but a person must possess a valid fur farm otter tag and may not take or kill more otter annually than the number of valid tags issued to the licensee.

Signs that designate the property as a licensed wild fur farm are not required nor provided by the department. You may post your property as you deem necessary to inform others that it is a licensed wild fur farm.

A wild fur farm license does not authorize dog training or trialing using captive wild animals. Dog training or dog trials are regulated under Wisconsin Statute ss. 169.20, 169.21 and Natural Resources Administrative Code ch. NR 17.

A wild fur farm does not authorize the propagation of captive fur bearing animals in pens. A captive wild animal farm license is required to possess animals in pens and propagate wild animals in captivity.

Persons authorized by the licensee to take live licensed animals on the licensed premises may not possess the live animals off the licensed premises unless they are in possession of a captive wildlife license that authorizes possession of that species of animal.

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## Reporting Requirements

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**Records:** All wild fur farm license holders must keep a record by date of all animals harvested live, killed, sold or transferred. A complete record including the species, number of animals, date harvested, name of person who harvested the animal(s), date of sale or transfer, name, address and license number of person to whom the animal(s) were sold or transferred must be kept for each dead or live wild animal transaction. These records are to be held on the fur farm and made available for inspection by DNR personnel upon request and for 3 years after the license expires.

**Reports:** A quarterly report must be submitted by April 30, July 31, October 31, and January 31 each year for the preceding 3 months and shall include all transactions involving otter, coyote, mink, skunk and weasel. An annual report must be submitted by January 31 for the preceding 12 months each year for all harvest and transactions. Annual reports shall include the total number and species of animals that were killed by trapping; number and species of animals that were taken alive; number and species of dead animals sold, shipped or otherwise transferred; total number and species of live animals sold, shipped or otherwise transferred; and at the time the report is filed the number and species of animal carcasses or skins currently possessed and the number of live animals held (live animals can only be held for a maximum of 48 hours).

**Forms:** The department will provide initial forms to use for maintaining activity records by date. If you have your own system, forms or computer program for maintaining these records you may use your forms or system provided all required records are maintained and copies can be made available for inspection or submittal to the department upon request.

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## Information on Fee Structure

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A person applying for 2 or more captive wildlife licenses that are necessary to engage in a single business or other operation shall pay a total fee that equals the fee for the license with the highest fee that is required, plus 50% of the fee for each additional required license.

**Note:** In order to fill and save this form electronically, it must be opened using Adobe Reader or Acrobat software. Save a copy of the file, open Adobe Reader, select File > Open and browse for the file you saved.

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**Include the required fee with the application.**

**Notice:** Information requested on this form is required to apply for a wild fur farm license under ch. 169, Wis. Stats. Operation as a wild fur farm without a license may result in forfeitures of up to \$500 in addition to suspension of eligibility for future licenses. Information collected may be used for participation in surveys, eligibility for approvals, and law enforcement (including child support and tax delinquency enforcement) purposes. The department may also provide this information to requesters pursuant to Wisconsin's Public Records law, ss. 19.31 to 19.39, Stats.

<p><b>Fees:</b></p> <p>Wild Fur Farm \$50          + \$20 Late fee if application filed after license expiration date.</p> <p>This license is valid from the date of issuance until the 3rd December 31 following the date of issuance.</p>
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A social security number or federal employer identification number is REQUIRED when applying for licenses according to ss. 169.34 and 169.35, Stats., but it may not be disclosed by the department to anyone except the Department of Workforce Development or the Department of Revenue.

### Applicant Information

Last Name		First		MI	Current License Number (if renewal)		DNR Customer ID Number		
Date of Birth		Social Security Number/Federal Employer ID Number			E-Mail Address				
Business Name				Daytime Telephone Number		Alternate Telephone Number			
Mailing Address				City		State	ZIP Code		
If Lessee, Name of Property Owner:				I Hereby Certify that I am the: <input type="radio"/> Owner <input type="radio"/> Lessee If lessee, MUST include copy of lease.					
Indicate the actual address(s) of the wild fur farm below, include additional sheets if necessary and be as specific as possible. You MUST also enclose a plat map with the exact area you are seeking to license outlined or highlighted.									
Property Address				Additional Property Address (only applicable if licensed before January 1, 2003)					
City			County		City		County		
Township Name	Township	Range	Section(s) #		Township Name	Township	Range	Section(s) #	
	N		<input type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W			N		<input type="radio"/> E <input type="radio"/> W	
Total Acres	If a renewal, is this a change in acreage? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Do you plan to harvest otter? <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No		Otter zone where wild fur farm is located (see attached map) <input type="radio"/> North <input type="radio"/> South				

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*I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct. I understand that providing incorrect information may result in revocation of my license and possible penalties*

Signature of Applicant	Date
If Applicant Less than 18 Years of Age Signature of Parent or Guardian	Date
Approval Signature (DNR Personnel)	Date

Retain the attached information sheets for your records.