

SECTION 1: HARVESTING FURBEARERS IN INDIANA

The Indiana DNR is currently considering creating a bobcat hunting and trapping season. Bobcat hunting and trapping is not currently legal in the state of Indiana.

If introduced in Indiana, the bobcat season would open during the first week of November and close at the end of January or when the harvest quota is met—whichever is earlier. Harvests would be allowed in approximately 30 counties south of I-70.

The proposed harvest quota is XXX animals per season, with a bag limit of X bobcat(s) per person per season. The Indiana DNR estimates that this number of bobcats can be sustainably harvested each year at the current bobcat population level. The season will end early if the quota is reached prior to the season closing date. Hunters and trappers will be responsible for knowing if the quota has been met. The reported harvest will be tracked daily, and hunters and trappers may check the quota at any time online or by phone. If the season closes early, an exception may be made for an individual who harvests a bobcat within 48 hours after the close of the season and has not yet reached their bag limit.

Bobcats may be harvested with any firearm legal for coyotes, archery equipment, or any legal traps (foothold, snares). All other regulations would be the same as those for harvesting other furbearers. Once a bobcat is harvested, it must be checked in online within 24 hours. The carcass must be registered in person no later than 15 days after the month of harvest.

Bobcat licenses would need to be purchased in addition to a standard or lifetime trapping license or general hunting license. Bobcat licenses would be sold at local retailers and over the internet via the Indiana Fish & Wildlife Online License System. Licenses would be valid for a single season. License revenues will be used to support public land and wildlife habitat management, research, and improvement of recreational opportunities within the state of Indiana.

Indiana DNR officials will take your responses below into account when deciding whether to create a bobcat season and how much to charge for a license.

1.1. Would you pay **\$XX** for a bobcat license if Indiana created the bobcat hunting and trapping season described above?

- Yes No

1.1.1. If you selected “No” for question 1.1, please indicate why. (Check all that apply.)

- The license price is too high. The harvest quota is too low.
 The bag limit is too low. The harvest quota is too high.
 I am not interested in harvesting a bobcat.
 Other (please explain): _____

1.1.2 Do you hunt any of the following game species that may serve as food sources for bobcats? (Check all that apply.)

- Rabbits Squirrels Deer Waterfowl Gamebirds Turkey

1.1.3. Please rate your level of agreement/disagreement with the following statements.

	Strongly disagree	Somewhat disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat agree	Strongly agree
My response will affect whether Indiana creates a bobcat season.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The overall results of this survey will affect whether Indiana creates a bobcat season.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The DNR will actually charge \$XX for a bobcat license if Indiana creates a bobcat season.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

1.2. Have you ever harvested furbearers in Indiana?

- Yes No (If no, please skip to section 4 on page 12)

1.3. How did you harvest furbearers in Indiana? (Check all that apply.)

- Hunting Trapping

1.4. Do you hold an Indiana lifetime hunting or trapping license?

- Yes No

1.5. Why did you harvest furbearers in Indiana? (Check all that apply.)

- Decrease nuisance animals Fur sold for income
 Recreation Managing wildlife populations
 Fur used in my household Other _____

1.5.1. Do you hold a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator (NWCO) permit?

- Yes No

Questions continue on the next page

1.6. For each of the following species, please indicate how much time you spend processing (skinning, fleshing, stretching, conditioning, tanning) **one animal**. Please also indicate how much money you received per animal in the most recent season if you sell them.

Species	Time spent processing one animal (hours)	Amount received for each animal (\$)
Coyote		
Striped skunk		
Red fox		
Gray fox		
Beaver		
Mink		
Muskrat		
Weasel (long-tailed)		
Raccoon		
Opossum		
River otter		

SECTION 2: HUNTING FURBEARERS IN INDIANA

2.1. Did you **hunt** furbearers in Indiana in the most recent season, spanning mid-October 2020 to mid-March 2021?

- Yes No (if no, please skip to section 3 on page 8)

2.2. How would you assess your experience level hunting furbearers?

- Beginner Intermediate Expert

2.3. What kind of equipment did you use to hunt furbearers in the 2020/21 season? (Check all that apply.)

- Bow Rifle Muzzleloader
 Crossbow Shotgun Other firearm

2.4. Did you hunt furbearers with dogs in the in the 2020/21 season?

- Yes No

2.5. Did you use bait/lure to hunt furbearers in the 2020/21 season?

- Yes No

2.6. Please list the **average daily cost per person** of items used during furbearer hunting in the 2020/21 season. Please only enter incremental amounts—that is, expenditures you would not have incurred unless you went furbearer hunting.

Gasoline (including for traveling to hunting sites, delivering harvested furs to buyers)	\$ _____ per day
Groceries (snacks/prepared meals for time on road)	\$ _____ per day
Fast food/full-service restaurant meals	\$ _____ per day
Lodging	\$ _____ per day
Other, please specify: _____	\$ _____ per day

2.7. Please list the **amount you spent per season** on the following items used for furbearer hunting in the 2020/21 season. Please only enter incremental amounts—that is, expenditures you would not have incurred unless you went furbearer hunting.

Ammunition	\$ _____ per season
Clothing (including boots and chest waders)	\$ _____ per season
Hunting license	\$ _____ per season
Fur conditioning/skinning/tanning	\$ _____ per season
Hunting lease	\$ _____ per season
Bait/lure (including scent covers)	\$ _____ per season
Dog-related expenses	\$ _____ per season
Shipping (including costs of sending furs to buyers)	\$ _____ per season
Other, please specify: _____	\$ _____ per season

2.8. Please fill in the following information for any equipment used for furbearer hunting purchased within the **last five years**:

Equipment	Cost	How long do you expect to have this item?	What % of your overall use of this equipment is for furbearer hunting?
Accessories (calls, blinds, lights)	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Firearms and knives	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Freezer	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
ATV	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Canoe/kayak	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Motorized boat (including trailer)	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Trailer (for hauling ATV and/or other equipment)	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %

2.9. How many sites did you visit to hunt furbearers in the 2020/21 season? _____

2.10. Please list your top four most-visited hunting locations during the 2020/21 furbearer season. Please list sites in the typical order in which you visit them.

Site	Your nickname for this site, if any*	County of site	Approx. location of site in county (northwest, southwest, etc.)	Is this on public land?	On how many days did you visit this site?
1				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
2				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

*This is a name that you can use to help recall specific locations. This information is not reported and is only to help you remember. The nickname will be kept confidential.

2.11. Please record the total harvest of each species that you hunted from each site in the 2020/21 season.

Site	Coyote	Striped Skunk	Red Fox	Gray Fox	Raccoon	Weasel	Opossum
1							
2							
3							
4							

2.12. Thinking about your typical hunting trip made over the course of a day in the 2020/21 season, please fill in the following information for each site you visit in the typical order in which you visit them. (Refer to Question 2.10 for your site definitions.)

Site	Driving distance to site (from starting point/previous site)	Time spent driving to site per visit	Time spent on-site per visit	Number of trips taken to site per day
1				
2				
3				
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The following questions will ask about your experience participating in predator hunting tournaments. These tournaments are typically designed for the harvest of coyotes, fox, or raccoons. Predator hunts usually have a registration fee and award prizes to participants based on the rules for the respective hunt. For example, prizes may be awarded to the participant who harvests (i) the most animals, (ii) the largest animal, and (iii) the smallest animal.

Please answer the following questions thinking of this typical design of a predator hunt.

2.13. Did you participate in any predator hunting tournaments in Indiana over the 2020/21 season?

- Yes No (If no, please skip to question 2.14)

2.13.1. In how many predator hunting tournaments did you participate in 2020/21? _____

2.13.2. During a typical tournament in 2020/21, how far did you travel to participate? _____ miles

2.13.3. During a typical tournament in 2020/21, how much time did you spend participating? _____ days

2.13.4. During a typical tournament in 2020/21, how much money did you spend on each of the following to participate?

Hunt entry fees \$ _____
 Lodging \$ _____
 Food \$ _____
 Other costs \$ _____

2.13.5. During a typical tournament in 2020/21, what is the value of prizes that you or your team won? \$ _____

2.14. Did you **hunt** furbearers in Indiana during 2019/20 season, spanning mid-October 2019 to mid-March 2020?

- Yes No (if no, please skip to section 3 on page 8)

2.15. How many sites did you visit to hunt furbearers in the 2019/20 season? _____

2.16. When compared to the 2019-2020 season, how did your hunting effort (defined as the days spent in the field) change in the 2020/21 season?

- Increased by _____% Decreased by _____% No change

2.17. Please indicate the change in your harvest between the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons. (If your harvest increased in 2020/21, please report positive numbers. If your harvest decreased in 2020/21, please report negative numbers.)

Coyote	Striped Skunk	Red Fox	Gray Fox	Raccoon	Opossum
_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals

2.18. Changes to your furbearer hunting between the 19/20 season and 20/21 season were due to (please select all that apply):

- Decreased free time Increased free time My hunting effort did not change
 Decreased income Increased income Other: _____

SECTION 3: TRAPPING FURBEARERS IN INDIANA

- 3.1. Did you **trap** furbearers in Indiana in the most recent season, spanning mid-October 2020 to mid-March 2021?
- Yes No (if no, please skip to section 4 on page 12)
- 3.2. How would you assess your experience level trapping furbearers?
- Beginner Intermediate Expert
- 3.3. What kind of equipment did you typically use to trap furbearers in the 2020/21 season? (Check all that apply.)
- Snare
- Foothold trap
- Enclosed foothold (dog-proof) traps
- Body-grip trap (Conibear, Dahlgren, Bigelow, other)
- Box/cage trap
- Other trapping equipment—please specify: _____
- 3.4. Have you caught bobcats in the past? Yes No

3.4.1. If you chose “Yes” on 3.4, please enter how many and in what Indiana counties.

Number caught	County

- 3.5. Please list the **average daily cost per person** of items used during furbearer trapping in the 2020/21 season. Please only enter incremental amounts—that is, expenditures you would not have incurred unless you went furbearer trapping.

Gasoline (including for traveling to hunting sites, delivering harvested furs to buyers) \$ _____ per day

Groceries (snacks/prepared meals for time on road) \$ _____ per day

Fast Food/full-service restaurant \$ _____ per day

Lodging \$ _____ per day

Other, please specify: _____ \$ _____ per day

3.6. Please indicate the **amount you spent per season** on the following items used for furbearer trapping in the 2020/21 season. Please only enter incremental amounts—that is, expenditures you would not have incurred unless you went furbearer trapping.

Ammunition	\$_____ per season
Clothing (including boots and chest waders)	\$_____ per season
Trapping license	\$_____ per season
Fur conditioning/skinning/tanning	\$_____ per season
Bait/lure (including scent covers)	\$_____ per season
Dyes and stains	\$_____ per season
Shipping (including costs of sending furs to buyers)	\$_____ per season
Other, please specify:_____	\$_____ per season

3.7. Please fill in the following information for any equipment used for furbearer trapping purchased within the **last five years**:

Equipment	Cost	How long do you expect to have this item?	What percentage of your overall use of this equipment is for furbearer trapping?
Traps	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Accessories (shovels, sifters, baskets, hide stretchers, etc.)	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Firearms and knives	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Freezer	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
ATV	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Canoe/kayak	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Motorized boat (including trailer)	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %
Trailer (for hauling ATV and/or other equipment)	\$ _____	_____ years	_____ %

3.8. How many sites did you visit to trap furbearers in the 2020/21 season? _____

3.9. Please list your top four most-visited trapping locations during the 2020/21 furbearer season. Please list sites in the typical order in which you visit them.

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2				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

*This is a name that you can use to help recall specific locations. This information is not reported and is only to help you remember. The nickname will be kept confidential.

3.10. Please record the total harvest of each species that you trapped from each site in the 2020/21 season. (Refer to question 3.9 for your site definitions.)

Site	Coyote	Striped Skunk	Red Fox	Gray Fox	Mink	Beaver	Muskrat	Weasel	Raccoon	Opossum	River Otter
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3											
4											

3.11. Thinking about your typical trapping trip made over the course of a day in the 2020/21 season, please fill in the following information for each site you visit. (Refer to question 3.9 for your site definitions.)

Site	Driving distance to site (from starting point/previous site)	Time spent driving to site per visit	Time spent on-site per visit	Number of trips taken to site per day
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3.12. Did you **trap** furbearers in Indiana during 2019/20 season, spanning mid-October 2019 to mid-March 2020?

- Yes No (if no, please skip to section 4 on page 12)

3.13. How many sites did you visit to trap furbearers in the 2019/20 season? _____

3.14. When compared to the 2019/20 season, how did your trapping effort (defined as the days spent in the field) change in the 2020/21 season?

- Increased by _____% Decreased by _____% No change

3.15. Please indicate the change in your harvest between the 2019/20 and 2020/21 seasons. (If your harvest increased in 2020/21, please report positive numbers. If your harvest decreased in 2020/21, please report negative numbers.)

Coyote	Striped Skunk	Red Fox	Gray Fox	Mink	Beaver	Muskrat	Weasel	Raccoon	Opossum	River Otter
_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals	_____ animals

3.16. Changes to your trapping between the 19/20 season and 20/21 season were due to (please select all that apply):

- Decreased free time Increased free time My trapping effort did not change
 Decreased income Increased income Other _____

SECTION 4: YOUR OPINION ABOUT HUNTING AND TRAPPING

Please indicate your level of agreement with each statement. (Check one option in each row.)

Statement	Strongly Disagree	Somewhat Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Somewhat Agree	Strongly Agree
Predator tournament hunts should remain legal in the state of Indiana.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indiana should create a bobcat hunting season.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Indiana should create a bobcat trapping season.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Furbearer harvests should be allowed to be posted on social media.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The use of poison to harvest furbearers should remain illegal in Indiana.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The use of foothold traps should remain legal in Indiana.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The use of snares should remain legal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instant-kill or body gripping traps should remain legal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting and trapping help maintain a balanced wildlife population.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting and trapping helps reduce diseases among wildlife.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting and trapping helps maintain safe roadways, reducing animal-related vehicle accidents.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hunting and trapping helps control damage to field crops (corn, soybeans, wheat, etc.).	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is easy to get permission to hunt furbearers on private land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
It is easy to get permission to trap furbearers on private land.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

SECTION 5: ABOUT YOU

- 5.1. You identify as a:
- Man
 - Woman
 - Other
- 5.2. You are _____ years old.
- 5.3. Choose with which group you most closely identify.
- White
 - Hispanic or Latinx
 - Black or African American
 - Asian
 - American Indian or Alaskan Native
 - Pacific Islander or Native Hawaiian
 - Multiracial
 - Prefer not to answer
- 5.4. Your annual, pre-tax household income is:
- < \$20,000
 - \$20,000 - \$29,999
 - \$30,000 - \$39,999
 - \$40,000 - \$49,999
 - \$50,000 - \$74,999
 - \$75,000 - \$99,999
 - \$100,000 - \$149,999
 - ≥ \$150,000
- 5.5. What is the highest level of schooling you have completed?
- Less than grade 11
 - High school or equivalent
 - Some college
 - Associate's degree or equivalent
 - Bachelor's degree
 - Graduate/professional degree
- 5.6. Please write any comments or questions you have about this survey in the space below.