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MEMORANDUM

TO: Wildlife Board and Regional Advisory Committee Members

FROM: Chad Wilson, Game Mammals Coordinator

DATE: November 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Furbearer updates and reminders

The following are the recommended furbearer season dates and permits for 2026-2027.

Bobcat

Permits are based on the bobcat management plan, taking into consideration the proportion of kittens and yearlings in the harvest, adult survival, and percent of females in the harvest.

- 6 permits per individual
- Season dates: November 18, 2026 – March 1, 2027
- No permit cap

Other furbearer season dates

- Beaver and mink – September 15, 2026 – April 1, 2027
- Marten, badger, gray fox, kit fox, ringtail, spotted skunk, weasel: September 15, 2026 – March 1, 2027

There will be a digital only guidebook available January 2026, combining furbearer, cougar, and black bear. This is to consolidate information for hunters and trappers.

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