

# **Mitigating Damage Caused by Muskrats and Beavers to Retention Ponds and Structures**

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# Muskrats



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Muskrats burrow into the shoreline allowing water to undermine the structure

- Mississippi River levy failure
- School Section Lake earthen dam collapse
- Significant shoreline damage

# Beavers



# Beavers

Beavers impede the flow of water with their dams, flooding neighboring property

- Plugging up culverts
- Dams in drainage ditches

# **When Muskrats and Beavers wreck havoc with your water structures who are you going to call?**

**Wisconsin DNR Wildlife Biologist - Each county has one.**

**[dnr.wi.gov/staffdir/\\_newsearch/contactsearchext.aspx?exp=wildlife biologist&exptype=e&doecountyserved=39](http://dnr.wi.gov/staffdir/_newsearch/contactsearchext.aspx?exp=wildlife%20biologist&exptype=e&doecountyserved=39)**

**Local Municipality - In case they require a special permit for animal removal**

**USDA AHPIS -**

**[www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa\\_reports/sa\\_informational+notebook/sa\\_contacts/ct\\_offices1](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/wildlifedamage/sa_reports/sa_informational+notebook/sa_contacts/ct_offices1)**

**Primarily for Beaver removal**

**Northern Wisconsin - Rhinelander**

**Southern Wisconsin - Waupun**

**Wisconsin Trappers Association - Listing by county of trappers willing to assist you.**

**[wistrap.org/nuisance-animal-removal](http://wistrap.org/nuisance-animal-removal)**

# **What are the regulations concerning the removal of Muskrats and Beavers?**

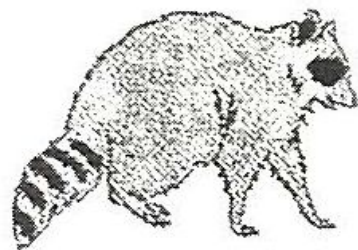
**During the regular trapping season (fall/winter months) follow the Wisconsin DNR Trapping Regulations**

**For any other times follow the DNR Nuisance Wildlife Guidelines:**

**[dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/documents/nuswlguide.pdf](http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wildlifehabitat/documents/nuswlguide.pdf)**

Whenever wild animals cause problems to people, pets, or property, there is a need for regulated trapping. The most effective method to mitigate damage caused by muskrats and beavers, is to have a trapper remove them.





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