



Muskrat Study

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks is collecting muskrat carcasses to examine pathogens and toxicants that may affect muskrat health and population abundance. If you trap muskrats and are interested in participating in this study, please see details below for collecting carcasses. Thank you!

1. Muskrat carcasses may be skinned or unskinned but must be frozen within 24 hours of harvest and include the entire body and head.
2. Trappers will need to keep carcasses frozen until KDWP staff can coordinate pickup.
3. A carcass tag (included below) enclosed in a Ziplock bag must be attached to **each** muskrat carcass.
4. Trappers can print more carcass tags, write the information on a piece of paper, or request carcass tags be mailed by emailing matt.peek@ks.gov.
5. Email matt.peek@ks.gov to coordinate carcass pickup.

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Muskrat Carcass Tag

Complete all information, place in waterproof bag, and attach to carcass
Email matt.peek@ks.gov to coordinate pickup.

Harvester Name _____ Phone # _____

Mailing Address _____

Date Harvested _____ Sex _____

Harvest County _____ GPS Location _____

Address, Road Intersection, Water Body, etc. _____

Circle the land use surrounding the body of water where this muskrat was trapped:
Natural/Undisturbed Habitat Urban/Residential Agricultural Other: _____

How many years have you trapped muskrats on this water body? _____ years

Based on your observations, what do you feel the status of muskrats is in this water body?

Please circle: Increased Significantly Increased
 Decreased Significantly Decreased
 Stable No Opinion/Unknown