

News Release

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Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge

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UPPER MISSISSIPPI RIVER REFUGE TRAPPING PERMITS AVAILABLE

Savanna, IL -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announces that trap tags for the 2009-2010 Refuge trapping season on the Savanna District of the Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge will be issued beginning Thursday, October 1, 2009.

Special Use Permits and trap tags (40 with each permit) may be obtained during the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm only, Monday through Friday, at the Savanna District Office, 7071 Riverview Rd, Thomson IL.

Regulations require that trappers possess a Federal permit and trap tags in addition to appropriate State license and stamps to be eligible to trap furbearers on the Refuge. Trap tags must be obtained in person and trappers must have a valid 2009-2010 state trapping license in their possession when obtaining trap tags.

The Refuge permit will be issued for a fee of \$30.00 for trappers 18 years or older and \$20 for trappers under age 18.

Otter trapping is allowed in States that have a season (MN, IA, and WI) but with a maximum harvest of 1 otter/Refuge permit in accordance with State seasons and licensing. Illinois does not have a season on otters.

The Furbearer Management Plan is available www.fws.gov/midwest/UpperMississippiRiver/fur.html

For further information, please contact the District Office at 815-273-2732.

The Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge is the most visited refuge in the United States. The refuge extends 261 miles along the Upper Mississippi River from Wabasha, Minn. to Rock Island, Ill., protecting and preserving habitat for migratory birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife. This 240,000 acre refuge was established in 1924.
