



# United States Department of the Interior

## FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife and Fish Refuge  
51 E. Fourth Street - Room 101  
Winona, Minnesota 55987



### **ATTENTION: Upper Mississippi River NW&FR Trapper**

The submission of Fur Catch Reports is mandatory, even if you do not trap on the Refuge. Failure to accurately complete and return the report by the April 15 deadline may be sufficient cause for refusal of future permits. Ten trappers failed to do so last season, and thus will not be issued a Special Use Permit to trap on the Refuge this year.

The Refuge will provide three reminders before the April 15 deadline. This notice, to be given to each trapper when obtaining his/her Special Use Permit and trap tags, is one reminder. The District Office will send a postcard reminder around January 1, 2017. And the third reminder will be a postcard sent around April 1<sup>st</sup> by the Refuge Headquarters Office to notify trappers of the deadline. It is incumbent on the trapper to provide an accurate, legible, and current mailing address so that they will receive these postcard reminders.

It is extremely important that these reports are received on time to complete the annual Trapping Report and to collect accurate harvest data. The harvest data is used for management purposes and shared with the respective State agencies.

**Do not mistake this mandatory report with harvest surveys that State DNRs send out.**

If you are concerned about receipt of your Fur Catch Report, you are encouraged to mail it **Certified and with Return Receipt.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wildlife Biologist, Brian Stemper, at (507) 494-6221.