



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND
ÎLE-DU-PRINCE-ÉDOUARD

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT REGULATIONS

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**WILDLIFE CONSERVATION ACT****Chapter W-4.1****REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to subsection 25(2) and section 28 of the *Wildlife Conservation Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. W-4.1, Council made the following regulations:

1. Act, defined

In these regulations, “**Act**” means the *Wildlife Conservation Act* R.S.P.E.I. 1988, Cap. W-4.1. (EC628/06)

1.1 Prohibitions re game**(1) No person shall**

- (a) hunt any game or discharge any firearm in a locality frequented by game, from one-half hour after sunset in any day to one-half hour before the next sunrise; or
- (b) use or employ a rifle or firearm loaded with a bullet or bullets when hunting for game other than snowshoe hare, raccoon, fox or coyote.

Exceptions to prohibitions**(2) Notwithstanding clause (1)(a), it is lawful for a person, from one-half hour after sunset in any day to one-half hour before the next sunrise, to**

- (a) hunt raccoon with a firearm if the person holds a permit issued by the Minister specifically authorizing the person to do so; and
- (b) discharge a .22 calibre rim fire rifle to humanely dispatch an animal that is a fur-bearing animal as set out in Schedule A of the *Wildlife Conservation Act* Fur Harvesting Regulations (EC663/04) and legally trapped in accordance with those regulations.

Snowshoe hare; raccoon; fox; coyote**(3) No person shall use a rifle of greater than .22 calibre when hunting for snowshoe hare, raccoon, fox or coyote.****Snowshoe hare; raccoon****(4) No person shall use cartridges other than rim fire cartridges when hunting for snowshoe hare or raccoon.**

Fox

- (4.1) No person shall use cartridges larger than .22 rimfire cartridges or .17 centre fire cartridges when hunting for fox.

Prohibition re highways

- (5) No person shall hunt waterfowl, including all ducks and geese, from within the boundaries of the right-of-way of any highway.

Prohibition re firearm

- (6) No person shall
- (a) hunt with a firearm;
 - (b) obtain or attempt to obtain a license to hunt; or
 - (c) possess a license to hunt,

where there is a prohibition in place relating to the possession or use of a firearm by the person.

Muzzle-loading rifle permitted

- (7) Notwithstanding subsection (3), a person may use a muzzle-loading rifle when hunting for coyote. *(EC676/98; 531/99; 628/06; 508/10; 590/16)*

2. Prohibitions re firearms

No person shall

- (a) use or employ for hunting game a bolt-action, pump or automatic loading shotgun, unless, either as manufactured or by the permanent plugging or alteration of the magazine, it has a capacity of not more than three shells in the magazine and chamber combined;
- (b) while hunting game, have more than one shotgun in the field, set, blind, or floating blind, unless each shotgun in excess of one is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased. *(EC676/98)*

3. Hunting raccoon

Revoked by EC663/04.

4. Prohibition re export

No person shall ship or send out of the province

- (a) any game bird or any part of a game bird; or
- (b) any package containing any game or any part of any game

without attaching a shipping coupon issued by the department to the item or items being shipped or sent. *(EC676/98)*

5. Prohibition re live traps

Revoked by EC663/04 *(EC531/99; 663/04)*



6. Automatic forfeiture

Where any person is convicted of an offence pursuant to clauses 19(1)(c), (f), (g), (i) or (n) of the Act, and the person used property in respect of the commission of the offence, the property shall be seized by a conservation officer and be automatically forfeited to Her Majesty in right of the province upon conviction. *(EC628/06)*