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LEAFLET SUMMARIZES  
FUR LAWS OF STATES

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Beavers are protected throughout most of their range in this country by State laws, and the taking of otters is prohibited in at least 15 of the States where these fur bearers still exist, according to a leaflet on State fur laws just issued by the Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Entitled "Abstract of Fur Laws, 1936-37", this leaflet (BS-68) also lists the open seasons of the States for taking other fur animals, license requirements for trappers and hunters, and laws regarding the possession, sale, and shipment of fur animals or parts of the animals. Fur laws of Alaska and the Canadian Provinces also are summarized. Frank G. Grimes, administrative assistant of the Survey's Division of Public Relations, prepared the leaflet for the use of the fur trade, trappers, State game officials, and others, and for Federal officials engaged in the enforcement of the Lacey Act governing the shipment of fur animals and pelts in interstate commerce.

Although the summaries of the State laws in the leaflet are substantially correct, the Survey points out that the trapping seasons are subject to change by some State game departments. Trappers and others concerned, adds the Survey, will do well, therefore, to consult the State officials for latest information on the provisions. Copies of the leaflet, BS-68, "Abstract of Fur Laws, 1936-37" may be obtained from the U. S. Biological Survey, Washington, D. C.

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