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CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING OR KILLING OPOSSUMS, MARKETING SKINS OF OPOSSUMS, LICENSING OF TRAPPERS, ETC.

PROCLAMATION

By His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria and its Dependencies in the Commonwealth of Australia, &c., &c., &c.

I, THE Lieutenant-Governor of the State of Victoria, in the Commonwealth of Australia, by and with the advice of the Executive Council of the said State, and in pursuance of the provisions of the *Game Act 1928*, and all other powers me enabling in that behalf, do hereby prescribe the conditions and restrictions for taking or killing opossums, marketing skins of opossums and licensing of trappers as follows (that is to say):—

1. In this Proclamation (if not inconsistent with the context)—

“Director” means the Director of Fisheries and Game.

“Official Mark” means the official mark or stamp used by the Director to denote that a skin has been lawfully obtained.

“Opossum” means the common opossum, the ring-tailed opossum, and the short-eared or mountain opossum, but does not include any of the species of flying opossums or phalangers.

“Licence” means a licence issued under the *Game Act 1928*, to take or kill opossums and in force.

“Licensed trapper” means a person holding a current licence to take or kill opossums.

“Licensed dealer” means a person licensed under the *Game Act 1928*, to carry on the business of dealing in opossum skins.

2. A licence to take or kill opossums may be issued to any person on payment of the prescribed fee, if the Minister is satisfied that the applicant for a licence is of good character, and is a suitable person to have a licence.

3. The fee payable for a licence to take or kill opossums shall be Two pounds (£2).

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4. The licence to take or kill opossums shall be in accordance with Form “G” in Schedule “A” hereto and shall be in force from the 1st day of August, or the date of the issue of the licence (whichever is the later), until the 12th day of September in the year in which it is issued and no longer, and shall not be transferable.

5. The possession of a licence shall not authorize the holder to take or kill opossums in any locality proclaimed as a sanctuary under section 5 of the *Game Act 1928* nor on any private property except with the permission of the owner of such property.

6. (a) No licensed trapper shall use for the purpose of taking opossums any poison or shot gun.

(b) All opossums caught in snares or traps or by any other means whatsoever which are not dead when found shall be killed at once by a blow on the head.

(c) All snares and traps used for the purpose of taking opossums shall be visited by the licensed trapper at least once each day.

(d) All opossum skins taken by licensed trappers shall be pegged out and properly dried. Sleeved skins shall on no account be marketed.

7. No person other than a licensed trapper shall take or kill or assist in the taking or killing of opossums.

8. A licensed trapper shall not dispose of the skins of opossums to any person other than to a licensed dealer.

9. All skins of opossums taken in accordance with this Proclamation by a licensed trapper shall be consigned or forwarded by him to a licensed dealer, together with particulars in accordance with Form “J” in Schedule “A” hereto; the trapper shall at the same time forward a duplicate of such particulars to the Director. All such skins so received by a licensed dealer shall be properly classed and sold by public auction, provided that if no offer is received which in the opinion of the auctioneer is satisfactory, the skins may afterwards be sold by private treaty.

10. (a) The licensed dealer, on receiving a consignment of opossum skins and particulars as required in Form “J”, shall cause such particulars to be entered in a book to be kept for the purpose. Such book shall be open at all reasonable times for inspection by the Director or any assistant to the said Director, or by any member of the Police Force.

(b) Every licensed dealer shall on each Wednesday between the 1st day of August and the 17th day of September in any year in which licences to take or kill opossums are issued, send a notification in accordance with Form "K" in Schedule "A" hereto to the Director giving particulars of all opossum skins received by him during the previous week.

(c) The Director shall arrange for the opossum skins referred to in such notification to be branded with the official mark or stamp.

(d) No licensed dealer shall permit or allow any opossum skin, which has come into his possession or under his control, to be taken away or removed out of such possession or control until the official mark or stamp has been affixed thereto.

(e) Every licensed dealer shall pay to the Director a royalty of 20 per centum of the gross proceeds of the opossum skins sold by him.

11. Every licensed dealer shall record in the book referred to in paragraph 10, the date on which the royalty was paid, the name and address of the person to whom the skins were sold and the price at which such skins were sold.

12. Every licensed trapper shall forward to a licensed dealer all opossum skins taken by him during the currency of his licence, not later than five days after the expiration of his licence.

13. Any person committing a breach of any provision of this Proclamation or a breach of sub-section (4) of Section 35 or of sub-section (2) of Section 36 of the *Game Act 1928*, shall be liable for every such offence, to a penalty of not less than Two pounds (£2) nor more than Twenty pounds (£20).

14. Any licence granted under this Proclamation may be revoked by the Minister if the holder thereof is convicted of any offence against the *Game Act 1928*, or against any Proclamation made thereunder, or if the Minister is satisfied that the said holder is not a fit and proper person to hold such a licence and such revocation shall take effect seven days after notice of the decision of the Minister to revoke such licence has been served personally on the licence holder or sent to him by prepaid registered letter addressed to him at his last known residence or place of business.

SCHEDULE "A."

(Form "G")

(Coat of Arms)

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Game Act 1928.

LICENCE TO TAKE OR KILL OPOSSUMS.

(name in full), of (residence), is hereby licensed for the State of Victoria to take or kill opossums of the species named hereunder not exceeding the number specified herein during the period from the 1st of August to the 12th September, 19 (both days inclusive) subject to the provisions of the *Game Act 1928* and Proclamations made thereunder.

Species of opossums to be taken or killed under this licence, not exceeding in number.

The common opossum, the ring-tailed opossum, and the short-eared or mountain opossum, but not any of the flying opossums or phalangers.

Fee paid, £2.

Director of Fisheries and Game.

Signature of licensee.....

NOTE.—This licence does not entitle the holder to enter upon any area proclaimed as a sanctuary under the *Game Act 1928* nor upon any private property except with the permission of the owner of such property for the purpose of taking or killing opossums. *The use of poison or a shot gun is prohibited in the taking of opossums.*

This licence must be produced on demand by any authorized officer. Penalty for non-production—Not less than £2 nor more than £20.

(Form "J")
Game Act 1928.
STATEMENT TO BE FORWARDED TO THE LICENSED DEALER TO WHOM OPOSSUM SKINS ARE FORWARDED, AND ALSO TO THE DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES AND GAME, MELBOURNE.

Number of Trapper's Licence.	Name and Address of Trapper.	Number of Skins Forwarded.	Locality where Opossum Skins Taken.	Name of Licensed Dealer to whom Skins Forwarded.

I hereby certify that the above statements are true and correct in every particular.

Signature of licensed trapper.

Address

Date

To

(Licensed Dealer).

To

(Director of Fisheries and Game, Melbourne).

(Strike out one of the addresses).

(Form "K")

Game Act 1928.
STATEMENT TO BE FORWARDED BY A LICENSED DEALER TO THE DIRECTOR OF FISHERIES AND GAME.

Number of Trapper's Licence.	Name and Address of Trapper.	Number of Skins Received in Store.	Date Skins Received.	Gross Proceeds	Amount of	Date Skins Branded with Official Mark or Stamp.	Remarks.
				of Sale of Skins.	Royalty Forwarded Herewith.		
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.		

Licensed Dealer.

Address.

No. of Licence.

Date

Given under my Hand and the Seal of the State of Victoria aforesaid, at Melbourne, this nineteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven, and in the sixth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

(L.S.)

E. F. HERRING.

By His Excellency's Command,

A. G. RYLAH

Chief Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!