

Application for 10-Day Emergency Beaver or Muskrat Permit

(To be completed by applicant)

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Contact info: Cell: _____ Email: _____

Owner: (if different than applicant) _____

Contact info: Cell: _____ Email: _____

Complaint Location: _____

Is the problem entirely on your property? Yes / No
(if yes, consent from property owners must be completed – see reverse side of this document)

Type of Complaint (provide a detailed description of the perceived threat to public health and safety. A guidance document is attached.)

Under MGL c.131 s 80A, an emergency permit authorizes the applicant or his duly authorized agent to immediately remedy the threat to human health and safety by one or more of the following options:

- (a) the use of conibear or box or cage-type traps for the taking of beaver or muskrat, subject to regulations;
- (b) the breaching of dams, dikes, bogs or berms; and/or
- (c) employing any non-lethal management of water-flow devices.

The emergency permit will be good for 10 days from the date of issue.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Note: Options (B) and/or (c) above require applicant to get conservation commission approval prior to such work in accordance with the wetlands protection act.

Consent of property owner:

I, as owner of the above referenced property, give permission to _____ to access my property for the purpose of alleviating threat to public health and safety posed by the presence of beaver(s) or muskrat(s), as determined by the Board of Health.

(signature of property owner)

Guidance Document: threats to human health/safety may include:

- (a) Beaver/muskrat occupancy of a public water supply
- (b) Beaver/muskrat-caused flooding of drinking water wells, well fields or water pumping stations
- (c) Beaver/muskrat-caused flooding of sewerage beds, septic systems or sewage pumping stations;
- (d) Beaver/muskrat-caused flooding of a public or private way, driveway, railway or airport runway or taxiway;
- (e) Beaver/muskrat-caused flooding of electrical or gas generation plants or transmission or distribution structures of facilities, telephone or other communications facilities or other public utilities;
- (f) Beaver/muskrat caused flooding affecting the public use of hospitals, emergency clinics, nursing homes, homes for the elderly or fire stations;
- (g) Beaver/muskrat caused flooding affecting hazardous waste sites or facilities, incineration or resource recovery plants or other structures or facilities whereby flooding may result in the release or escape of hazardous or noxious materials or substances;
- (h) The gnawing, chewing, entering or damage to electrical or gas generation, transmission or distribution equipment, cables, alarm systems or facilities by any beaver or muskrat;
- (i) Beaver or muskrat cause flooding or structural instability on property owned by the applicant if such animal problem poses an imminent threat of substantial property damage or income loss, which shall be limited to (1) flooding of residential, commercial, industrial or commercial buildings or facilities; (2) flooding of or access to commercial agricultural lands which prevents normal agricultural practices from being conducted on such lands; (3) reduction in the production of an agricultural crop caused by flooding or compromised structural stability of commercial agricultural lands; and (4) flooding of residential lands in which the municipal board of health, its chair or agent or the state or federal department of health has determined a threat to human health and safety exists. The Department of Environmental Protection shall make any determination of a threat to a public water supply.