

INTERSTATE TRAFFIC OF FISH, WILD BIRDS AND MAMMALS REPORT *

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INTRODUCTION

At the April, 1958 meeting of the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners, a committee was appointed to study the interstate traffic of fish, wild birds, and mammals. To secure information on the subject, a preliminary survey was carried out by the directors of the Game and Fish departments in the eleven member states in the Southeast; also included were Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of this preliminary study were: (1) To determine if there is a wildlife traffic problem of sufficient magnitude to warrant further study and (2) to study the completed questionnaires and make a summary of the results to be given in report form by the chairman of the committee at the fall meeting of the association in Louisville.

METHODS

A questionnaire was prepared, which was designed to fulfill the needs outlined in the objectives. After the completed forms were returned, the data were tabulated in graphic form and analyzed. The results are presented in this report.

FIGURE 1

SUMMARY OF QUESTIONNAIRE DATA CONCERNING MAMMALS

	<i>Ala.</i>	<i>Fla.</i>	<i>Ga.</i>	<i>Ky.</i>	<i>Miss.</i>	<i>Md.</i>	<i>N.C.</i>	<i>S.C.</i>	<i>Tenn.</i>	<i>Va.</i>
Laws Governing Traffic	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Responsible Departments	Game & Fish	Game & Fish	Game & Fish	Game & Fish	Game & Fish	Game & Fish & Health	Game & Fish	Game & Fish	Game & Fish	Game & Fish
Importation Permits	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
Exportation Permits	no	yes	...	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	no	...
Inspect Shipments	no	yes	no	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes
Quarantine Shipments	no	yes	no	conditional	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes
Length of Quarantine	..	conditional	..	conditional	until inspected	..	condi-tional	condi-tional
Additional Measures Needed	yes	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	not answered

Species Involved: Nutria, San Juan Rabbits, Cottontail Rabbits, European Hare, Red Fox, Gray Fox, White-Tailed Deer, Black Bear, Raccoon, Striped Skunk, Little Spotted Skunk, Coyote, Jack Rabbits, Exotic Deer, European Hog, Squirrel, Opossum, Mink, Weasel, Muskrats, Otter, Beaver, Wolves.

* To be used by the Committee on Interstate Traffic of Fish, Wild Birds, and Mammals at the Southeastern Association of Game and Fish Commissioners at Louisville, Kentucky, in October, 1958.