

Guide to Online Game Check – Furbearer Trapping/Salvage

This tutorial will guide you through the process of using the **MassFishHunt** system to check your **trapped/salvaged furbearer** online. Please take a few minutes to read through this guide before beginning. NOTE FOR SALVAGED FURBEARERS: Use this guide for beaver, coyote, fisher, fox, or mink that were salvaged during the trapping season with a trapping license. For coyote or fox salvaged with a hunting license, during the hunting season, please see the guide for Furbearer Hunting/Salvage.

To check a trapped/salvaged beaver, coyote, fisher, fox, or mink online, there are a few, but very important pieces of information needed. Required information will include: town of harvest, date of harvest, whether the animal was trapped or salvaged, and the animal's sex. Depending on the species, there may be additional questions.

All furbearers must check within 4 working days of the end of the season. After the completion of the online game check, a confirmation number will be generated. The confirmation number is the official seal issued by MassWildlife. It should be written on a tag of your own making and attached to the animal and/or its pelt. Confirmation numbers must remain affixed to all pelts/carcasses, with the specific confirmation number issued for each particular pelt or carcass, until the carcass is prepared for mounting by a taxidermist, or the pelt is sold or tanned. Confirmation numbers are non-transferable to other animals.

Please use care when entering information on the harvested furbearer into the **MassFishHunt** system, particularly the date of harvest. Please contact the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife (DFW) during business hours at 508-389-6300 if you have issues checking your furbearers online.

1) To start, go to the official **MassFishHunt** webpage by clicking below, or copy and paste the following link into your web browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome, Safari) to reach the official **MassFishHunt** webpage.

<http://www.mass.gov/massfishhunt>

The screenshot shows the Mass.gov website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'State Offices & Courts', 'State A-Z Topics', and 'State Forms'. Below this is the 'Energy and Environmental Affairs' section, which includes a search bar and a menu with categories like 'Agriculture', 'Energy & Utilities', 'Environmental Protection', 'Fisheries, Wildlife & Habitats', 'Water & Climate Change', 'Recreation & Conservation', and 'Services & Assistance'. The main content area features a 'MassFishHunt Licensing Information' section with a sub-header 'Enter MassFishHunt' highlighted by a red box. Below this is a 'Licensing Info' sidebar with links for 'Licensing Information', 'Who Needs a License?', 'License Types and Fees', 'Where to Buy a License', 'Licensing Help', and 'Licensing FAQs'. The main content area also includes a 'Freshwater Fishing' article with a photo of a couple fishing from a canoe and a 'Learn More' link. To the right, there is a 'Related Topics' sidebar with links for 'Game Check Information', 'Antlerless Deer Permit Update', 'Laws & Regulations', and 'Publications'. At the bottom, there is a 'Department of Fish and Game' sidebar with links for 'Department Home', 'Division of Fisheries & Wildlife', 'Division of Marine Fisheries', 'Division of Ecological Restoration', and 'Office of Fishing & Boating Access'.

Click the [Enter MassFishHunt] button shown above.

2) To enter the **MassFishHunt** system, enter your **Last Name** and **Customer ID** number from your trapping in the appropriate field and click **NEXT**. Your Customer ID number can be found in the top left corner of your trapping license.

Welcome to the MassFishHunt Licensing system.

To maintain complete and accurate information, we need to know whether you are a new or existing customer. Please use one of the options below to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Search by Customer ID

If you know your Customer ID, enter the required information and click next.

Last Name:* Customer ID:*

Search by Personal Information (NEW Customers, please use this option)

If you cannot provide the information requested above, or if you are a NEW customer, please use this option to search for your existing customer record or to create a new customer record.

Last Name:* Date Of Birth:*
MM/DD/YYYY

Plus at least one of the items below:

First Name: Postal Code:

Note: Asterisk (*) denotes required information.

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3) Once logged into the **MassFishHunt** system you can begin your online furbearer check; click on the **REPORT A HARVEST** button.

The screenshot shows the MassFishHunt web application interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the MassFishHunt logo. Below the logo, the page is divided into two main sections: 'Customer Profile Summary' and 'Customer Menu'. The 'Customer Profile Summary' section contains the following information:

Customer ID:	1384746		
Last Name:	Trapper	First Name:	Joe
Middle Initial:		Suffix:	
Date of Birth:	9/12/1974	Citizenship:	US Citizen
Residency:	Resident	Residency Date:	

Residence Address
100 Test Way
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Mailing Address
100 Test Way
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

Hunter Education Records
Hunter Ed Affidavit (POS)

Optional Information

Gender:	Male	Hair:	Brown	Eyes:	Blue
Height:	6' 0"	Weight:	190		
Email:					

The 'Customer Menu' section on the right contains the following options:

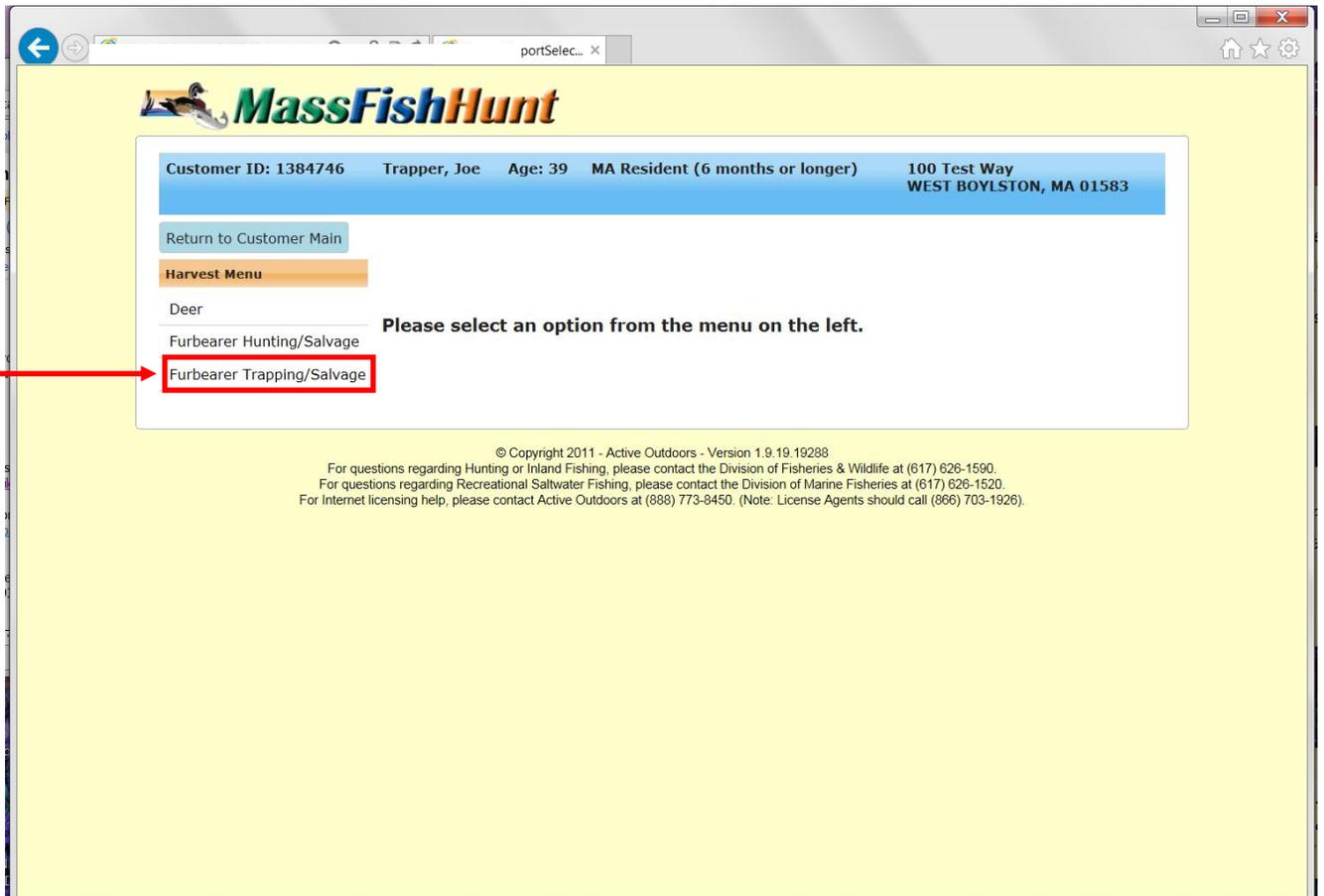
- Edit Customer Information
- License Inventory / Reprint
- Privacy Policy
- Exit

Below the menu, there is a red warning text: "The customer swears under the pains and penalties of perjury that the personal information provided is accurate. The customer also understands that including false information in this application is against the law. Click the 'Enter Sales' button to acknowledge the customer's affirmation regarding the above statements and to make a purchase".

At the bottom right, there are two buttons: "Enter Sales" and "Report a Harvest". The "Report a Harvest" button is highlighted with a red rectangular box. A red arrow points from the text in the instruction above to this button.

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4) Click the **FURBEARER TRAPPING/SALVAGE** option on the left side under **HARVEST MENU**. On this page, you may also see options to check your harvested deer, or other furbearers during their respective seasons if you have the appropriate licenses or permits.



5) You are now ready to begin your online game check. Click the **ADD** button for the species you wish to check.

The screenshot shows the MassFishHunt website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo and user information: Customer ID: 1384746, Trapper, Joe, Age: 39, MA Resident (6 months or longer), and address: 100 Test Way, WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583. Below this is a 'Return to Customer Main' button. The main content area features a 'Harvest Menu' table with columns for 'Year', 'Item Name', and 'Help'. The table lists several items, each with an 'Add' button. A red arrow points to the 'Add' button for the 'Deer' row.

Harvest Menu	Year	Item Name	Help
Deer	2013	Beaver Trapping/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)	?
Furbearer Hunting/Salvage			
Furbearer Trapping/Salvage	2013	Fox Trapping (2013/2014 Season)	?
	2013	Fisher Trapping (2013/2014 Season)	?
	2013	Mink Trapping (2013/2014 Season)	?
	2013	Coyote Trapping (2013/2014 Season)	?

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6) We will use the beaver harvest report as an example, but the harvest reports for other species will look similar. The **Beaver Harvest Report** consists of a series of questions, many of which are multiple-choice. Your responses to these questions provide DFW biologists important information used to evaluate and manage the statewide beaver population. Please take a few minutes to answer each question accurately. Simply click in the box to the right of each question and enter or click on the appropriate response.

MassFishHunt

Customer ID: 1384746 Trapper, Joe Age: 39 MA Resident (6 months or longer) 100 Test Way
WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

2013 - Beaver Trapping/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)

1 . In which town did you harvest/salvage the beaver? GRAFTON ?

2 . What was the date of harvest/salvage? 11/23/2013 ?

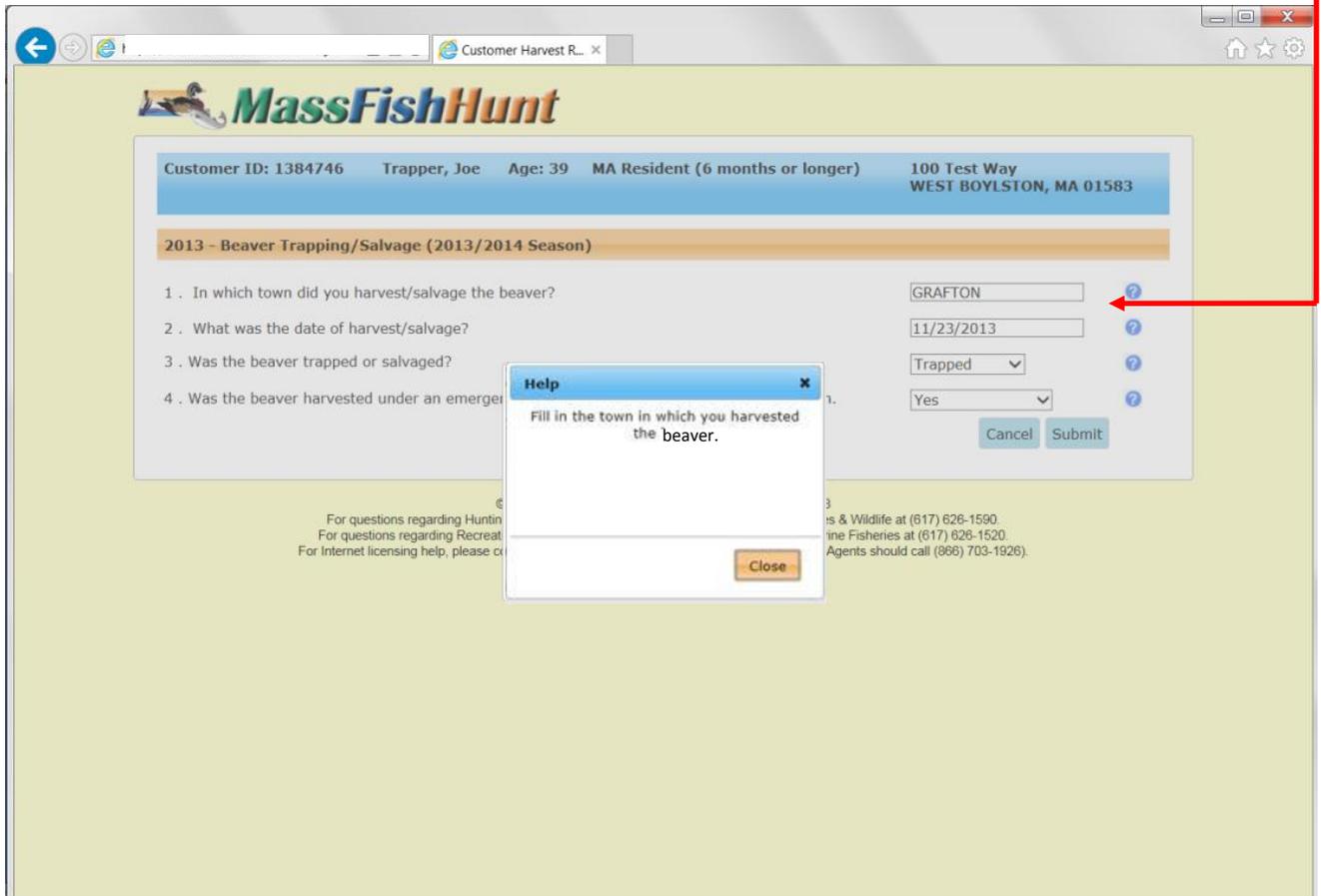
3 . Was the beaver trapped or salvaged? [Select One] ?
Trapped ←

4 . Was the beaver harvested under an emergency permit? If salvaged, select salvaged option. [Select One] ?

Cancel Submit

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6) You can click on the blue question marks to the right of each question for additional information to help answer each question.



7) Once you have completed answering all questions, click the **SUBMIT** button. You will have a chance to edit your responses before they are finalized, but please double-check to ensure that all required fields are accurately entered.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL "Customer Harvest R...". The page header features the "MassFishHunt" logo. Below the logo, a blue bar displays customer information: "Customer ID: 1384746", "Trapper, Joe", "Age: 39", "MA Resident (6 months or longer)", and "100 Test Way WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583".

The main content area is titled "2013 - Beaver Trapping/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)". It contains four questions with corresponding input fields:

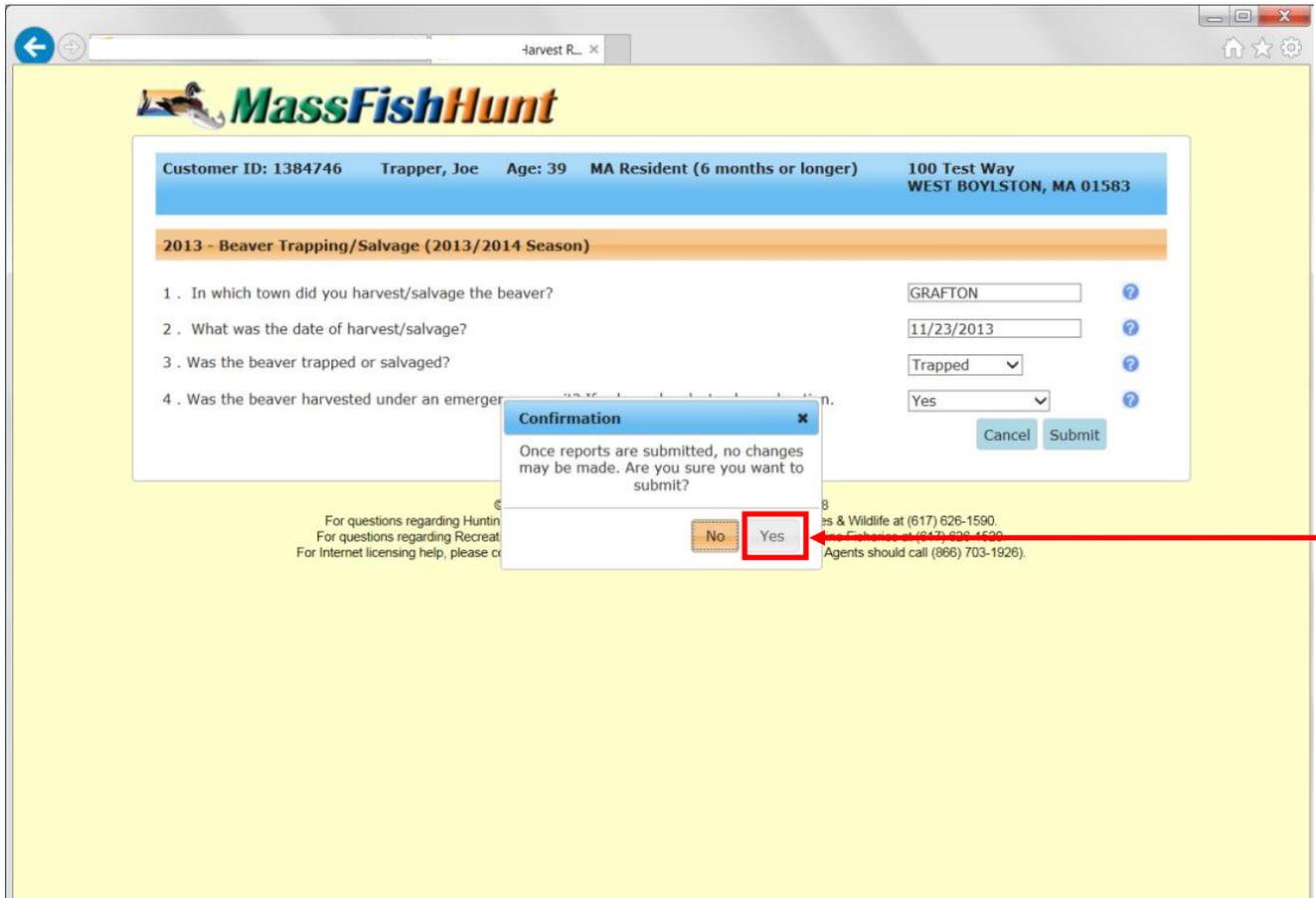
1. In which town did you harvest/salvage the beaver? ?
2. What was the date of harvest/salvage? ?
3. Was the beaver trapped or salvaged? ?
4. Was the beaver harvested under an emergency permit? If salvaged, select salvaged option. ?

At the bottom of the form are two buttons: "Cancel" and "Submit". A red box highlights the "Submit" button, with a red arrow pointing to it from the right side of the page.

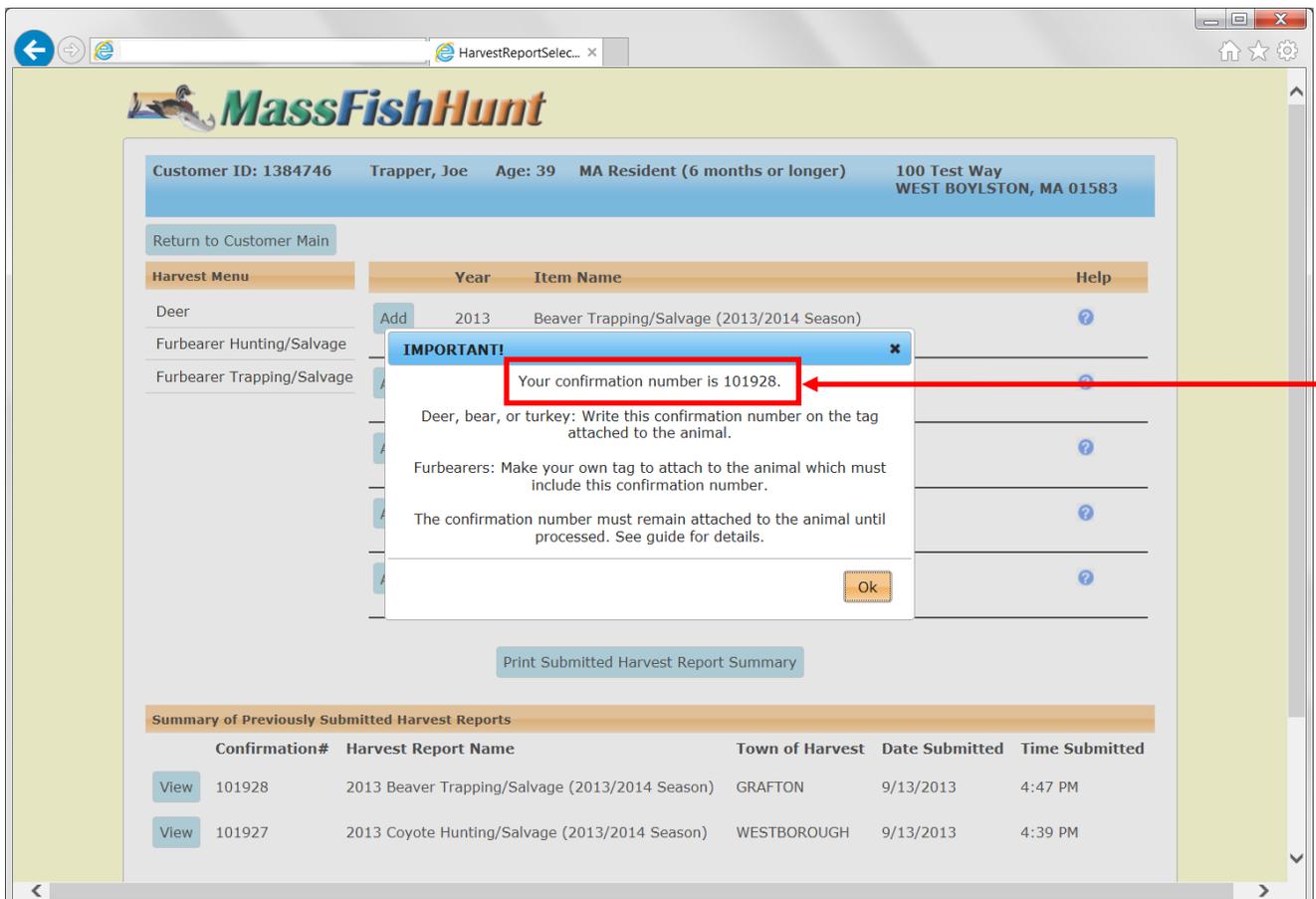
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Please ensure that the date of harvest and all other fields are entered accurately.

8) You will need to confirm the submission by clicking **YES** on the pop-up. Before doing so, **make sure all the information provided is accurate** as you will not be able to edit any information after clicking YES. If you need to edit any information, click **NO** and then change your entries. When finished proceed from step 7.



9) After completing your online game check, a unique **CONFIRMATION NUMBER** will be generated. The confirmation number is the official seal issued by MassWildlife. It should be written on a tag of your own making and attached to the animal and/or its pelt. Confirmation numbers must remain affixed to all pelts/carcasses, with the specific confirmation number issued for each particular pelt or carcass, until the carcass is prepared for mounting by a taxidermist, or the pelt is sold or tanned. Confirmation numbers are non-transferable to other animals. Taxidermists or furbuyers should not accept beaver, coyote, fisher, fox or mink without without a confirmation number (or plastic seal from some physical check stations) attached to the pelt or carcass.



Click on the **OK** button after you have recorded the confirmation number.

10) If you have other furbearers to check click the appropriate menu and add button and repeat steps 5 - 9. If you made an error on your harvest report, you can no longer edit it and must contact MassWildlife.

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WEST BOYLSTON, MA 01583

[Return to Customer Main](#)

Harvest Menu	Year	Item Name	Help
Deer	Add	2013 Beaver Trapping/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)	?
Furbearer Hunting/Salvage			
Furbearer Trapping/Salvage	Add	2013 Fox Trapping (2013/2014 Season)	?
	Add	2013 Fisher Trapping (2013/2014 Season)	?
	Add	2013 Mink Trapping (2013/2014 Season)	?
	Add	2013 Coyote Trapping (2013/2014 Season)	?

[Print Submitted Harvest Report Summary](#)

Summary of Previously Submitted Harvest Reports

Confirmation#	Harvest Report Name	Town of Harvest	Date Submitted	Time Submitted
View 101928	2013 Beaver Trapping/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)	GRAFTON	11/23/2013	4:47 PM
View 101927	2013 Coyote Hunting/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)	WESTBOROUGH	10/26/2013	4:39 PM

The **MassFishHunt** system will store the game you have checked online. To view the specific details of any one online harvest report, click the **VIEW** button.

11) After clicking **VIEW**, this is what your harvest report looks like. The **MassFishHunt** system will store the submitted game checks, you may print a copy of these submitted harvest reports at any time.

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL 'ExistingHarvestRep...' and the 'MassFishHunt' logo. The main content area is titled '2013 Beaver Trapping/Salvage (2013/2014 Season)'. It contains a 'Print this Page' button and a table with the following data:

1. In which town did you harvest/salvage the beaver?:	GRAFTON
2. What was the date of harvest/salvage?:	11/23/2013
3. Was the beaver trapped or salvaged?:	Trapped
4. Was the beaver harvested under an emergency permit? If salvaged, select salvaged option.:	Yes
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Confirmation Number	101928

Below the table is a 'Return to Menu' button. At the bottom of the page, there is a copyright notice: '© Copyright 2011 - Active Outdoors - Version 1.9.19.19288'. Contact information for Hunting/Inland Fishing, Recreational Saltwater Fishing, and Internet licensing help is also provided.