



# Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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To the Members of the General Assembly:

Please accept the attached written report of the number of acres of IDNR-managed lands that were open to hunting and/or trapping during calendar year 2020. The Illinois Hunting Heritage Protection Act (520 ILCS 30/) requires that the Director of the Department of Natural Resources provide the General Assembly with a report each year of the number of acres of IDNR-managed lands that have been either closed or opened to hunting and/or trapping.

The attached spreadsheet lists the sites and acreage open to hunting and/or trapping during calendar year 2020. A column is also included for the benchmark year of 2004 hunting season that illustrates any net loss or gain of the number of acres opened to hunting and/or trapping on IDNR-managed lands during this past hunting and trapping season. An additional sheet includes a figure showing the trend in total acres open to hunting and/or trapping since 2004.

I am pleased to report that there was a **net gain of 48,664 acres** on IDNR managed lands open to hunting and/or trapping since the bill passed in **2004 through the end of 2020**. Additions and deletions are summarized within the spreadsheet. The **600 acre increase in 2020** was the result of opening formerly closed areas and new properties.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the attached report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Colleen Callahan".

Colleen Callahan  
Director

cc: Governor Pritzker

cc: Don Kahl  
Chris Young