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The Problem:

Trappers are experiencing large numbers of muskrats being destroyed while in traps, both body grip and footholds, by a rapidly growing otter and raptor population. With prices of muskrats increasing, a valuable resource is being wasted unnecessarily. Trappers are wasting valuable time and effort checking and setting traps while having animals ripped apart while in the trap. An otter can clear a large number of muskrats in a short time while never consuming any.

The Solution:

Colony traps have been used in Canada and many other states with great success. Otter and raptors cannot gain access to trapped muskrats, yet muskrats are quickly dispatched.

The trapped should not be larger than 7X7X24 and must be completely submerged and under open water check rules.

Be it resolved that the Conservation Congress at it's annual meeting held in Grant Cty. On April 16, 07 work with the DNR to take action to correct this problem.

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