

Citizen Resolution # 131521

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Stop Trapping Beavers Who Create Habitat for Frogs and Half of Endangered Species on Earth

Scientists are warning us that the natural world is dying due to human activity. Animal agriculture, hunting, trapping, road kill, poisons on food systems and lead in our environment are destroying the web of life we depend on for our survival. Chytridiomycosis or Bd as it's become known, kills frogs and amphibians by eating away their skin, inevitably causing fatal heart attacks. Frogs and amphibians are quietly going extinct. While it was previously estimated that a fungus had led to the decline of 200 amphibian species around the world, a new study conducted by an international team of amphibian experts puts that number at over 500, of which 90 are now extinct. While it's a shocking number, it's still considered to be a conservative estimate because scientists don't have a lot of data on species that live in remote regions.

Beavers create wetland habitat for HALF of the rare and endangered species on earth. (All life is interdependent.) The DNR and legislature allow unlimited trapping of beavers and dynamiting of beaver dams to stock trout for Trout Unlimited. Beavers and trout co-evolved for millions of years. It is not beavers who are warming streams but global warming. And where there is any problem of water flow with beaver dams, a simple large PVC pipe through the BOTTOM of the beaver dam lets water flow through and is not detected by beavers.

Be it Resolved that: The Conservation Congress work with the legislature to ban trapping beavers to help amphibians survive.

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