Citizen Resolution # 720320

(For Hearing Officer completion)

Increase in foothold jawspread for water sets to nine inches.

Currently the maximum allowable jawspread for foothold traps used in water sets for beaver and otter is eight inches. There are other traps available to trappers that have larger jawspreads. The TS85, Bridger Brawn #9, Sleepy Creek #5, K.O. Extreme, as well as others no longer produced that have jawspreads over 8 inches, none of which are over nine inches. Trappers in many other states are allowed to use these traps if they wish to, and the larger jawspread is a help in trapping these animals due to the size of the hind foot on a beaver and the tenacity of otter. I like having choices in the traps I use and would welcome the opportunity to utilize another trap, as would many other trappers. Another tool in the toolbox is a good thing.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the allowable water set foothold jawspread be increased from eight inches to nine inches, and the Conservation Congress work with the legislators to make that change.

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