

Citizen Resolution # 100120

(For Hearing Officer completion)

Disabled Trapper Permit



At present, regulations state that only the issued harvest tag holder for bobcat, otter, and fisher can place and set the trap. *“A person who tags a trapped bobcat, fisher or otter must be the person who made the trap set.”*

Those who are disabled may not be able to get down into the waterway or access rough terrains to set a trap. I personally trap with someone who uses a wheelchair and though he has successfully caught all three species by setting his traps on his own, his safety and accessibility has at times been questionable while attempting to abide by these regulations. Others who may be interested in trapping but use a wheelchair or have another disability that limits their access are missing out on the opportunity to engage in trapping.

An exemption could be made for licensed trappers, who hold a valid bobcat, fisher, or otter harvest permit AND possess a valid Class A or B disabled hunting permit. The disabled trapper can have setting assistance from another licensed trapper. The disabled trapper could accompany the assisting trapper to the set location and the trap must be set within 25 yards from the disabled trapper’s access point, with both trappers’ tags on every trap. All other trapping regulations apply.

Would you support creating a separate disabled trapping permit, or adding an addendum to current regulations that exempts disabled trappers from the placement/setting restrictions?

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