

Citizen Resolution # 041021

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Placement of Traps to Ensure Public Safety

Trapping is allowed on public lands throughout the state of Wisconsin. Use of public lands is increasing for the purposes of recreation, fitness, foraging, exploration and camping. Pets more frequently accompany their owners in their outdoor endeavors. These changes raise the risk of unintentional exposure to trap and snare sets by adults, children, and pets as more people explore Wisconsin's public lands and waters. The public is generally lacking in awareness about trapping regulations, and it is not possible to access information about the presence of traps and snares in areas they recreate.

Each year pets are killed and injured from encounters with traps and snares. Children and adults are also at risk of injury by encountering traps while exploring off the beaten path. The DNR regulates trapping under Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 29 and Chapter 10 of the Administrative Code of the DNR.

Be it resolved that in order to improve public safety and reduce unintended harm to people or pets, placement of body gripping traps, Size 155, 160 and 220 Conibear-style traps will be a minimum of 5 feet above the ground or ice, or submerged in water, and that only non-lethal cable-restraint snares will be used on land.

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