

Citizen Resolution # 132021

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Fair and Reasonable Restrictions on Trappers/Fair & Comparable Fees & Take of Living Wildlife for Non-Consumptive Citizens

The Problem: Trapping, as a constitutional right, is subject to “fair and reasonable restrictions.” Since there are 10,000 trappers in the state, and the citizen population of the state who do not trap number over 5.8 million, 99.9 % of the public do not trap, a reasonable restriction would be to set aside .0015% of the public lands that we all purchased and designate that area as trapping grounds, only.

The problem is that trapping is a commercial business that profits the trapper as some sort of entitled citizen who can remove UNLIMITED wildlife permanently from our public lands for private profit. No comparable other indiscriminate, unlimited take is allowed for all citizens to participate fairly. Whereas all citizens should be treated equally on our public lands,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Conservation Congress at its annual election held in every county on April 12-15, 2021, recommends that the Conservation Congress work with the Department to take action to correct this situation by introducing rule changes or legislation that limit trappers to trapping on private lands.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if trappers continue to be allowed to take from our public lands, for every trapper take from our commons, an equal and fair take of living wildlife be allotted to any and all citizens who want to take living wildlife from our public lands for private protection. This will add a non-consumptive fee for private take of living wildlife, comparable to private take of dead wildlife.

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