

Citizen Resolution # 130922

(For Hearing Officer completion)



Banning trapping on public lands

The Wisconsin DNR promotes trapping to any age child with mentoring per DNR regulations. Steel jaw, spring loaded traps, Conibear body-gripping traps, cable restraints, are the most common traps used. Traps are required to be checked daily; submersion traps requiring a 4-day check. Trapped animals cannot reach food or water, can be captive to predators, exposure, frostbite and shock until they are bagged by a trapper. There is no limit to the number of traps set during trapping seasons. DNR Fur Trapper Survey 2020-21 (https://widnr.widen.net/s/mdzfpzmrw/furtrapper_2020_21): An estimated 7,776 trappers actively trapped and bagged 242,678 wild animals - including 14,932 coyotes, 3,987 red fox, 2,696 otters, 46,808 raccoons, and 152,107 muskrats. 2,631 trappers trapped and bagged 30,568 beavers. Beaver pelts worth \$8.54. (https://widnr.widen.net/s/dllhwzbjbc/beavertrap_2021) "Muskrats have long been recognized by scientists for their role in maintaining wetland ecosystems." (<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-1-d&q=what+ecological+service+do+muskrats+provide%3F>) Beaver dams are havens for nearly half of rare species. (<https://www.beaversww.org/>) 1,086 bobcats were killed in 2020. 50% shot over dogs - 43% trapped. Average value \$40.26 /pelt. "Many bobcats in Wisconsin are not harvested for fur but as a life accomplishment for the hunter or trapper, subsequently tanned or made into a mount." (https://widnr.widen.net/s/kqvp7mznzfn/bobcatharvest_2020) An average of over 35 animals were bagged per trapper. Cost of a trapping license in WI: Resident: \$20, Resident Youth (15 and under): Free, Resident Mentored trapping: \$10. Trappers can sell the fur. The 7,776 active trappers in Wisconsin are .013% of our 5.8 million citizens. A person who wants to save even one wild animal born on their own land has no license to protect.

Would you support the Conservation Congress working with the state legislature to ban trapping on Wisconsin public lands including state parks?

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