

## Public Collaborative Trapping Meeting, Group 1

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## Education and Awareness

Discussion Questions:

1. Trapper Education - Should the Game and Fish require mandatory trapper education?
  - a. Recommend use of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies approved North American Trapper Education online course.
  - b. Update/redesign the trapping brochure to provide more information (species ID, education opportunities, messages, etc.)
2. Public Education - Should the Game and Fish develop consistent trapping education topics/themes relevant to those using public lands (hiking, walking dogs, bird watching, riding bikes, trail running, etc.)?
  - a. Should we use this information for messaging on a dedicated page on the Game and Fish webpage and signs on Commission-owned lands, trailheads and recreation areas as well as working with other agencies to promote similar signage/education.
  - b. Should the Game and Fish continue to promote how to release your pet workshops and other non-trapper based trapping education and training around the state?
  - c. Should the Game and Fish work with partners and stakeholder groups to provide hand tools at major trailheads or parking areas that can be used to remove a pet from a trap or snare? Sell tools through the Game and Fish Website and Regional Offices?
3. Conservation Stamp- Should the Game and Fish require Conservation Stamps for trappers and anyone using Commission owned or administered properties (antler hunters, dog walkers, bird watchers, other recreators, etc.)?

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### Trails and Campgrounds (Multiple use -playing nice on your lands)

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Trapping Setbacks- Should the Game and Fish develop trap setback requirements and definitions for trapping furbearing and predatory animals?
  - a. Should public trails have a setback requirement of 30’
  - b. Should public campgrounds, trailheads and recreation sites have a recommended setback of 300’?
  - c. Some definitions to consider.
    - i. Public trails: defined as any trail on public land designated by administrative signs or numbers or as designated on the most current official map of the agency.
    - ii. Campground: defined as any campground on public land designated by an administrative agency.
    - iii. Trailhead: defined as any trailhead on public land designated by an administrative agency.
    - iv. Recreation site: defined as any site with construction improvements made for recreation as designated by an administrative agency including, but not limited to, picnic areas, boat launches, fishing access areas, etc.

## **Public Collaborative Trapping Meeting, Group 3**

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## **Regulations & Reporting**

Discussion questions:

1. Reporting of Non-target Species - Should the Game and Fish develop a database and app to track voluntary reporting of non-target species trapped(including dogs) and work to require reporting in the future?
2. Snare Check Periods - Should the Game and Fish reduce the check period requirement for snares and consider additional trap and snare restrictions (RAM power snare, spring-loaded snares)?
3. Furbearer Working Group - Should the Game and Fish form a Department Furbearer Working Group to keep up to date with furbearer management practices, population trends and evaluate the need for harvest quotas and seasons?
4. Commission Owned Land Closures - Should the Game and Fish consider Commission owned or administered land closures during heavy use periods (pheasant release areas, etc.)?