

STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

ALABAMA



Leaderboard position: Joint 6th place of 23

Score: 26/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	Yes	6	6
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	Yes	1	1
		100	26

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge	Eufaula National Wildlife Refuge	Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban Conibear traps.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

ALASKA



Leaderboard position: Joint 17th place of 23

Score: 12/100

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Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	No	1	0
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	12

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	781 Resident trapping licenses 627 Resident hunt/trap licenses 6247 Resident hunt/trap/sport fish 16673 Resident low income hunt/trap/sport fish 91 non-resident hunt/trap
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping
Koyukuk National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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ARIZONA



Leaderboard position: Joint 6th place of 23

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Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	26

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	270
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Approximately 120 LEOs with responsibility for enforcement. 1 staff biologist position.
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	0
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	1 prosecution
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Kofa National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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ARKANSAS



Leaderboard position: Joint 20th place of 23

Score: 9/100

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Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	9

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	48,687 (though state additionally states this figure should not be considered accurate due to issuing trapping license free to anyone who bought a hunting and fishing permit).
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	1 staff member who spends about 10-20% of their time on furbearer-related issues.
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not collected by state
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Information not provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Bald Knob National Wildlife Refuge	Dale Bumpers White River National Wildlife Refuge	Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge
Big Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Felsenthal National Wildlife Refuge	Wapanocca National Wildlife Refuge
Cache River National Wildlife Refuge	Overflow National Wildlife Refuge	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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CALIFORNIA



Leaderboard position: Joint 1st place of 23

Score: 85/100

NOTE: California receives full points on most measures due to complete prohibition of recreational and commercial trapping.

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	Yes	25	25
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	N/A (Banned)	8	8
Conibear trap prohibited	N/A (Banned)	8	8
Snares prohibited	N/A (Banned)	8	8
Bait prohibited	N/A (Banned)	6	6
Restriction on number of traps	N/A (Banned)	6	6
Bobcat trapping prohibited	N/A (Banned)	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	N/A (Banned)	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	N/A (Banned)	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	N/A (Banned)	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	N/A (Banned)	2	2
Trapper license required	N/A (Banned)	1	1
Trapper report required	N/A (Banned)	1	1
Trap ID required	N/A (Banned)	1	1
Trapper education required	N/A (Banned)	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	N/A (Banned)	1	1
		100	85

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	660
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	The department employs approximately 460 Wildlife Officers
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Declined request for information
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Declined request for information
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Butte Sink Wildlife Management Area	Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge	Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge
Colusa National Wildlife Refuge	Salinas National River Wildlife Refuge	Sutter National Wildlife Refuge
Delevan National Wildlife Refuge	San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge
Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge		

Recommendations

- Implement ban on government agency trapping in favor of non-lethal control methods.

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COLORADO



Leaderboard position: Joint 2nd place of 23

Score: 41/100

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Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	41

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	Information not provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Information not provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not collected by state
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Information not available for current year
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

CONNECTICUT



Leaderboard position: Joint 7th place of 23

Score: 25/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	25

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	933
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Information not provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	115 calls were received (in relation to both legal and alleged illegal trapping)
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	“Several incidents”. Action ranged from arrest, issuance of citations, and both written and verbal warnings
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	1 reported incident

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

DELAWARE



Leaderboard position: Joint 12th place of 23

Score: 17/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	17

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping
Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge
Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

FLORIDA



Leaderboard position: Joint 6th place of 23

Score: 26/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Conibear trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	No	1	0
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	26

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	613
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	“Several hundred”
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	4
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	69 citations 12 warnings
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping			
Archie Carr National Wildlife Refuge	Egmont Key National Wildlife Refuge	Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge	Pinellas National Wildlife Refuge
Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee National Wildlife Refuge	Florida Keys National Wildlife Refuges Complex	Nathaniel P. Reed Hobe Sound National Wildlife Refuge	St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge
Chassahowitzka National Wildlife Refuge	Lake Woodruff National Wildlife Refuge	Pelican Island National Wildlife Refuge	St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

GEORGIA



Leaderboard position: Joint 17th place of 23

Score: 12/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	12

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping			
Blackbeard Island National Wildlife Refuge	Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge	Piedmont National Wildlife Refuge	Wassaw National Wildlife Refuge
Bond Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge	Savannah National Wildlife Refuge	Wolf Island National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper ID and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

HAWAII



Leaderboard position: Joint 1st place of 23

Score: 85/100

NOTE: Hawaii receives full points on most measures due to complete prohibition of recreational and commercial trapping.

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	Yes	25	25
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	N/A (Banned)	8	8
Conibear trap prohibited	N/A (Banned)	8	8
Snares prohibited	N/A (Banned)	8	8
Bait prohibited	N/A (Banned)	6	6
Restriction on number of traps	N/A (Banned)	6	6
Bobcat trapping prohibited	N/A (Banned)	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	N/A (Banned)	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	N/A (Banned)	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	N/A (Banned)	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	N/A (Banned)	2	2
Trapper license required	N/A (Banned)	1	1
Trapper report required	N/A (Banned)	1	1
Trap ID required	N/A (Banned)	1	1
Trapper education required	N/A (Banned)	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	N/A (Banned)	1	1
		100	85

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	N/A
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	N/A
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge

Maui National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency trapping in favor of non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

IDAHO



Leaderboard position: Joint 19th place of 23

Score: 10/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	Yes	1	1
		100	10

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	2,054
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	111
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not collected by state
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	12 license revocations
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not available for current year

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

Scores are weighted towards measures that make a tangible impact on animal welfare or those that meaningfully limit the number of animal deaths. For example, statewide prohibition of recreational and commercial trapping dramatically reduces the number of traps laid and thus limits animal suffering and death. For this reason, a high score is given if this measure is met. Mid-range scores are given for prohibition of particular types of cruel traps (such as leghold, Conibear, or snare traps) as these measures may significantly reduce suffering. Lower scores are given for administrative measures such as mandatory record-keeping. While these are important factors for oversight and accountability, having them in place does not mitigate or reduce suffering or death directly. A perfect score of 100 would be achieved if all body-gripping trapping activities are prohibited within the state. No state scored 100 in 2021.

STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

ILLINOIS



Leaderboard position: Joint 17th place of 23

Score: 12/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	12

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	6,718
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	131
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not collected by state
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Information not collected by state
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge	Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge
Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge	Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge
Great River National Wildlife Refuge	Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge
Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

State	Score	Position
California	85	1st (Joint)
Hawaii	85	1st (Joint)
Colorado	41	2nd
Rhode Island	38	3rd (Joint)
Washington	38	3rd (Joint)
Massachusetts	36	4th
Oklahoma	33	5th
Alabama	26	6th (Joint)
Arizona	26	6th (Joint)
Florida	26	6th (Joint)
Connecticut	25	7th (Joint)
New Jersey	25	7th (Joint)
Maryland	22	8th
New York	20	9th
Michigan	19	10th
Vermont	18	11th (Joint)
West Virginia	18	11th (Joint)
Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
Ohio	17	12th (Joint)
New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
Utah	13	16th (Joint)

State	Score	Position
Alaska	12	17th (Joint)
Georgia	12	17th (Joint)
Illinois	12	17th (Joint)
Kansas	12	17th (Joint)
Kentucky	12	17th (Joint)
Wyoming	12	17th (Joint)
South Dakota	11	18th
Idaho	10	19th (Joint)
Louisiana	10	19th (Joint)
Minnesota	10	19th (Joint)
South Carolina	10	19th (Joint)
Wisconsin	10	19th (Joint)
Arkansas	9	20th (Joint)
Iowa	9	20th (Joint)
Missouri	9	20th (Joint)
Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

INDIANA



Leaderboard position: Joint 14th place of 23

Score: 15/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	No	1	0
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	15

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	4,238
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	189
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	72
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

- Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge
- Patoka River National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

State	Score	Position
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Hawaii	85	1st (Joint)
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Rhode Island	38	3rd (Joint)
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Oklahoma	33	5th
Alabama	26	6th (Joint)
Arizona	26	6th (Joint)
Florida	26	6th (Joint)
Connecticut	25	7th (Joint)
New Jersey	25	7th (Joint)
Maryland	22	8th
New York	20	9th
Michigan	19	10th
Vermont	18	11th (Joint)
West Virginia	18	11th (Joint)
Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
Ohio	17	12th (Joint)
New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
Utah	13	16th (Joint)

State	Score	Position
Alaska	12	17th (Joint)
Georgia	12	17th (Joint)
Illinois	12	17th (Joint)
Kansas	12	17th (Joint)
Kentucky	12	17th (Joint)
Wyoming	12	17th (Joint)
South Dakota	11	18th
Idaho	10	19th (Joint)
Louisiana	10	19th (Joint)
Minnesota	10	19th (Joint)
South Carolina	10	19th (Joint)
Wisconsin	10	19th (Joint)
Arkansas	9	20th (Joint)
Iowa	9	20th (Joint)
Missouri	9	20th (Joint)
Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

IOWA



Leaderboard position: Joint 20th place of 23

Score: 9/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	9

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge	Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge
Iowa Wetland Management District	Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge
Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

State	Score	Position
California	85	1st (Joint)
Hawaii	85	1st (Joint)
Colorado	41	2nd
Rhode Island	38	3rd (Joint)
Washington	38	3rd (Joint)
Massachusetts	36	4th
Oklahoma	33	5th
Alabama	26	6th (Joint)
Arizona	26	6th (Joint)
Florida	26	6th (Joint)
Connecticut	25	7th (Joint)
New Jersey	25	7th (Joint)
Maryland	22	8th
New York	20	9th
Michigan	19	10th
Vermont	18	11th (Joint)
West Virginia	18	11th (Joint)
Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
Ohio	17	12th (Joint)
New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
Utah	13	16th (Joint)

State	Score	Position
Alaska	12	17th (Joint)
Georgia	12	17th (Joint)
Illinois	12	17th (Joint)
Kansas	12	17th (Joint)
Kentucky	12	17th (Joint)
Wyoming	12	17th (Joint)
South Dakota	11	18th
Idaho	10	19th (Joint)
Louisiana	10	19th (Joint)
Minnesota	10	19th (Joint)
South Carolina	10	19th (Joint)
Wisconsin	10	19th (Joint)
Arkansas	9	20th (Joint)
Iowa	9	20th (Joint)
Missouri	9	20th (Joint)
Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

KANSAS



Leaderboard position: Joint 17th place of 23

Score: 12/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	12

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	6,000
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Approximately 200
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not collected by state
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	53
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Marais des Cygnes National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

State	Score	Position
California	85	1st (Joint)
Hawaii	85	1st (Joint)
Colorado	41	2nd
Rhode Island	38	3rd (Joint)
Washington	38	3rd (Joint)
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Alabama	26	6th (Joint)
Arizona	26	6th (Joint)
Florida	26	6th (Joint)
Connecticut	25	7th (Joint)
New Jersey	25	7th (Joint)
Maryland	22	8th
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Michigan	19	10th
Vermont	18	11th (Joint)
West Virginia	18	11th (Joint)
Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
Ohio	17	12th (Joint)
New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
Utah	13	16th (Joint)

State	Score	Position
Alaska	12	17th (Joint)
Georgia	12	17th (Joint)
Illinois	12	17th (Joint)
Kansas	12	17th (Joint)
Kentucky	12	17th (Joint)
Wyoming	12	17th (Joint)
South Dakota	11	18th
Idaho	10	19th (Joint)
Louisiana	10	19th (Joint)
Minnesota	10	19th (Joint)
South Carolina	10	19th (Joint)
Wisconsin	10	19th (Joint)
Arkansas	9	20th (Joint)
Iowa	9	20th (Joint)
Missouri	9	20th (Joint)
Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

KENTUCKY



Leaderboard position: Joint 17th place of 23

Score: 12/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	12

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Clarks River National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

State	Score	Position
California	85	1st (Joint)
Hawaii	85	1st (Joint)
Colorado	41	2nd
Rhode Island	38	3rd (Joint)
Washington	38	3rd (Joint)
Massachusetts	36	4th
Oklahoma	33	5th
Alabama	26	6th (Joint)
Arizona	26	6th (Joint)
Florida	26	6th (Joint)
Connecticut	25	7th (Joint)
New Jersey	25	7th (Joint)
Maryland	22	8th
New York	20	9th
Michigan	19	10th
Vermont	18	11th (Joint)
West Virginia	18	11th (Joint)
Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
Ohio	17	12th (Joint)
New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
Utah	13	16th (Joint)

State	Score	Position
Alaska	12	17th (Joint)
Georgia	12	17th (Joint)
Illinois	12	17th (Joint)
Kansas	12	17th (Joint)
Kentucky	12	17th (Joint)
Wyoming	12	17th (Joint)
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Idaho	10	19th (Joint)
Louisiana	10	19th (Joint)
Minnesota	10	19th (Joint)
South Carolina	10	19th (Joint)
Wisconsin	10	19th (Joint)
Arkansas	9	20th (Joint)
Iowa	9	20th (Joint)
Missouri	9	20th (Joint)
Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

LOUISIANA



Leaderboard position: Joint 19th place of 23

Score: 10/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	No	1	0
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	10

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	2,642
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	1 wildlife biologist plus wildlife agents (number not provided)
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not collected by state
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Information not provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Atchafalaya National Wildlife Refuge	Black Bayou Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Delta National Wildlife Refuge
Bayou Cocodrie National Wildlife Refuge	Cameron Prairie National Wildlife Refuge	Grand Cote National Wildlife Refuge
Bayou Sauvage National Wildlife Refuge	Cat Island National Wildlife Refuge	Lacassine National Wildlife Refuge
Big Branch Marsh National Wildlife Refuge	D'Arbonne National Wildlife Refuge	Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge
Red River National Wildlife Refuge	Shell Keys National Wildlife Refuge	Upper Ouachita National Wildlife Refuge
Sabine National Wildlife Refuge	Tensas River National Wildlife Refuge	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

STATE LEADERBOARD

State	Score	Position
California	85	1st (Joint)
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New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
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Georgia	12	17th (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

MAINE



Leaderboard position: Joint 23rd place of 23

Score: 6/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	6

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	1,935
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	124 law enforcement officers and game wardens 30 wildlife biologists and administrative staff
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	39
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Legal action was taken but number of incidents not provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Aroostook National Wildlife Refuge	Petit Manan National Wildlife Refuge	Seal Island National Wildlife Refuge
Cross Island National Wildlife Refuge	Pond Island National Wildlife Refuge	Sunkhaze Meadows National Wildlife Refuge
Franklin Island National Wildlife Refuge	Rachel Carson National Wildlife Refuge	Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge
Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge		

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

MARYLAND



Leaderboard position: Joint 8th place of 23

Score: 22/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	No	1	0
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	22

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response								
Number of trapping licenses issued	14,211 (Furbearer hunt/trap licenses)								
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	268								
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	<table border="0"> <tr> <td>Trapping Closed Season - 3</td> <td>Trapping Miscellaneous - 30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trapping Domestic Animal In Trap - 1</td> <td>Trapping Without Permission - 3</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trapping Illegal Traps - 11</td> <td>Total 52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Trapping License Violation - 4</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Trapping Closed Season - 3	Trapping Miscellaneous - 30	Trapping Domestic Animal In Trap - 1	Trapping Without Permission - 3	Trapping Illegal Traps - 11	Total 52	Trapping License Violation - 4	
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Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided								
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State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge	Patuxent Research Refuge
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IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

MASSACHUSETTS



Leaderboard position: Joint 4th place of 23

Score: 36/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Conibear trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	36

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping
Monomoy National Wildlife Refuge
Parker River National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.
- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.
- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

MICHIGAN



Leaderboard position: Joint 10th place of 23

Score: 19/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	19

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge	Seney National Wildlife Refuge
Michigan Wetland Management District	Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

MINNESOTA



Leaderboard position: Joint 19th place of 23

Score: 10/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	10

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	Declined request for information
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Declined request for information
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Declined request for information
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Declined request for information
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Declined request for information

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping			
Agassiz National Wildlife Refuge	Fergus Falls Wetland Management District	Minnesota Valley Wetland Management District	Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge
Big Stone National Wildlife Refuge	Glacial Ridge National Wildlife Refuge	Morris Wetland Management District	Tamarac National Wildlife Refuge
Big Stone Wetland Management District	Litchfield Wetland Management District	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge	Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge
Detroit Lakes Wetland Management District	Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge	Rice Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Windom Wetland Management District

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

MISSISSIPPI



Leaderboard position: Joint 21st place of 23

Score: 8/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	8

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping			
Coldwater River National Wildlife Refuge	Holt Collier National Wildlife Refuge	Morgan Brake National Wildlife Refuge	Tallahatchie National Wildlife Refuge
Dahomey National Wildlife Refuge	Mathews Brake National Wildlife Refuge	Panther Swamp National Wildlife Refuge	Theodore Roosevelt National Wildlife Refuge
Hillside National Wildlife Refuge	Mississippi Sandhill Crane National Wildlife Refuge	St. Catherine Creek National Wildlife Refuge	Yazoo National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
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Montana	8	21st (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

MISSOURI



Leaderboard position: Joint 20th place of 23

Score: 9/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	9

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued Resident Fur Dealers = 32 Nonresident Fur Dealers = 7	Resident Trapping = 6,683 Nonresident Furbearer Hunting and Trapping = 366 Resident Fur Dealers = 32 Nonresident Fur Dealers = 7
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	188
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	54 complaints/queries
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	11 citations for trapping without a permit
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping			
Big Muddy National Fish & Wildlife Refuge	Great River National Wildlife Refuge	Middle Mississippi River National Wildlife Refuge	Swan Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Clarence Cannon National Wildlife Refuge	Loess Bluffs National Wildlife Refuge	Mingo National Wildlife Refuge	Two Rivers National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

MONTANA



Leaderboard position: Joint 21st place of 23

Score: 8/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	Yes	1	1
		100	8

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	Resident trapper general 6007 Landowner trapping 108 Nonresident trapping 23 Resident youth trapping 35
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	112 Peace Officers
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	71
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	24 citations for trapping violations issued
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Bowdoin National Wildlife Refuge	Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge	Medicine Lake National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

NEBRASKA



Leaderboard position: Joint 15th place of 23

Score: 14/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	14

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Crescent Lake National Wildlife Refuge	DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge	Valentine National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

NEVADA



Leaderboard position: Joint 20th place of 23

Score: 9/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	Yes	1	1
		100	9

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

NEW HAMPSHIRE



Leaderboard position: Joint 13th place of 23

Score: 16/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	16

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	44
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	77
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	7 summons and 4 warnings issued
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge - Pondicherry Division	Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

NEW JERSEY



Leaderboard position: Joint 7th place of 23

Score: 25/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	25

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	1,120
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	54
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Cape May National Wildlife Refuge	Edwin B. Forsythe National Wildlife Refuge	Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

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Arizona	26	6th (Joint)
Florida	26	6th (Joint)
Connecticut	25	7th (Joint)
New Jersey	25	7th (Joint)
Maryland	22	8th
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West Virginia	18	11th (Joint)
Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
Ohio	17	12th (Joint)
New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
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Minnesota	10	19th (Joint)
South Carolina	10	19th (Joint)
Wisconsin	10	19th (Joint)
Arkansas	9	20th (Joint)
Iowa	9	20th (Joint)
Missouri	9	20th (Joint)
Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

NEW MEXICO



Leaderboard position: Joint 13th place of 23

Score: 16/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	16

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	1,799 combined hunt/trap licenses
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	90
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	5
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Action was taken but state declined to provide information
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
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New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
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Nebraska	14	15th
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Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

NEW YORK



Leaderboard position: Joint 9th place of 23

Score: 20/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	20

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	New York DEC website states approximately 10,000 but no exact figure available for current year.
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Amagansett National Wildlife Refuge	Iroquois National Wildlife Refuge	Wallkill River National Wildlife Refuge
Elizabeth A. Morton National Wildlife Refuge	Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

NORTH CAROLINA



Leaderboard position: Joint 20th place of 23

Score: 9/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	9

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	2,483
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	233
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	5
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	All complaints were investigated
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge	Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge	Pee Dee National Wildlife Refuge
Currituck National Wildlife Refuge	Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge	Pocosin Lakes National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

NORTH DAKOTA



Leaderboard position: Joint 22nd place of 23

Score: 7/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	7

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Arrowwood National Wildlife Refuge	Des Lacs National Wildlife Refuge	Long Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Audubon National Wildlife Refuge	J. Clark Salyer National Wildlife Refuge	Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge
Chase Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Lake Ilo National Wildlife Refuge	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
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Nebraska	14	15th
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North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

OHIO



Leaderboard position: Joint 12th place of 23

Score: 17/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	17

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	Information not provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	141 enforcement officers and one furbearer biologist
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Declined to provide information
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Declined to provide information
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Declined to provide information

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Cedar Point National Wildlife Refuge	Ottawa National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

OKLAHOMA



Leaderboard position: Joint 5th place of 23

Score: 33/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	Yes	6	6
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	33

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	498
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	117
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not collected by the state
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Action was taken but no further details provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by the state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Deep Fork National Wildlife Refuge	Little River National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

State	Score	Position
California	85	1st (Joint)
Hawaii	85	1st (Joint)
Colorado	41	2nd
Rhode Island	38	3rd (Joint)
Washington	38	3rd (Joint)
Massachusetts	36	4th
Oklahoma	33	5th
Alabama	26	6th (Joint)
Arizona	26	6th (Joint)
Florida	26	6th (Joint)
Connecticut	25	7th (Joint)
New Jersey	25	7th (Joint)
Maryland	22	8th
New York	20	9th
Michigan	19	10th
Vermont	18	11th (Joint)
West Virginia	18	11th (Joint)
Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
Ohio	17	12th (Joint)
New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
Utah	13	16th (Joint)

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Illinois	12	17th (Joint)
Kansas	12	17th (Joint)
Kentucky	12	17th (Joint)
Wyoming	12	17th (Joint)
South Dakota	11	18th
Idaho	10	19th (Joint)
Louisiana	10	19th (Joint)
Minnesota	10	19th (Joint)
South Carolina	10	19th (Joint)
Wisconsin	10	19th (Joint)
Arkansas	9	20th (Joint)
Iowa	9	20th (Joint)
Missouri	9	20th (Joint)
Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

OREGON



Leaderboard position: Joint 20th place of 23

Score: 9/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	9

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	999
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Information not provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Information not provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Julia Butler Hansen Refuge for the Columbian White-Tailed Deer	Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge
Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge	Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

PENNSYLVANIA



Leaderboard position: Joint 21st place of 23

Score: 8/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	8

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Erie National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
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Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

RHODE ISLAND



Leaderboard position: Joint 3rd place of 23

Score: 38/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	38

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on Conibear traps.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

State	Score	Position
California	85	1st (Joint)
Hawaii	85	1st (Joint)
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Maryland	22	8th
New York	20	9th
Michigan	19	10th
Vermont	18	11th (Joint)
West Virginia	18	11th (Joint)
Delaware	17	12th (Joint)
Ohio	17	12th (Joint)
New Hampshire	16	13th (Joint)
New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
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Nebraska	14	15th
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Kansas	12	17th (Joint)
Kentucky	12	17th (Joint)
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Louisiana	10	19th (Joint)
Minnesota	10	19th (Joint)
South Carolina	10	19th (Joint)
Wisconsin	10	19th (Joint)
Arkansas	9	20th (Joint)
Iowa	9	20th (Joint)
Missouri	9	20th (Joint)
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North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
Mississippi	8	21st (Joint)
Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

SOUTH CAROLINA



Leaderboard position: Joint 19th place of 23

Score: 10/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	10

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	823
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Information not provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	45
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	35 summons and 56 warnings issued
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Cape Romain National Wildlife Refuge	Savannah National Wildlife Refuge
Carolina Sandhills National Wildlife Refuge	Tybee National Wildlife Refuge
Ernest F. Hollings ACE Basin National Wildlife Refuge	Waccamaw National Wildlife Refuge
Pinckney Island National Wildlife Refuge	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

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North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
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Montana	8	21st (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

SOUTH DAKOTA



Leaderboard position: Joint 19th place of 23

Score: 11/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	No	1	0
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	11

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	Approximately 4,000
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Approximately 100
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Less than 20
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	21 citations issued
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping
Lake Andes National Wildlife Refuge
Waubay National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
North Dakota	7	22nd
Maine	6	23rd (Joint)
Texas	6	23rd (Joint)

NOTES ON SCORING

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

TENNESSEE



Leaderboard position: Joint 16th place of 23

Score: 13/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	Yes	6	6
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	13

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	295
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Approximately 235 commissioned officers
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	126 calls but not all complaints. Most from landowners who want animals to be trapped.
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	9 citations issued
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not collected by state

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Chickasaw National Wildlife Refuge	Lake Isom National Wildlife Refuge
Cross Creeks National Wildlife Refuge	Lower Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge
Hatchie National Wildlife Refuge	Tennessee National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
Tennessee	13	16th (Joint)
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Nevada	9	20th (Joint)
North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
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Montana	8	21st (Joint)
Pennsylvania	8	21st (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

TEXAS



Leaderboard position: Joint 23rd place of 23

Score: 6/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	No	1	0
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	6

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	2,091
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	500+ game wardens
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Information not collected by state
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	6 citations issued
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Information not provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Aransas National Wildlife Refuge	Caddo Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Attwater Prairie Chicken National Wildlife Refuge	Trinity River National Wildlife Refuge
Balcones Canyonlands National Wildlife Refuge	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports, trapper ID, and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
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Nebraska	14	15th
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:



Leaderboard position: Joint 16th place of 23
 Score: 13/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	13

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping
Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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New Mexico	16	13th (Joint)
Indiana	15	14th
Nebraska	14	15th
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North Carolina	9	20th (Joint)
Oregon	9	20th (Joint)
Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

VERMONT



Leaderboard position: Joint 11th place of 23
Score: 18/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	18

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	1 wildlife biologist 30-35 law enforcement staff
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	40
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Action taken but no further details provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	8 dogs and 1 cat. One dog was killed outright and the others were released.

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge	Silvio O. Conte National Wildlife Refuge - Nulhegan Basin Division

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

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Virginia	9	20th (Joint)
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Montana	8	21st (Joint)
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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

VIRGINIA



Leaderboard position: Joint 20th place of 23

Score: 9/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	9

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	Declined request for information
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	Declined request for information
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	Declined request for information
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	Declined request for information
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	Declined request for information

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping		
Back Bay National Wildlife Refuge	Elizabeth Hartwell Mason Neck National Wildlife Refuge	Mackay Island National Wildlife Refuge
Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge	Featherstone National Wildlife Refuge	Occoquan Bay National Wildlife Refuge
Eastern Shore of Virginia National Wildlife Refuge	Fisherman Island National Wildlife Refuge	Rappahannock River Valley National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

WASHINGTON



Leaderboard position: Joint 3rd place of 23

Score: 38/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Conibear trap prohibited	Yes	8	8
Snares prohibited	Yes	8	8
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	Yes	1	1
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	Yes	1	1
		100	38

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Columbia National Wildlife Refuge	Ridgefield National Wildlife Refuge
Conboy Lake National Wildlife Refuge	Steigerwald Lake National Wildlife Refuge
Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge	Toppenish National Wildlife Refuge
Hanford Reach National Monument/Saddle Mountain National Wildlife Refuge	Willapa National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.
- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

WEST VIRGINIA



Leaderboard position: Joint 11th place of 23

Score: 18/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	Yes	6	6
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	Yes	2	2
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	18

2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	No response provided
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	No response provided
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

- Canaan Valley National Wildlife Refuge
- Ohio River Islands National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and non-lethal control methods.

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

WISCONSIN



Leaderboard position: Joint 19th place of 23

Score: 10/100

Scoring Criteria	Status	Potential Score	State Score
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	Yes	2	2
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	Yes	1	1
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
		100	10

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State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping	
Horicon National Wildlife Refuge	Trempealeau National Wildlife Refuge
Leopold Wetland Management District	Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge
Necedah National Wildlife Refuge	Whittlesey Creek National Wildlife Refuge
St. Croix Wetland Management District	

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

WYOMING



Leaderboard position: Joint 17th place of 23

Score: 12/100

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Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes	No	25	0
Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes	No	15	0
Leghold trap prohibited	No	8	0
Conibear trap prohibited	No	8	0
Snares prohibited	No	8	0
Bait prohibited	No	6	0
Restriction on number of traps	No	6	0
Bobcat trapping prohibited	No	5	0
Bear trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Otter trapping prohibited	Yes	5	5
Mandatory 24-hour check time (land)	No	2	0
Mandatory 24-hour check time (water)	No	2	0
Trapper license required	Yes	1	1
Trapper report required	No	1	0
Trap ID required	Yes	1	1
Trapper education required	No	1	0
Non-targeted animals reported	No	1	0
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State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

Seedskadee National Wildlife Refuge

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

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- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

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