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From: B.J. Perez [b.j.perez@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 11:32 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Body-Gripping TRAP - they cant 'see' who or what they are trapping... please regulate

These types of traps are barbaric - they can't tell 'who' they are trapping.

These body-gripping traps dont know the difference between a wild animal that may be considered a nuisance, your dog or cat, your child, or even your foot.

The Damage is lethal, and unnecessary. please consider other methods...please make sure that Washoe & Clark County is properly represented on working committees.

Trap ID's would be a good idea, to identify the 'trapper' if placed in unauthorized areas.

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From: caron tayloe [crntayloe@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 10:56 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Regulate trapping

Please place this note on the official record.

Dear NDOW:

Leave the one sided thinking at the door and work with moderates such as Trail Safe. Stop protecting the few and represent ALL of Nevadans; most of us want trapping regulated.

I am a Washoe County resident since childhood. There is nothing worse than hiking on public lands on a beautiful day only to run across a trapped animal that is suffering in agony. As a tax payer I do not support the practice of trapping, nor do I want government to support such a practice.

Caron Tayloe

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From: Deanna & Mike [SMEEFS@EARTHLINK.NET]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 4:42 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Animal trapping

Hi folks, I'd like this email placed in the record for the Wildlife Commission, I grew up in California in the 60's when the trapping laws used to be what Nevada allows now.

They were changed decades ago.

I lost two dogs to traps in the area--one of them obviously suffered horribly for a few days before dying.

I'm trying to imagine what a person caught in the wilderness by a traditional old-style bear trap would have to endure.

We should be better and smart enough to figure out a better way to go about this.

Thanks,

Mike Smith

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From: KLottaLegs@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 11:54 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Please include this email in the official records of the Dept of Wldlf mtg

Hi there -

I believe you would agree that Nevada's wildlife belongs to all of us. So my question is why is it currently being represented by a select few, most of whom are hunters/trappers? There are many organizations and residents who would like to be included in the decision-making process from both Washoe and Clark Counties. At this time those folks are inadequately represented on any working committee.

Secondly, I and many others strongly favor legislation which regulates the use of body-gripping traps. These are dangerous weapons and need to not be set in populated areas. If people can't shoot guns, why should we have to watch out for traps in our own neighborhoods or public parks? I have a nice open area in back of my property in Sparks and I'm terrified to take my animals there for fear of them getting stuck in a trap.

My understanding is that traps are still legal within the city limits of Reno and Sparks? This is a scary situation for our children and pets. I don't know what I'd do if my grandchildren or pets became victims to one of these barbaric devices. I'm not strong enough to release them and help might not arrive timely enough to save life and limb.

At the least, can we require by a strictly enforced law that any trap has the trapper's name/ID number on it and have a registration process for the traps? We need some accountability!!

I know there are many humane, non-lethal strategies available to deal with predators and nuisance animals. I sure wish our Department of Wildlife would encourage folks to use them.

Thanks for listening and entering my requests into the official records for Friday's meeting.

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Protect your country - Expose lies - Present the facts
- Alise Moss Vetica - activist, writer, patriot**

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From: Peacock, Paula [ppeacock@americanwick.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 1:12 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: traps in our community

To Whom it May Concern,

I strongly favor legislation which regulates use of body gripping traps because it is common sense for public safety. Traps should be ID for identification if this is not stopped. Needless family pets and children could be hurt or killed. I do not want to see this in our community. There are other ways to deal with predators. Please lets stop this

Thank you

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From: Sharon Zadra [szadra@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 10:44 PM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Trapping in urban areas

Dear Commissioners--

On Sept 23, you will hear arguments regarding animal trapping within what I will call urban, humanely inhabited areas of our state, most particularly in Washoe and Clark Counties, and I encourage you to responsibly evaluate this issue and take action to deny unsafe, reckless and cruel trapping in congested urban areas of our state.

As a policy-maker myself, I respect the value of the public process and I encourage you to put practices into place that will include input and recommendations from TrailSafe supporters and representatives.

Public policy and legislation should be for the public good and safety, and not just for the special interest and personal gain of a few. Body-gripping traps are reckless and seriously threaten public safety and quality of life in urban areas including public parks and residential areas.

Please take action to hold trappers responsible for their practices and behavior-- trapping permit policies need to be more restrictive so as to preserve public safety and quality of life.

Thank you for your consideration!

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From: Trina Dahlin [trinadahlin@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, September 21, 2011 11:15 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby
Subject: Trapping Regulations

Commissioners of the Nevada Department of Wildlife:

I encourage the Commission to discontinue trapping in congested areas. In establishing appropriate regulations TrailSafe supporters and coalition members in both Washoe and Clark County should be adequately represented on any working committee. I believe legislation to regulate the use of body-gripping traps is necessary for public safety. It makes no sense that persons cannot discharge firearms in congested areas but may set traps. Traps in public parks and residential neighborhoods are dangerous and unnecessary.

Regulations should mandate ID or registration on traps so that individual trappers can be held responsible and incur liability.

Further, the permit process should be more restrictive than the current permit process that allows anyone whatsoever to set a trap anywhere anytime. This is an extremely reckless process.

I encourage the Commission to advocate the use of the many existing humane, non-lethal co-existence strategies to deal with predators and nuisance animals. The day for barbaric body-gripping traps is long past.

Thanks so much for your time in helping to protect animals from cruel trapping!

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From: Trish [yeshe@charter.net]
Sent: Tuesday, September 20, 2011 11:57 AM
To: Suzanne Scourby; Kenneth Mayer
Subject: Questions about trapping
Attachments: NDOWqs092011ds (1).docx; Copy of watrappermits.docx

TO: Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners, Nevada Dept. of Wildlife
FROM: Trish Swain, TrailSafe Nevada
RE: Questions about trapping
Sep. 20, 2011

Dear Chairman McBeath and Commissioners:

In the interest of clarification, please see attached TrailSafe questions to NDOW. This is basic information we need in order to proceed toward meaningful trap regulation in Nevada congested areas. I have discussed these topics with some of you individually already.

I realize that we are just beginning the process and are not yet defining provisions, but I think it would be helpful for us all to share this basic information.

Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Best wishes,

Trish Swain

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Dept. of Wildlife Questions
August 20, 2011

1. Do you plan to keep issuing permits to anyone who wants one? Then how can we actually regulate trapping?
2. Same question regarding trap registration. There cannot be effective regulation without trap registration. There is precedent for local areas mandating trap ID/registration even lacking state mandate.
3. Defenders of trapping always say NDOW makes money somehow from trapping whereas "conservationists" don't contribute anything. How is this the case? What money does NDOW make from trapping? What do they do with the money? Is a govt. agency required to make money? Has a cost benefit analysis been done to show that the permits issued cover the cost of oversight and management?
4. If NDOW continues to give out depredation permits, can they please develop a checklist like that in state of WA wherein property owner has to prove the "need" for the body-gripping trap and prove he has exhausted humane means. Property owner also needs to prove how much he has lost to depredation. Also impose a meaningful fee.
5. Why does Wildlife Services need an exemption? Why are they involved at all in our congested areas? They say on their literature they suggest humane methods first. How many times do they do this? What effort do they put into it? Proof?
6. How often and in what circumstance does NDOW use body gripping traps?
7. How many actual depredation complaints come from congested areas? Are records kept? How are the complaints resolved? Are complainers informed of humane non-lethal co-existence strategies? Are records kept of this public education?
8. Many complaints received by TrailSafe fault the "crazy neighbor" who puts out traps in an unsupervised and unsafe manner.
9. There is a significant difference between responsible pest control companies and the irresponsible neighbor putting out a trap at random. Pest control companies put ID on their traps and check them more often than 96 hours. They carry liability insurance. TrailSafe believes that should be the minimum standard for anyone using a trap.
10. What part of TrailSafe proposal, if any, does NDOW support? They said "we oppose you" during Legislative hearings. Has that changed at all?
11. Exactly how much money do trappers bring in annually?
12. Into which fund does that go?
13. What percentage of my tax dollars pays for oversight and administration of trapping?
14. How many trappers are actually in Nevada? Since a license is good for a year, how many are grandfathered in? So what does that mean in total number of trappers? Does anybody know?
15. How many trappers are members of NV Trappers Association?
16. How many trap law violations has NDOW pursued? Are records kept? How many fines paid? Penalties? Do offenders go right out and trap again?
17. Do trappers restore habitat or do any conservation work as hunters do?
18. Are any NDOW personnel trappers?
19. What happens to the pelts of animals killed by WS? Animals killed by NDOW?
20. How do upland bird hunters feel about trapping? Do you hear from any? People say their dogs get trapped, but I only have one or two reports.
21. Ira Hansen says there are already laws preventing trapping in urban areas. Where are these laws? I cannot find them in Sparks, Reno or County codes.

STATE OF WASHINGTON :

Application for permit to trap for animal problem

Guidelines for completing an application for a permit to use traps for an animal problem

These procedures are to be followed in order to comply with the provisions of RCW 77.15.194 and WAC 232-12-142 for a special permit to abate an animal problem. A person must submit a written application to WDFW to request the use of a Conibear trap in water, a padded foothold trap, or a non-strangling type foot snare to alleviate an animal problem. The applicant must establish that there exists on a property an animal problem that has not been and cannot be reasonable abated by the use of non-lethal control tools, including but not limited to guard animals, electric fencing, or box and cage traps, or such non-lethal means cannot be reasonable be applied. WDFW must make a finding in writing that the animal problem has not been and cannot be reasonably abated by non-lethal control tools or the tools cannot be reasonably applied before the Director may authorize the use, setting, placing, or maintenance of the traps for a period not to exceed thirty days.

PROCEDURES:

- Applicant Information: The land or property owner, manager, tenant, or occupant; or the person who will be requested to do the trapping.
- Location of Animal Problem: Where does the animal problem exist? May be an address; or Township, Range, & Section Number.
- Description of Animal Problem: Include the type of problem an animal is creating, damage being done, extent of damage, how long it has been occurring, why it is necessary to trap the animal(s), etc.
- Species: Common name of animal you wish to trap.
- Number: The number of animals causing the problem, if known.
- Nonlethal Methods Used: Check the box(s) that apply. Other would be checked if you attempted anything other than one of the listed methods. Provide an explanation of this method.
- Results/Justification: Check the appropriate box – Ineffective (Non-lethal methods used did not alleviate the animal problem; Not applicable (Non-lethal means could not be reasonably applied). Explain why the means could not be reasonably applied.
- Method Requested: These are the only types of traps allowed under RCW 77.15.194, which may be authorized under a permit. (Select one or more)
- Who Will do the Trapping: This is the person whose name and address shall be on the identification attached to the traps being used.
- Number of Animals to be Removed: Estimate if exact number is not known.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION: To be completed and signed by applicant.

APPROVAL: To be signed by WDFW staff.

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