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2010 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***1514-FN***

AN ACT prohibiting the sale of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals.

SPONSORS: Rep. Vaillancourt, Hills 15; Rep. Schmidt, Straf 4; Rep. Leishman, Hills 3

COMMITTEE: Fish and Game and Marine Resources

ANALYSIS

This bill prohibits the sale, possession, and transportation of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Fur-Bearing Animals; Sale of Skins. Amend RSA 210:8 to read as follows:

210:8 [~~Sealing and~~] Sale of Skins.

I. It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, give away, buy, possess, accept as a gift, offer for transportation, or transport raw skins or unskinned carcasses of any fur-bearing animal [~~unless such skin or carcass bears an official New Hampshire fish and game department tag or seal~~] ***except as provided in paragraph II.*** The executive director [~~may adopt rules under RSA 541-A exempting~~] ***shall not exempt*** any species of fur-bearing animal from the requirements of this section.

II. Nothing herein shall prohibit the transportation or possession of raw pelts or unskinned fur-bearing animals or coyotes when accompanied by the hunter or trapper or designee specified in writing with the signature of the licensed hunter or trapper, ***provided the raw pelt or unskinned carcass is not used as a pelt to become fur.***

III. All skins as specified in paragraph I shall be presented to a conservation officer, [~~he~~] ***who*** shall tag [~~or seal the same~~] ***the raw skin*** if legally taken. Such skins shall be presented for tagging [~~or sealing~~] during the open season in which they are caught or within 10 days after the closing of the open season thereof.

IV. Any of the skins as specified in paragraph I that come into this state in any manner from any other state, country or province [~~shall~~] ***may be sold given away, bought, possessed, accepted as a gift, or transported in this state provided the skins*** bear the official tag, seal or stamp of such other state, country or province.

V. If any of the skins as specified in paragraph I come into this state from another state, country or province and said state, country or province does not require an official tag, seal or stamp, the person possessing such skins shall [~~have said skins tagged or sealed within 3 days of entrance into this state in accordance with this section, or he shall~~] possess an itemized bill of sale and said bill of sale shall be produced for inspection upon the request of any law enforcement officer.

VI. As a prerequisite of tagging[~~or sealing~~], the executive director may require that the skinned carcasses of certain fur-bearing animals, or the skinned carcasses of coyotes be turned over to the fish and game department for analysis. The executive director shall notify all licensed trappers and hunters in advance of the opening of the season of the species of fur-bearers to be turned over to the department.

2 Repeals. The following are repealed:

I. RSA 207:1-a, relative to the exception from regulation of ranch-bred mink, is repealed.

II. RSA 210:9, IV, relative to the sale or giving away of beaver skins or unskinned carcasses.

3 Effective Date. This act shall take effect January 1, 2011.

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HB 1514-FN - FISCAL NOTE

AN ACT prohibiting the sale of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Fish & Game Department states this bill will increase fish and game fund expenditures by an indeterminable amount and decrease fish and game fund revenue by $11,254 in FY 2011 and each fiscal year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on county and local revenues and expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Fish & Game Department states that it assumes under this bill it will be required to tag all furbearers legally taken. While the bill deletes references to sealing fur, it keeps references to tagging, which the Department states is the same as sealing. Currently, the Department exempts all furbearers from the sealing or tagging requirement, except fishers and otters. The tagging or sealing of all furbearers will require a significant but indeterminable increase in staff time to inspect, gather data, and physically place tags on all animals. The Department would also be required to purchase numbered tags and supplies for tagging furbearers.

The Department states it assumes the new language in the proposed RSA 210:8, II will mean that pelts may not be processed and used further. While both hunters and trappers take furbearing animals, the Department assumes this language will effectively eliminate trapping. The Department states the impact of eliminating trapping will include the loss of license revenue as well as in increase in wildlife damage complaints the Department would have to handle. FY 2008 trapping license sales and fish and game fund revenue were as follows:

Resident Adult: 364 permits x $27.50 = $10,010
Resident Minor: 8 permits x $5.50 = $44
Non-Resident Adult: 4 permits x $300 = $1,200
TOTAL = $11,254

Speakers

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Roger McKinnon			Manchester NH		X
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Thomas Gardner			Milford	✓	
Linda M. Sharpe			Deerfield N.H.T.A.		✓
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Bill Allen			Weare self		✓
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Dawn Bonard	369 Lafayette Ave Manchester		Dog owner/animal rescue	✓	

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KEVIN JORDAN			FISH + GAME		X
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Chris Leone	Epping		Self		✓
Susan Peters	Weare	529-0812	self		✓
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Sarah M. Brown	Belmont	524-6935	self + NH-FREE		✓
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Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 1514-FN

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DATE: January 20, 2010

LOB ROOM: 307 **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** 10:00 a.m.

Time Adjourned: 12:30 p.m.

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Abbott, Porter, Henson, Marshall, M. Preston, Rogers, Carr, Farley, J. Russell, K. Ward, Watters, L'Heureux, McKinney, Reed, Bulis, Hopper, Sanders, M. McCarthy and Roberts.

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TESTIMONY

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*** Suzanne Fournier, Animal Protection Activist Network of NH** - Supports the bill. Wildlife management of Commission fails to take notice of animal rights as they are all members of the hunting faterity. Vote to ban fur even though gun owners, hunters, etc. oppose this bill. This bill would ban the sale of pelts.

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Denise Pearl, NH ARL - Supports the bill.

Dwight Pennell, NH Fur Buyers - Opposes the bill. This would put him out of business. Agent for Hudson Bay. Buys in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, etc. Goes to Canada – auctioned most goes to Russia. Violation of interstate commerce.

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*** Joanne Bowbcan, Humane Society of the US** - Supports the bill.

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*** Laura Slitt** - Supports the bill.

Rep. Carla Skinder - Supports the bill. Trapping is cruel.

*** Karona Owen, NH Trappers Association** - Opposes the bill.

*** Barbara Bunsignoure** - Supports the bill. Ban the trade in fur.

*** Steve Weber, NH Fish and Game Department** - Opposes the bill. Wording is contradictory and hard to enforce. Trapping reports are very important to department. Waste of a valuable resource.

Louise Dell'Amico - Supports the bill. Against trapping.

Bob Dufresne, NH Wildlife Federation - Opposes the bill. Not here to speak.

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Antonet C. Piper - Opposes the bill. Brother uses fur to make flys. This would make him a criminal. Fur is a resource that has more uses.

Tom Voyer, Taxidermy - Opposes the bill. He is a taxidermist. He uses pelts and this would put him out business.

Sarah M. Brown, NH Free - Opposes the bill. More pets killed and maimed by animals than by traps – coyote stories.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Betsy McKinney
Clerk

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Testimony

Dear House Members,

I wish to express my opposition to HB 1514. This will seriously hamper
the ability of fish & game to manage our fur bearing animals, which are
an important, renewable natural resource. Hunters and especially trappers have managed this resource by harvesting excess fur bearers
and/or nuisance fur bearers. This bill will hurt the fur populations,
more than help it and will waste any animal taken. Please kill this
bill.

Thank You for your time

Glenn & Denise DuBois
--
God Bless America!

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1/19/2010

Ref.: HB1514-FN Fur 7000 Members

If I can't do anything with the fur why should I be a trapper and only trap a rabid fox that is threatening your cats and dogs. I don't want to be a trapper if I can't sell my furs.

There will be a lost of income not only to the department but also to the trappers and taxidermists, your constituents. Hunter Income -

You are infringing on the rights of those who like fur for attire. We are constantly being pushed to be tolerant.

Paragraph IV allows for furs from other states and countries to be imported into NH. This will only affect trappers for furs taken in NH.

Waste of resources - If pelt is not used as a fur it will be thrown away and this is a resource wasted.

Furs will not be able to be used as displays in museums and education.

Many hunters will discontinue hunting because they will not throw away the furs considering this is a waste.

The fur or hides from cattle, sheep or goats, which are used for leather can't be used.

Fur is a great insulator.

Taxidermists are going to be put out of business.

Lawrence V. Guaraldi
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From Ed Valentine, 1/18/12 TC - Fish + Game Comm. 1-26-10

TABLE 1. NH FURBEARER TRAPPER HARVEST BY SEASON.

SEASON	BEAVER	COYOTE	FISHER	GRAY FOX	MINK	MUSK-RAT	OTTER	RACCOON	RED FOX
2000-2001	2879	358	683	75	262	2169	244	244	208
2001-2002	4313	556	1001	183	616	3577	386	555	409
2002-2003	2280	532	781	188	367	1458	275	415	364
2003-2004	2798	734	801	271	353	1945	364	534	505
2004-2005	2595	661	753	117	362	2348	310	634	408
2005-2006	3057	464	548	71	292	2109	367	350	239
2006-2007	3371	560	595	190	449	2651	345	495	336
2007-2008	2270	416	397	134	477	1587	214	557	233
2008-2009	2710	519	380	184	274	1169	233	423	286

TABLE 2. NH FURBEARER STATEWIDE CATCH PER 100 TRAP NIGHTS BY SEASON.

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2000-2001	9.15	1.20	2.59	1.76	1.68	9.00	1.60	2.63	2.21
2001-2002	8.09	2.15	3.16	1.86	2.25	7.18	2.12	2.51	2.67
2002-2003	7.25	2.72	2.31	1.54	1.85	5.72	2.15	2.30	1.95
2003-2004	7.15	1.88	2.83	1.37	1.73	6.34	2.33	2.26	2.17
2004-2005	8.09	1.59	2.51	1.52	2.19	9.17	1.76	3.00	1.86
2005-2006	6.38	1.85	1.94	0.86	2.07	7.76	1.58	2.46	1.52
2006-2007	7.31	1.77	1.34	1.12	1.30	5.41	1.58	1.78	2.03
2007-2008	8.82	2.77	1.62	1.24	2.64	7.28	2.11	3.18	1.64
2008-2009	7.50	2.40	1.64	1.58	2.09	5.83	1.69	2.91	1.68

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REGION	BEAVER	COYOTE	FISHER	GRAY FOX	MINK	MUSK-RAT	OTTER	RACCOON	RED FOX
NORTH	314	90	49	3	31	169	13	29	42
WHITE MTN	334	175	28	17	58	94	19	64	60
CENTRAL	725	131	104	79	84	309	86	109	77
S. WEST	645	75	94	26	48	152	69	102	52
S.EAST	692	48	105	59	53	445	46	119	55
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Testimony in Favor of HB 1514 (The Fur Ban Bill)
By Suzanne L. Fournier
Before the House Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee
Wednesday, January 20, 2010

I'm Suzanne Fournier from Milford, NH. I'm the coordinator of the Animal Protection Activist Network of NH, and we support HB 1514 to ban fur in NH.

In our modern age fur is seen as a poor reason to take a life and risk the lives of other animals, like bobcats and pine martens that are rare, and even our dogs and cats.

Fur trapping is so objectionable to so many people, why is it still practiced in NH? Because control over policy at NH Fish & Game Department is still in the hands of sportspeople on the F&G Commission who can't see beyond their own narrow self interests.

I remind you that the Legislature's Performance Audit of F&G highlighted that this limited point of view at F&G needed to be expanded. The audit recommended changes that would open up policy and decision-making to those with points of view not tied to hunting, fishing or trapping, like those appreciating wildlife and involved in non-lethal wildlife activities.

However your committee has failed to change the decision-making structure at F&G that the Audit recommended, so we are all still here, stuck in the past with a wildlife management system that is dysfunctional even to the point of causing F&G financial failure. What we still have is a F&G Commission made up of sportspeople who vote consistently against any changes that don't benefit their minority constituencies.

Can anyone honestly argue that fur trapping is scientific management of wildlife? It is hardly scientific. Fur trappers seek

market value and pursue certain valuable species and not others and trap some species without limits. Fur trappers kill non-target wildlife that happen upon their traps. Fur trappers disrupt predator/prey relationships, and stimulate many species to reproduce. The biologists at F&G know that fur trapping is not scientific or necessary for them to do their management work, but they are not in control of policy, the Commission is.

Of course the F&G Commission voted against this bill, but does that mean you should too? Are you leaders or followers? If you are personally against the use of horrible traps for unnecessary fur, then *please* take a stand. If you want to respect the majority of the public which is against fur trapping, then it is your *obligation* to support this bill.

This is a reasonable bill that strategically gets rid of fur trapping while not taking away traps from the F&G Department for its research nor from those in the Wildlife Control Operator trapping program.

I ask you to be puppet masters, not puppets, and vote to ban fur even though the weight of the F&G Commission and their allies in hunting and trapping and gun owner organizations can seem daunting.

Please, be a leader and end fur trapping now.

Thank you.
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I'm here today because I am strongly in favor of HB 1514. Unless we believe that cruelty toward certain animals is somehow acceptable, which would really be illogical, we must all agree that causing any animal to suffer intensely and for a prolonged period of time is wrong. Fur trapping inflicts just such intense and prolonged suffering. According to a study conducted in the Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge, over a quarter of trapped animals, such as fox and mink, try to chew off the trapped limb. I think it's obvious that in order to do such a thing, an animal must be in an extreme amount of pain. That is really all that should matter when it comes to deciding to put an end to trapping. It is cruel. To say that this is *necessary* in order to manage wildlife is disingenuous to say the least. When is cruelty ever a legitimate excuse for anything? After today's hearing, I would encourage each of you, ~~every day~~, to take an informal poll outside of this room regarding individuals' feelings about fur trapping. There is no doubt in my mind that you will find the majority to be opposed to it. Attitudes about how animals should be treated are continually changing, and have clearly become more humane and compassionate over the years, as we continue to gain a deeper understanding of just how similar animals are to us in their ability to suffer physical pain. That is why various types of mistreatment toward animals used to be legal before citizens and legislators listened to their conscience and laws were created to prevent unnecessary suffering to animals. Cockfighting, which was at one time considered a tradition in many parts of the U.S., is now illegal throughout the country. In New Hampshire, it used to be acceptable to train dogs and fight them before a law was passed in 1979 making such activity illegal. Docking the tail of a horse was legal until that same year as well. Until 1981, it was legal to keep a dog or cat confined in a car for any length of time. In terms of the amount of suffering involved, an

animal trapped for its fur suffers equally, and in most cases more than the animals in the situations I just mentioned. The writer, George Bernard Shaw once said that "cruelty must be whitewashed with a moral excuse." In this case, it is clear there is no moral excuse for trapping animals for their fur. Cruel practices are not proud traditions. Rather, overcoming such practices has always been an important part of our heritage as a state and as a nation. Your decision regarding HB 1514 comes down to your choosing between two antonymous words – *Humane* or *Cruel*. Cruel meaning disposed to inflict pain or suffering, which no one can doubt trapping does. Humane meaning marked by compassion, sympathy or consideration for humans **or animals**. Which word would you like to define our society? The choice, I hope, is obvious. I ask you to please continue the tradition of protecting animals from cruelty by voting in favor of HB 1514.

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Those who support were called "hyperbolic" today, that term was followed by the statement that the traps are checked every 24 hrs. This means the animal can be suffering for up to 23 hrs. until ~~someone~~ a trapper or comes to put the animal "out of its misery". This is unacceptable

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Testimony in opposition to HB 1514-FN An Act prohibiting the sale of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals.

House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee
January 20, 2010

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee, for the record my name is Steve Weber. I'm Chief of the Wildlife Division for the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department. I'm representing the Department in opposition to HB 1514-FN, an act prohibiting the sale of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals. The Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously to oppose this bill.

This bill would modify RSA 210:8 to essentially make it illegal to sell, give away, buy, possess accept as a gift, offer for transportation or transport raw skins or unskinned carcasses of any fur-bearing animal except as provided in paragraph II which would allow "the transportation or possession of raw pelts or unskinned furbearing animals .....provided the raw pelt or unskinned carcass is not used as a pelt to become fur". This language is very confusing as a pelt is a fur. The literal interpretation of this bill suggests that it is alright to trap; you just can't use the animal or its fur once it is killed. Yet, paragraph IV allows the sale of furs in New Hampshire that are imported from other states. This would set up a very confusing situation which would be extremely difficult if not impossible to enforce.

Paragraph III of the bill would require a conservation officer to tag any raw skin of a furbearer at significant expense to the Department. Currently, only fisher and otter are required to be sealed. This is explained in more detail in the fiscal note.

This bill would also clearly result in wanton waste on a large scale that should not be codified. Trapping would have to continue to solve nuisance wildlife conflicts on an increasing scale, and pass those costs on to landowners. This act is clearly an anti-trapping bill, plain and simple. Recent attempts to outlaw trapping have occurred in 2007, 1997, 1995 and 1991. Those bills were all defeated for many good reasons. The attached document "**TEN REASONS TO REJECT HB 1514**" discusses why HB 1514 should be defeated, please take a minute to read it over.

In closing I would simply state that this bill would eliminate a traditional activity that is an important component of our cultural heritage. Trapping is a highly regulated activity that does not cause species to become endangered. This bill is not in the best interest of our wildlife resources or our citizenry. Eliminating trapping would result in increased costs to homeowners, municipalities, large and small landowners and farmers.

The Fish and Game Department urges you to vote HB1514 "Inexpedient to Legislate."

TRAPPING: A Critical Tool for Resolving Human-Wildlife Conflicts

TEN REASONS TO REJECT HB 1514

1. **House Bill 1514 conflicts with the best interests of our wildlife resources and our citizenry.** The proposed bill would take a furbearer resource that is an asset to our heritage, landscape and citizens, and convert it to a significant liability. The N.H. Fish and Game Department, and its many partners with an interest in furbearer management, urge you to reject HB 1514.
2. **Trapping does not cause species to become endangered.** Trapped species (13) in New Hampshire are healthy and abundant and their numbers are carefully monitored. Biologists design seasons to ensure populations are in balance with habitat and social carrying capacity.
3. **Trapping in N.H. is highly regulated.** N.H. trappers are required to: take a mandatory training course, purchase an annual license, obtain written landowner permission (and provide a copy of said permission to the local Conservation Officer), affix their names to their traps, check their traps daily (except for beaver sets under ice), and submit a detailed annual trapping report.
4. **Trapping provides important benefits for people, habitat and wildlife.** Trapping represents a critical tool for resolving human-furbearer conflicts, such as flooding by beavers and livestock predation by coyotes and foxes. Trapping also represents a valuable management, research and restoration tool for wildlife biologists. Foothold traps are routinely used to capture, unharmed, animals for research and wildlife restoration. Finally, trapping provides important economic benefits to many of our citizens in the form of pelt values.
5. **Animal welfare is an important consideration to wildlife agencies.** Since 1998, 37 states, including N.H., have actively participated in a national effort to develop trapping best management recommendations based on an evaluation of traps in terms of animal welfare, selectivity, efficiency, practicality, and user safety.
6. **House Bill 1514 is widely opposed.** Many diverse interests in N.H. depend on trapping as a management tool, including the following organizations that oppose HB 1514: NH Fish and Game Department, NH Farm Bureau Federation, NH Timberland Owners Association, NH Department of Transportation, NH Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food, NH Trappers Association and the NH Wildlife Federation.
7. **HB 1514 will, for all practical purposes, eliminate furbearer trapping in our state.** In so doing, it will negatively impact licensed trappers, licensed Wildlife Control Operators (those engaged in the commercial removal of nuisance animals), wildlife managers, farmers, foresters, landowners, road managers, and N.H. residents who will be left with serious human-furbearer conflicts and no relief.
8. **In the absence of regulated trapping, furbearer populations will increase and human-furbearer conflicts will escalate.** Licensed trappers took approximately 6,500 furbearers during our last trapping season. Even so, we refer an estimated 1,500 furbearer complaints to licensed trappers for resolution, USDA Wildlife Services fields about 700 complaints and Wildlife Control Operators reported trapping more than 3,800 nuisance furbearers during the last reporting year. The need for furbearer management is clear.
9. **House Bill 1514 would result in wanton waste of one of our treasured resources.** While the commercial use of pelts would be prohibited, trapping would need to continue to resolve increased damage issues. It makes no sense to throw that valuable resource away. Doing so would also increase costs to homeowners who pay for nuisance wildlife control services.
10. **Fur trapping was significantly curtailed in Massachusetts in 1996, resulting in significant increases in beaver abundance and distribution, as well as beaver damage and complaints.** After the bill was enacted, the beaver population in Massachusetts nearly tripled, increasing from 24,000 in 1996 to 70,000 just five years later.

If HB 1514 is passed in N.H., who will bear the significant resulting cost? What resources will the state marshal to replace the unique skill-sets that will be lost? Who will fill the void of over 400 highly skilled, licensed trappers who enable our state to keep furbearer populations under control and who efficiently and effectively resolve human-furbearer conflicts for our N.H. residents?

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I am asking you the members of this committee to pass HB 1514 which would ban the trade in furs for one reason- the steel jaw leghold trap is cruel-pure, plain and simple. This instrument of torture is currently banned in over sixty counties and many localities.

Iuse leghold traps in my protests against the wearing and buying of fur. It is so hard to open these traps once they are clamped down on flesh and bone. The victim suffers such excruciating pain from being caught on a tongue, leg, wing, etc. that it will chew off that part to escape and more often than not, die a slow, agonizing death from gangrene later. This process is callously called a "wring off" by trappers. Visualize your hand being slammed in a car door to imagine the pain. You can open the car door, the animal can never open the trap.

Leghold and conibear traps are completely indiscriminate, capturing nursing domestic and wild animal mothers whose babies die of starvation. They also capture endangered species and many domestic animals such as dogs and cats. I don't think you will find a veterinarian who hasn't treated victims of these traps. Those animals that survive usually have an amputated limb for the rest of their lives.

In many remote rural areas traps are not checked regularly, not matter what the trapping laws require. Animal caught for extended periods perish from starvation, exposure to the elements, and being killed by predators.

No part-time job, which fur trapping essentially is today is worth such blatant and brutal animal suffering.

Please show your compassion for those who cannot speak for themselves- and pass this humane legislation.

Submitted by;

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Karola Owen Testimony before NH Natural resource Committee regarding HB 1514

My name is Karola Owen, I live in Epsom, NH, and am the Vice President of the National Trappers Association. The National Trappers Association has members and affiliates throughout the country including New Hampshire. We strive to educate the public in the wise use of natural resources, the importance of managing furbearer populations, and protecting habitat that is of importance to all wildlife. HB 1514 would prohibit the sale of raw hides, pelts, or parts of furbearers. The individuals who undertake the challenges of controlling furbearer populations do so with great pride and conviction. They don't ask for great accolades or recognition just a chance to help protect habitat from over populations that can lead to disease, property damage, habitat destruction, environmental damages, and public safety issues. Prohibiting the ability and opportunity of any individual to recoup a few dollars while undertaking these efforts would discourage, if not completely eliminate, the participation of the sportsmen and women who undertake these challenges.

The National Trappers Association has seen the problems that can occur when, for what ever reason, furbearers populations are not controlled. HB 1514 doesn't prohibit the control of these populations but does discourage the over all effort. When populations of beaver get out of control, they can flood farms, ranches, roads, subdivisions, halt logging, and prevent construction of private and public sites. When muskrats become over populated they can damage; dams, dykes, erode road and railway right of ways, private property and public property adjacent wetlands, streams, lakes, and rivers. All the while this may cause environmental damage to the wetlands and waterways. Unchecked populations of coyotes can and will result in more interactions between these animals, humans and our pets and in some cases children. Public safety can not be compromised. Diseases spread by over populations of raccoon, skunks, fox, coyotes are dangerous to companion animals and humans. Rabies and distemper are common diseases found with over populations of these furbearers. Uncontrolled populations could result in the over predation on other species as well. Small game, birds, protected and endangered species as well will feel the stress of uncontrolled furbearer populations as their nests and young are preyed upon.

We also have concerns that HB 1514 impermissibly restrict the sale and use of raw hides, pelts, and parts of furbearers in NH, and may be in violation of the Commerce Clause of the Federal Constitution. HB 1514 does not allow raw hides, pelts, and parts of furbearers to leave NH for other states and countries to be used for any purpose, including not for any commercial purpose. Additionally, HB 1514, not only places restrictions on the commercial use of raw hides, pelts, and parts of furbearers from other states and countries in NH, but under some circumstances, completely prohibits even the transportation or possesion of raw hides, pelts, and parts of furbearers from other states and countries in NH.

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Testimony by: Joanne Bourbeau

In Support of: HB 1514

Committee: House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee

Date: January 20, 2010

My name is Joanne Bourbeau, and I am a Senior State Director for Vermont and New Hampshire for The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). I am also a board member of the New Hampshire Federation of Humane Organizations and a member of the New Hampshire Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals. On behalf of The HSUS and our more than 74,000 members and supporters in the state of New Hampshire, I would like to submit this written testimony in support HB 1514, "An Act prohibiting the sale, possession, and transportation of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals."

This is not the first time that animal advocates have been before this committee advocating for public policy reforms for wildlife. While this bill does not specifically ban body gripping traps, banning the sale and possession of raw skins will effectively end the need to use these cruel devices for profit. In the past, the state Fish and Game Department has testified that these traps are a necessary "tool" to manage urban wildlife conflicts like beaver-related flooding. Since this bill does not prohibit their use for this purpose, there is absolutely no "public safety" argument for opposing this bill. But there are *plenty* of humane, common sense arguments for supporting this bill.

These traps cause suffering: Body-gripping traps cause significant physical damage to wild animals ranging from bone fractures, tooth damage and twisted ligaments to hemorrhage. Animals in traps are subject to severe physiological stress through prolonged exertion and are at risk from predation by other animals to death caused by extremes of climate. A scientific paper which reviewed mammal trapping studies stated "across the literature, the majority of studies show a significant percentage of trapped individuals suffering major injuries" (Iossa and Soulsbury, 2007). Submersion traps, which create death by drowning, are considered inhumane due to the panic induced and the long period until unconsciousness (Ludders et al, 1999) – for example, 9 minutes for beaver, 4 minutes for muskrat (Gilbert et al1982).

Body-crushing traps are designed to snap shut on an animal's spinal column at the base of the skull. However, under field conditions, it is impossible to control the size, species, position and direction of the animal entering the trap. The result is that even target animals frequently are not killed, but endure prolonged suffering as the clamping force of the trap crushes their abdomen, head, or other body parts.

- **Little has changed in 170 years**: Since its creation in the 1820's, leghold traps have gone through marketing "face change," such as being referred to as "foothold traps" to avoid the stigma associated with leghold traps. However, these devices are not akin to Cinderella's slipper, as their new name implies, but are much the same primitive device that they were a nearly century ago. The same applies to body-crushing traps which may also be referred to as "smooth wire traps."

- **The public strongly opposes the continued use of leghold traps.** Reputable national surveys indicate that more than 75% of Americans oppose the use of steel-jawed leghold traps (Kellert and Berry, 1979 and 1980). This claim is buttressed by the fact that 8 states , including our neighboring states of Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, and Washington; Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, New Jersey, have banned or severely restricted the use of leghold and body-crushing traps.

- **Trapping is often confused with "population control"**. Because of the high *compensatory reproduction* ability exhibited by most fur-bearers, trapping creates a yo-yo effect on wildlife populations. Most game animal populations can withstand high *sustainable yield* reduction levels – which means that their numbers bounce back by the next breeding season due to increased litter size, breeding at an earlier age, increased juvenile survival, etc – all phenomenon that is biologically adapted to maximize population growth. The bottom line is that most trapping is done for recreation, and agencies like DEP manage furbearer numbers to allow for sustainable harvest. Population control is not achievable by this archaic tool due to this "bounce back" effect as documented in agency "bibles" such as *Wild Furbearer Management and Conservation in North America (*M. Novak et al) – for example, to achieve noticeable declines, one would have to remove over 40% of a beaver population or 50% of a raccoon population because of their ability to compensate for population losses. Regardless, as stated earlier, this bill would not have an affect on the use of traps for this purpose.

- **This law won't take away a farmer's tools:** Farmers will still have tools at their disposal. They will still be able to shoot or trap problem animals. Other long-term problem mitigation measures to avert crop and livestock damage include the use of netting, fencing, guard animals, shed lambing and other deterrents.

We urge your favorable support of this important animal welfare measure.

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New Hampshire Trappers Association

Dear Chairman and committee members,

I am speaking on behalf of the New Hampshire Trappers Association. We currently have 341 members and we are all against HB1514.

I would like to start out by reading two lines from the New Hampshire Trappers Association mission statement. Promote sound conservation, legislation and administrative procedures. Save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of the state of N.H. HB1514 is not sound legislation and this bill will waste a great natural resource. A natural resource that trappers manage for N.H. landowners at no charge.

Trapping is not done just anywhere. In N.H. you must have written landowner permission filed with fish and game before you can trap, therefore trapping is only done on N.H. landowners property who have made a conscientious decision to manage their land for furbearers. Trappers are able to manage furbearers at no cost to landowners because they are able to sell the furs from the animals they have harvested. If HB1514 passes, trapping would not end but trappers would not be compensated for the work they have done because they could not sell their fur. The trapper would have to charge the landowner a fee for managing his property for furbearers, something the landowner always got for free. In these tough economic times, I don't think the landowners of N.H. will be too happy to pay for something they always got for free.

I say trapping won't end because I have a report from fish and game on the 2006/2007 N.H. furbearers take by trapper and wildlife control operators. The trapper take is for species during the trapping season when the young are grown up and their fur is at it's optimal primeness. The wildlife control operators take is for species taken out of season that are considered a nuisance by landowners. From july 2006 to july 2007, 4556 beavers were harvested. 3377 by trapper and 1179 by wildlife control operators. Wildlife control operators took 26% of all the beavers caught. This tells me there is a need for more trapping during the season so that landowners don't have nuisance complaints when fur is of little or no value.

We need to address the waste of a natural resource that HB1514 will cause. If you were to manage your property for firewood. Would you thin your trees to promote growth, cut, split and stack your firewood only to let it rot because you could not sell or give it away. I think not. This is exactly what HB1514 will do to furbearers.

Let the landowners of N.H. who have chosen to manage their land for furbearers, keep their right to manage furbearers for free and let the trappers of N.H. sell the fur of furbearers so they can continue to perform this job at no cost to N.H. landowners.

In closing I ask you to kill HB1514.

Sincerely, Larry Torr

Larry Torr, President
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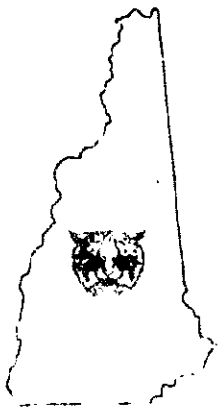

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The members of the New Hampshire Trappers Association, being duly grateful for the rich legacy of wildlife bequeathed by our predecessors, associate ourselves for the following purposes:

- Promote trapping of wildlife in the State of New Hampshire consistent with the Fish and Game Department's management plans and laws, as they exist;
- Promote sound conservation, legislation, and administrative procedures;
- Save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of the State of New Hampshire;
- Promote sound environmental education programs;
- Promote a continued annual fur harvest using the best management tools presently available for that purpose.

Table 8. 2006/2007 NH Furbearer Take by Trappers and Wildlife Control Operators.

Species	By Trapper*	By WCO	Total	Percent by WCO
Beaver	3,377	1,179	4,556	26%
Coyote	560	64	624	10%
Fisher	595	8	603	1%
Gray Fox	190	4	194	2%
Mink	449	3	452	1%
Muskrat	2,651	53	2,704	2%
Opossum	75	161	236	68%
Otter	345	12	357	3%
Raccoon	334	289	623	46%
Red Fox	495	419	914	46%
Skunk	213	967	1,180	82%
Weasel	29	2	31	6%

*These data may differ from that of previous reports due to late data submittals.

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TABLE 1. NH FURBEARER TRAPPER HARVEST BY SEASON.

SEASON	BEAVER	COYOTE	FISHER	GRAY FOX	MINK	MUSK-RAT	OTTER	RACCOON	RED FOX
2000-2001	2879	358	683	75	262	2169	244	244	208
2001-2002	4313	556	1001	183	616	3577	386	555	409
2002-2003	2280	532	781	188	367	1458	275	415	364
2003-2004	2798	734	801	271	353	1945	364	534	505
2004-2005	2595	661	753	117	362	2348	310	634	408
2005-2006	3057	464	548	71	292	2109	367	350	239
2006-2007	3371	560	595	190	449	2651	345	495	336
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TABLE 2. NH FURBEARER STATEWIDE CATCH PER 100 TRAP NIGHTS BY SEASON.

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2002-2003	7.25	2.72	2.31	1.54	1.85	5.72	2.15	2.30	1.95
2003-2004	7.15	1.88	2.83	1.37	1.73	6.34	2.33	2.26	2.17
2004-2005	8.09	1.59	2.51	1.52	2.19	9.17	1.76	3.00	1.86
2005-2006	6.38	1.85	1.94	0.86	2.07	7.76	1.58	2.46	1.52
2006-2007	7.31	1.77	1.34	1.12	1.30	5.41	1.58	1.78	2.03
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I'm Suzanne Fournier from Milford, NH. I'm the coordinator of the Animal Protection Activist Network of NH, and we support HB 1514 to ban fur in NH.

In our modern age fur is seen as a poor reason to take a life and risk the lives of other animals, like bobcats and pine martens that are rare, and even our dogs and cats.

Fur trapping is so objectionable to so many people, why is it still practiced in NH? Because control over policy at NH Fish & Game Department is still in the hands of sportspeople on the F&G Commission who can't see beyond their own narrow self interests.

I remind you that the Legislature's Performance Audit of F&G highlighted that this limited point of view at F&G needed to be expanded. The audit recommended changes that would open up policy and decision-making to those with points of view not tied to hunting, fishing or trapping, like those appreciating wildlife and involved in non-lethal wildlife activities.

However your committee has failed to change the decision-making structure at F&G that the Audit recommended, so we are all still here, stuck in the past with a wildlife management system that is dysfunctional even to the point of causing F&G financial failure. What we still have is a F&G Commission made up of sportspeople who vote consistently against any changes that don't benefit their minority constituencies.

Can anyone honestly argue that fur trapping is scientific management of wildlife? It is hardly scientific. Fur trappers seek

market value and pursue certain valuable species and not others and trap some species without limits. Fur trappers kill non-target wildlife that happen upon their traps. Fur trappers disrupt predator/prey relationships, and stimulate many species to reproduce. The biologists at F&G know that fur trapping is not scientific or necessary for them to do their management work, but they are not in control of policy, the Commission is.

Of course the F&G Commission voted against this bill, but does that mean you should too? Are you leaders or followers? If you are personally against the use of horrible traps for unnecessary fur, then *please* take a stand. If you want to respect the majority of the public which is against fur trapping, then it is your *obligation* to support this bill.

This is a reasonable bill that strategically gets rid of fur trapping while not taking away traps from the F&G Department for its research nor from those in the Wildlife Control Operator trapping program.

I ask you to be puppet masters, not puppets, and vote to ban fur even though the weight of the F&G Commission and their allies in hunting and trapping and gun owner organizations can seem daunting.

Please, be a leader and end fur trapping now.

Thank you.
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Fish & Game committee
January 20, 2010 10AM 305-307 LOB

Re: HB 1514

Will sponsors of this legislation next provide for repeal of the Hunting licenses issued by NH government, out of a desire not to hurt Bambi or Smokey the Bear, by those individuals who hunt?

This legislation, as forbidding further use after death of a fur bearing animal, caught in the wild, partakes of the touchy-feely agenda of PETA, misnamed as People Eating Tasty Animals. And is just as silly as preserving Bambi, to the point where hunting would need to be resumed after deer & bear exceed their food stocks, and start trespassing on fenced & unfenced private property.

Trapping, as both a source of revenue by licensing , by the state, and through sale of skins & some carcass, still retaining the hide, is a source of revenue to the trapper. Unemployed trappers, might go so far as to run for elected office, to defeat co-sponsors of this legislation, despite the minimal pay. And, for those who don't run for office, will increase the unemployment rolls, possibly even the Welfare rolls.

Trapping, as with hunting, is an integral part of a comprehensive wildlife management program ,and with the licensing, imposes a moderating condition on the numbers of trappers & hunters, such that the woods are not denuded of life-forms, that provide meat, hides and fur to the market, along with meat in freezers in this age of Depression & Inflation.

I prefer that committee find HB 1514 as Inexpedient to Legislate.

For Liberty,

Howard L. Wilson

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Re: HB 1514

If sponsors don't like trapper's, either for killing smaller game, or for killing animals for their fur alone, why use the round-about method in HB 1514? Especially when some forms of fur bearing animals can also be considered pests, for flooding of roads, and blocking culverts under town roads.
Just come right out and state the case for a total ban of trapping, it the animal trapped is to be further used as a revenue source by the trapper. Either as meat or just the fur, with the meat thrown away.

Absent a total ban, you are cutting into the revenue of the State, however limited the dollar value may be. And at least as a condition, placing these individual's on the road to homelessness, or at least, short-term un-employment, until they can adjust to seeking other kinds of work, even as low as displacing sponsors, in elected office.

I would prefer to consider trapper's as part of the total forest management program, along with hunter's & fishermen, providing both employment and enjoyment, of the greater outdoor's, by harvesting selected animals to keep the pest population down, and receiving money to supply furs into the millinery market.

Which is it to be? I would that trapping, for fur, be a continuing condition. And that the coyote, be part of this concept, even though to some the coyote has no economic potential. As such, I would recommend that committee find HB 1514 as Inexpedient to Legislate.

For Liberty,

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Testimony by: Joanne Bourbeau

In Support of: HB 1514

Committee: House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee

Date: January 20, 2010

My name is Joanne Bourbeau, and I am a Senior State Director for Vermont and New Hampshire for The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS). I am also a board member of the New Hampshire Federation of Humane Organizations and a member of the New Hampshire Governor's Commission on the Humane Treatment of Animals. On behalf of The HSUS and our more than 74,000 members and supporters in the state of New Hampshire, I would like to submit this written testimony in support HB 1514, "An Act prohibiting the sale, possession, and transportation of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals."

This is not the first time that animal advocates have been before this committee advocating for public policy reforms for wildlife. While this bill does not specifically ban body gripping traps, banning the sale and possession of raw skins will effectively end the need to use these cruel devices for profit. In the past, the state Fish and Game Department has testified that these traps are a necessary "tool" to manage urban wildlife conflicts like beaver-related flooding. Since this bill does not prohibit their use for this purpose, there is absolutely no "public safety" argument for opposing this bill. But there are *plenty* of humane, common sense arguments for supporting this bill.

These traps cause suffering: Body-gripping traps cause significant physical damage to wild animals ranging from bone fractures, tooth damage and twisted ligaments to hemorrhage. Animals in traps are subject to severe physiological stress through prolonged exertion and are at risk from predation by other animals to death caused by extremes of climate. A scientific paper which reviewed mammal trapping studies stated "across the literature, the majority of studies show a significant percentage of trapped individuals suffering major injuries" (Iossa and Soulsbury, 2007). Submersion traps, which create death by drowning, are considered inhumane due to the panic induced and the long period until unconsciousness (Ludders et al, 1999) – for example, 9 minutes for beaver, 4 minutes for muskrat (Gilbert et al1982).

Body-crushing traps are designed to snap shut on an animal's spinal column at the base of the skull. However, under field conditions, it is impossible to control the size, species, position and direction of the animal entering the trap. The result is that even target animals frequently are not killed, but endure prolonged suffering as the clamping force of the trap crushes their abdomen, head, or other body parts.

- **Little has changed in 170 years**: Since its creation in the 1820's, leghold traps have gone through marketing "face change," such as being referred to as "foothold traps" to avoid the stigma associated with leghold traps. However, these devices are not akin to Cinderella's slipper, as their new name implies, but are much the same primitive device that they were a nearly century ago. The same applies to body-crushing traps which may also be referred to as "smooth wire traps."

- **The public strongly opposes the continued use of leghold traps.** Reputable national surveys indicate that more than 75% of Americans oppose the use of steel-jawed leghold traps (Kellert and Berry, 1979 and 1980). This claim is buttressed by the fact that 8 states , including our neighboring states of Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, and Washington; Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, New Jersey, have banned or severely restricted the use of leghold and body-crushing traps.

- **Trapping is often confused with "population control"**. Because of the high *compensatory reproduction* ability exhibited by most fur-bearers, trapping creates a yo-yo effect on wildlife populations. Most game animal populations can withstand high *sustainable yield* reduction levels – which means that their numbers bounce back by the next breeding season due to increased litter size, breeding at an earlier age, increased juvenile survival, etc – all phenomenon that is biologically adapted to maximize population growth. The bottom line is that most trapping is done for recreation, and agencies like DEP manage furbearer numbers to allow for sustainable harvest. Population control is not achievable by this archaic tool due to this "bounce back" effect as documented in agency "bibles" such as *Wild Furbearer Management and Conservation in North America (*M. Novak et al) – for example, to achieve noticeable declines, one would have to remove over 40% of a beaver population or 50% of a raccoon population because of their ability to compensate for population losses. Regardless, as stated earlier, this bill would not have an affect on the use of traps for this purpose.

- **<u>This law won't take away a farmer's tools:</u>** Farmers will still have tools at their disposal. They will still be able to shoot or trap problem animals. Other long-term problem mitigation measures to avert crop and livestock damage include the use of netting, fencing, guard animals, shed lambing and other deterrents.

We urge your favorable support of this important animal welfare measure.

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I am asking you the members of this committee to pass HB 1514 which would ban the trade in furs for one reason- the steel jaw leghold trap is cruel-pure, plain and simple. This instrument of torture is currently banned in over sixty counties and many localities.

Iuse leghold traps in my protests against the wearing and buying of fur. It is so hard to open these traps once they are clamped down on flesh and bone. The victim suffers such excruciating pain from being caught on a tongue, leg, wing, etc. that it will chew off that part to escape and more often than not, die a slow, agonizing death from gangrene later. This process is callously called a "wring off" by trappers. Visualize your hand being slammed in a car door to imagine the pain. You can open the car door, the animal can never open the trap.

Leghold and conibear traps are completely indiscriminate, capturing nursing domestic and wild animal mothers whose babies die of starvation. They also capture endangered species and many domestic animals such as dogs and cats. I don't think you will find a veterinarian who hasn't treated victims of these traps. Those animals that survive usually have an amputated limb for the rest of their lives.

In many remote rural areas traps are not checked regularly, not matter what the trapping laws require. Animal caught for extended periods perish from starvation, exposure to the elements, and being killed by predators.

No part-time job, which fur trapping essentially is today is worth such blatant and brutal animal suffering.

Please show your compassion for those who cannot speak for themselves- and pass this humane legislation.

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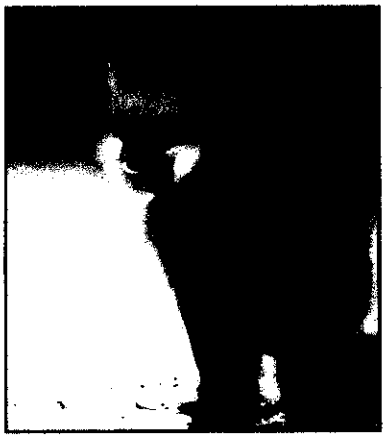
This Fox Needs Her Fur

WE DON'T



Please Support House Bill 1514

to End Fur Trapping in NH

Fur trapping is an unnecessary and barbaric activity, done to supply people with objects of vanity: fur coats, trim and accessories. Fur is no longer needed to keep us warm nor is it needed to be fashionable. An animal's pain and suffering cannot be justified for such a frivolous product.

New Hampshire has less than 500 licensed trappers, but these few men and women cause unnecessary pain and suffering, that we can only imagine, to thousands of NH foxes, coyotes, fishers, minks, muskrats, otters, beavers, and raccoons.

Why do we allow so few people to cause so much destruction to our NH wildlife while many more of us are wildlife watchers and nature lovers who prefer these animals to be free from the cruelty of traps? To end this inequity please support HB 1514, the bill to end fur trapping in NH.

Note: HB 1514 will not ban traps. Read the bill text at http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/legislation/2010/HB1514.html

The Leghold Trap

The leghold trap is the most popular fur trapping tool used. There have been plenty of studies into the effect of leghold traps, and all reveal the cruelty inherent in the device. The two steel jaws of the trap slam shut on the animal's paw and although the initial impact of the trap causes injury it is the attempts to escape the trap that cause major damage. The trapped animal, in desperate attempts to escape, will rip flesh, break bones, sever muscles and tendons, knock out teeth while biting at the trap and will even chew off the trapped limb. The gnawing off of a limb is so common that trappers call these animals "wring-offs."

> ***"It [the leghold trap] is probably the most cruel device ever invented by man."— Dick Randall, former U.S. govt. trapper***

A study in Wheeler National Wildlife Refuge over a 4 year period found that 27.6% of mink, 24% of raccoon, and 26% of trapped fox would bite off their limbs in hopes of surviving.

In 1958 the steel-jaw leghold trap was banned in England. Since that time it has been banned in over 88 countries and in 8 states. Surveys show that the majority of Americans oppose its use.

In 1863 Charles Darwin said of the leghold trap: "It is scarcely possible to exaggerate the suffering thus endured from fear, from acute pain, maddened by thirst, and by vain attempts to escape."

The Conibear Trap

The Conibear trap was invented in 1957 as an instant kill trap. The problem is it kills instantly only if the animal is of a certain size, and enters the trap at a specific angle and speed. Many times the Conibear smashes down, clamping onto various parts of the animal's body, for example, the shoulder, neck, abdomen, etc., where the agony will be unspeakable.

A very much alive coyote caught in a Conibear

The Snare

The snare is a noose made of wire or cable. In NH the snare is permitted in water traps to catch beaver and otter. Every time the animal pulls, the noose will tighten, causing slow strangulation. Which comes first; death by strangulation or drowning? Both are cruel. The American Veterinary Medical Assoc. lists drowning as an inhumane method of euthanasia.

The Non-Targets

Traps are notorious for catching animals other than what is intended. Many of these unintended victims are released, never reported and die of their injuries. Non-target animals are called "trash" by the trappers.

A former government-employed trapper Dick Randall told the 1976 Congressional Hearings: "Even though I was an experienced, professional trapper, my trap victims included non-target species such as bald-eagles and golden eagles, a variety of hawks and other birds, rabbits, sage grouse, pet dogs, deer, antelope, porcupines, sheep and calves."

"Depending on how hard the animal has struggled, the leg will be lacerated, often dislocated at the shoulder, sometimes twisted off above the paw so that only the leg sinews bind the limb to the trap." **—Dick Randall**

How They Die

In NH traps must be checked each calendar day. If set early one day (6am) and checked late on the next day (8pm), this could mean an animal has struggled to escape for 38 hrs. Methods of killing when the trapper returns are to prevent damage to the fur. The most common method is to bludgeon the terrified animal on the nose and then stepping on the throat and chest to cause suffocation. To read, first hand from the trappers, methods of how they kill go to this blog: http://www.taxidermy.net/forums/BeginnersArticles/04/a/041A54490A.html

The Management Myth

When a wildlife population approaches the limit that the habitat can sustain — the "carrying capacity" — reproduction and survival decrease because less food is available to each individual, and the population begins to decline. The weak and sick die. This is called natural selection and works much better than unnatural, inhumane trapping.

Fur trapping rarely kills weak and sick animals. Those animals aren't traveling where traps are set. Weak and sick animals, especially those with rabies, have stopped eating so they travel less and don't respond to baited traps. It is rare for a fur trapper to catch an ailing animal nor do they want to. Fur trappers want animals with a good coat, i.e., a healthy and vibrant animal.

The Lie of Best Management Practices (BMPs)

BMPs For Trapping in the U.S., a study conducted by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, was primarily funded by the USDA (our tax money) with additional funding from the International Fur Trade Federation which "seeks to protect fur trade interests." The study involved trapper associations and trappers evaluating their own industry.

It is safe to say that the Best Management Practices of Trapping is a biased study conducted by trapping proponents to make trapping more acceptable to the general public.

Conclusion

From the evidence presented here, in this limited format, it should be clear to all that trapping is one of the cruelest acts we cause to our fellow inhabitants of this earth. Our wildlife should not be treated so horrifically for any reason, but to do this to them for frivolous reasons is unconscionable. As Mathew Scully, former speech writer for the first President Bush and author of "Dominion, The Power of Man, the Suffering of Animals, and the Call to Mercy" wrote, "We are called to treat them [animals] with kindness, not because they have rights or power or some claim to equality, but in a sense because they don't; because they all stand unequal and powerless before us."

Please consider this a call to mercy and support HB1514, the bill to ban fur trapping in NH.

What You Can Do

We can end this cruel and unnecessary treatment of New Hampshire wildlife by passing HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill.

For those with the opportunity to vote on this important legislation, our lawmakers, please listen to the nature lovers and wildlife watchers of NH, who outnumber the proponents of fur trapping, and vote to pass this bill.

Residents of NH Please:

- Call or write your Representatives now and ask them to support HB 1514, the NH Fur Ban Bill. Later on call or write your state Senator. See gencourt.state.nh.us/ to find your legislator's contact information.
- Attend the legislative hearing on this bill even if you only have the time to come in and sign in support of the bill. This might be the single most important action you can take if you want to see fur trapping end in NH. The animals need you there!

The Coalition to End Fur Trapping
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January 20, 2010

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Written Testimony to the House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee
In Support of HB 1514
For the Official Record

Dear Honorable Members of the Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee,

I am writing to ask for your support for HB 1514, the bill to end fur trapping in NH. Fur trapping is extremely cruel and is not necessary. It is not true that fur trapping is needed to manage wild animal populations nor is it needed or effective in controlling disease in animal populations. These are truly myths passed down over the years and now stated as fact. Management began to control excessive killing of animals. Now it is called wildlife management when really it should be called trapper management.

There isn't a single legitimate scientific study that proves trapping is needed to manage wildlife. Animal populations are controlled by the abundance or lack of food, not by human intervention. The simple fact that trappers are employed year after year to trap "nuisance" animals from the same location is a clear example that the strategy doesn't work.

Natural predators will keep populations in check. When prey (food) isn't abundant neither will predators be abundant. Removing predators, as fur trappers do, increases prey and therein lies the problems we may have with prey animals. **Does it make sense to fur trap fisher when there is an abundance of porcupine?** Fisher is one of the few good predators of the porcupine.

As for the argument that trapping stops the spread of disease this again is simply not true. There is no way for trappers to catch just infected animals. They kill both healthy and sick individuals. To completely eradicate a disease you must destroy the entire population to be sure you have gotten rid of it. That is the only way to clear out disease through trapping. No trapper can guarantee the eradication of disease or guarantee that only sick animals will be caught and destroyed.

- **The USDA does not rely on trapping to reduce rabies. It uses massive distribution of vaccinated bait. The fact is that trapping healthy animals where some animals are rabid increases the percentage of rabid animals left behind.** Many areas have found far greater success with using vaccinated bait. They place vaccinated laced treats in areas where they will be found by wild animals and the animals ingest the treat along with the vaccine. This is safer for animals and for people and pets as well as being highly effective and cost efficient.

Fur trappers do significant damage to animal populations beyond the obvious. Top predators like the coyote and fisher typically target, weak, and/or old and dying animals. They are obviously easier targets. Fur trappers, on the other hand, typically target the largest and best "prize" animal they can. They target the healthy animal with the best fur. Removing the better

breeding stock of a population is a horrible way to "manage a species." The natural world has a far better way of doing it.

In the case of the Beaver; when a beaver colony has been established there is little need for the colony to increase its pond size or fell any more large trees. Beavers find a remarkable balance once their colony is established and simply need to upkeep what is there. If you remove the beavers from the area, as fur trappers do, all that happens is prime real estate is opened up for new beavers to move in and breed, who will need to fell more trees, in order to create new dams and lodgings. This is why communities continue to spend countless dollars year after year removing new beavers. Trapping animals does not solve the problem; it is a temporary fix and does nothing for the greater good. If there is a danger of flooding it is much easier, cheaper, and ecologically sound to install flow devices to maintain the water level to prevent flooding. These same deterrent type techniques can be used for all animals, and is far more humane, safer and effective.

- **The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department's own Wildlife Action Plan for the state extols the benefits of beavers to the environment**. The plan recommends the use of beaver pipes and other flow devices instead of removal of beavers even when beavers are causing flooding problems.

Because fur trapping is not necessary and actually interferes with nature's superior population control of a healthy furbearer population I ask that you support HB 1514, the bill to end fur trapping in NH. Thank you.

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Beaver Pond Benefits

Active Ponds
Improve downstream water quality
Provide watering holes for agricultural and wildlife needs
Supply important breeding areas for amphibians and fish
Provide diverse wetland habitats
Furnish feeding, brood rearing and resting areas for waterfowl
Encourage many reptile, bat, amphibian, fish and bird species

Beaver may live up to 10 years in one pond and then they move on.
Abandoned Ponds
Furnish snags for cavity-nesters and insectivores
Fallen logs supply cover for reptiles and amphibians
Provide essential edges and forest openings
Supply diverse moist-soil habitats within bottomland forests
Create productive bottomland forests
Provide foraging and nesting areas for bats, songbirds, owls, and hawks
http://www.ces.ncsu.edu/forestry/pdf/www/www23.pdf

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Testimony before the House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee in Support of HB 1514

Good morning Chairman Abbott and committee members. My name is Linda Dionne, I am a lifelong resident of NH and I am here representing the New Hampshire Animal Rights League in support of HB 1514.

The NH Animal Rights League is a small grassroots all voluntary organization that works for the rights of animals. Maybe some of you on this committee see animal rights as extreme and may not give us the respect we deserve on this issue. I hope that isn't the case because there is nothing extremist about being against fur and fur trapping. On this issue the NH Animal Rights League stands with the majority.

I am giving you with this testimony the names of approximately 500 NH citizens who signed our petition against fur trapping and who support HB1514. With more time and opportunity we could've gotten many more signatures, because one thing we found out when collecting signatures is that few people said no to signing a petition against fur trapping. People just can't believe fur trapping still goes on in NH in this day and age.

Long gone are the days when trappers and furs were a part of our everyday life. It is no longer right or necessary to fur trap. And because fur trapping causes so much pain and suffering it will never go back to the way it once was. This is one of those traditions that are better left in the past, and it should happen now in New Hampshire with the passage of HB 1514.

It isn't true that fur trapping is needed to manage wildlife. In actuality there isn't a single legitimate scientific study that proves that fur trapping is needed to manage wildlife. Management began in the late 1800s to stop excessive killing of animals. If fur trappers had been allowed to run amuck many species would be in trouble today and some may not even exist. We have all seen those pictures of the early days when trappers proudly posed in front of their displays of hundreds of dead animals. So this management that began to control the excessive killing of animals is now called wildlife management when it really should be called trapper management.

Predator and prey can live side by side controlling their own populations as nature intended. They did it before we came along and they can do it again.

It is true that fur trapping is cruel. Once the trap slams shut on the animal a frenzied attempt to escape begins that goes on for hours and hours and hours. An animal's strongest instinct is to survive. Being captured is a nightmare for any wild animal. Running away and hiding from danger is paramount. So they will do almost anything to get away. They bite at the trap and break teeth. They pull with all of their strength to escape and in the process tear skin and flesh.

Dick Randall, an expert trapper who once trapped as a government employed trapper stated it this way, **"Depending on how hard the animal has struggled to escape, the leg will be lacerated, often dislocated at the shoulder, sometimes twisted off above the paw so that only the leg tendons bind the limb to the trap."**

The killing methods once the trapper returns are cruel also. Here are a few killing methods in the trapper's own words which can be found on the Internet: http://predatorhuntingtoday.com/how-to-humanily-kill-a-coyote.htm

1. "Break the neck of the animal by putting a stick over it, stand on it and then heave the body high up.
2. Stun or choke it. Beat it on the head with a shovel right where the head meets the neck. After this, stand on the neck while resting your weight in the place where the heart is: this especially works well with foxes.
3. Cudgel it. This is the commonest killing-method. The animal gets several blows on the head with a hammer, shovel or any convenient tool."

Why do we allow so much pain and suffering for something that is as needless as it is inhumane? I hope you will ask yourselves that question and come to the conclusion that there is no good answer and you will support HB 1514.

Linda Dionne, President

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New Hampshire House of Representatives

Trapping foxes, coyotes, fishers, minks, muskrats, otters,
beavers,weasels and raccoons so that they can be made into fur garments is unnecessary and inhumane.
As **residents and taxpayers of New Hampshire**, we are signing this petition in support of House Bill **HB1514**,the Fur Ban Bill, asking NH Legislators to ban fur trapping in New Hampshire.

Thank you for your time.

	Name	From	Comments
1.	Melvin Herbert	Warner, NH	I urge the Legislators of NH to support this Bill HB HB1514-FN. Thank you!
2.	Linda Dionne	Raymond, NH	Trapping animals for fur is unnecessary and a frivolous reason to cause so much pain and suffering. The animals need their fur coats, we don't.
3.	Tricia Orr	Warner, NH	Fur trapping is so unnecessary and is one of the most extreme forms of violence we perpetrate against animals. It is not uncommon for companion animals and other "non-target" animals to be caught in traps. I urge legislators to vote yes on HB 1514. Make future generations proud of your vote for what is right and decent, and ensure that wild animals may live in a safe, trap-free environment. Thank you.
4.	Kelly McGlinchey	Hanover, NH	
5.	abbie demers	Warner, NH	Trapping for fur is unnecessary and inhumane. Formaldehyde, chromium, and other dangerous chemicals are used in the processing of furs. This pollution is hurtful to the world we live in and is not necessary.
7.	Suzanne Fournier	Milford, NH	
8.	Louisa Dell'Amico	Northfield, NH	The leghold trap is banned in 80 countries, yet we Americans regard ourselves as "civilized"? Think again! It's time for us to ban this barbaric practice and begin to catch up with the rest of the world.
9.	Cynthia Stave	New Boston, NH	Why should these animals suffer?
10.	Stasia M Millett	Wilton, NH	When the heart of humankind is weighed against a feather, how pure will our souls be judged if we continue these atrocities against innocent (other) animals?
11.	Margaret M. Calderwood	Hampton, NH	With all of the amazing faux fur available to the fashion industry, there is no longer a legitimate need for the cruelty of trapping.
12.	Louise Benelas	Manchester, NH	
13.	stacey purslow	rochester, NH	

	Name	From	Comments
14.	Elinor Yeaton	Concord, NH	The cruelty we thoughtlessly inflict on animals is coming back on us in inumerable ways. Isn't it about time we broke the cycle of violence? I definitely think so.
15.	Nancy Clark	Wilton, NH	
16.	Ruth Smith, PhD	Wilton, NH	Animals aren't here for exploitation by humans, especially as signals of socio-economic status. Please make it official and ban trapping. Thank you.
17.	Diane Symonds	North Hampton, NH	
18.	Joel Stave	new boston, NH	Unnecessary, cruel and damages the environment, both from the production of the clothing itself and the killing of high-level predators, that help keep the rest of the animal population healthy.
19.	Maura Fleming	Hampton, NH	
20.	Denise Worcester	Deering, NH	We need to end the cruel and barbaric practice of fur trapping NOW !!!!!
22.	Sydney Pie	Dublin, NH	Please stop fur trapping in NH. There is no need for humans to wear real animal fur!
24.	Tara Rix	Portsmouth, NH	
25.	Mary Carroll	Twin Mountain, NH	
26.	GISELE PINARD	MANCHESTER, NH	PLEASE End Fur Trapping in New Hampshire!
27.	Pamela Pendlebury	New Boston, NH	Very cruel, unnecessary and unhealthy for the environment
28.	Cynthia Armstrong	Portsmouth, NH	Fur Trapping is an abomination!
29.	Erin Luebkeman	Portsmouth, NH	Animals caught by the heavy steel jaws of the leghold trap suffer excruciating pain on impact; the trap can tear the flesh, cut tendons and liga- ments, and break bones. When the animals struggle to free themselves, they aggravate their injuries. A trapped animal often chews or twists off the limb caught in the trap in an effort to escape—29 percent of the raccoons observed in one study did this. Some traps have "teeth" on the jaws, which add to the physical trauma. Trapped animals may struggle in pain for days. Dehydration, blood loss, hypothermia, and predation by other animals may claim their lives before the trapper returns. Standard methods of killing trapped animals include clubbing with a shovel or metal pipe and standing on the chest to cause suffocation. A number of state-issued trapping manuals aimed at young and novice trappers recommend these techniques. Leghold traps are also set underwater or set so that the animal is pulled underwater. Traps set this way are referred to as drowning sets. The animals—mostly minks, *(continues on next page)*

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29.	Erin Luebkeman	Portsmouth, NH	*(continued from previous page)* muskrats, beavers, raccoons, and otters—struggle for several min- utes before they die. The AVMA has declared death by drowning to be inhumane.
30.	Sarah Raymond	Dover, NH	
31.	M B	Derry, NH	
32.	Laura Beth Slitt	Bartlett, NH	While modern traditions may be long in standing, traditions that inflict egregious suffering must be phased out. The fur on animals is no different than the skin on human beings in that it is theirs for their life time. Assuming humans have a right to remove it is absurd. The ethical practices of any culture regarding animals is huge measure of of its righteousness. It is imperative that we stop practicing violence and cruelty to animals who like humans, desire to be free and not suffer.
33.	Carla Skinder	Cornish, NH	Dear Legislators, Trapping animals is inhumane and certainly not necessary. There is no longer a need for people to trap animals and at this time the majority of people in NH that trap are doing so for the "sport" and pelts that are no longer needed for people to wear. Provisions will be made for nuisance animals. If you read the accounts of people that trapped years ago they will tell you that they would never do it again, it was cruel though back then the furs were used for warm clothing. Animals that are caught in a trap suffer tremendous pain and stress for hours on end...that is inhumane. Traps do not single out the animal that is to be caught and often kills many non-fur bearing animals and pets. Even the state of Montana is looking at ending this cruel and unhumane practice. Please look at this bill as a way of turning a new leaf on an outdated practice for F and G to go humane!
34.	Jan Welch	Center Harbor, NH	
36.	dee phlox	jackson, NH	There are many "traditions" our ancesters followed, but many of them are very wrong. These include slavery and cruelty to all life forms. Trapping of animals needs to be extinct. Please help this happen.
37.	Stephanie Houle	Rochester, NH	Is it really worth torturing animals just so you can feel pretty? It's time to dig deep and rediscover our humanity and end these cruel practices!
38.	Matthew Hancock	Rye, NH	
39.	Sherryl Marchant	Londonderry, NH	
40.	Barbara Albright	Chester, NH	This practice is so outdated and un-necessary in New Hampshire society, it is insulting we have not banned this barbaric practice years ago. Let's follow our neighbors & put this on the books!

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42.	Regina Knowlton	Windham, NH	It's antiquated, selfish and totally unnecessary for these animals to be subjected to cruelty for blatant vanity. They live for their own purpose not to serve us or be used - when are people going to get it. I pay taxes in NH, quite a bit and I am vehemently against any practice that harms animals, this is barbaric!
43.	Susan Sawtelle	Rye, NH	
44.	Teshia O'Keefe	Wolfeboro, NH	Enough of this nonsense already.
45.	Roberta Guthro	Nashua, NH	Do we really need this?? I say NO!!!! As a TAXPAYER I do not want this type of useless trapping in my state!!!! I base my voting on people who try to end this torture!!!!
46.	Jacki Lariviere	New Boston, NH	This is an incredibly cruel unnecessary "Industry" and should be stopped immediately.
47.	Caroline Bogart	Litchfield, NH	
48.	greham pendlebury	new boston, NH	
49.	Judith Lafreniere	Greenville, NH	We can certainly survive without wearing some defenseless animal's coat. This barbaric way of life needs to be stopped for good. We have come a long way since our ancestors, let's prove it by supporting House Bill 1514 and ending fur trapping in NH forever.
50.	Tom Joseph	Warner, NH	Fur trapping in the 21st century seems unncessary and cruel. I support traditional hunters rights and activities but not this.
51.	Bill Cuff	Milton, NH	It's time we get past barbaric practices
52.	Arthur LeBlanc	Pembroke, NH	
53.	Lockwood Barr	Portsmouth, NH	
55.	Swathi Bethi	Hanover, NH	This is cruel and should be banned in NH
56.	Frank Wallace	Antrim, NH	
57.	Ken Faggiano	Exeter, NH	
58.	Denise Pearl	Concord, NH	Please put an end to animal trapping...no more suffering for animals.
59.	Austin Gilson	penacook, NH	I support this petition.
60.	Susan Carll	Concord, NH	Stop the cruelty! There is no need for humans to wear animal fur. Stop animal trapping now!
61.	Betty Mauser	Manchester, NH	
63.	Ericka Shimkonis	Suncook, NH	
64.	James Sibulkin	Manchester, NH	
81.	Mary Murphy	Bedford, NH	
91.	Jennifer Anderson	Nashua, NH	
92.	Linda Hooper	Manchester, NH	
93.	Janet Fotos	Hollis, NH	

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97.	Amy Borlaug	Nashua, NH	AmyE Borlaug
108.	Katrina Yurenka	Jaffrey, NH	Theis cruel and inhumane practice needs to stop - forever. Please help.
113.	RJ Murphy	Bedford, NH	
117.	Debra Carbone	Loudon, NH	Fur trapping is a barbaric practice that must be ended.
124.	Maria Remillard	Manchester, NH	Please end the use of inhumane traps. There is no valid reason to cause an animal such pain and mental anguish.
148.	Kally Abrams	Bow, NH	
150.	Linda Leubner	Exeter, NH	This is so inhumane. Hard to believe that this is still legal in this day and age. If you feel the need to kill defenseless animals, at least do it in a humane way, not by trapping.
151.	Dennis Duchesne	Wilton, NH	I would like to see this cruel and insensitive practice of fur trapping end in New Hampshire.
152.	Dee Treybig	Bow, NH	
153.	Diane Thompson	Deerfield, NH	
154.	Elaine Bolognese	Pelham, NH	Please stop this inhumane and cruel abuse. We, as human beings, need to expect more from ourselves.
156.	Kristina Drociak	Manchester, NH	
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158.	Sandra Roberts-Bishop	Salem, NH	
159.	Amanda Wellman	North Hampton, NH	
161.	Cheryl McNally	New Boston, NH	
163.	Wayne Cole	Exeter, NH	Put an end to the suffering.
165.	Sean Costello	Hooksett,, NH	
166.	Julie Anderson Perron	Madbury, NH	Trapping is barbaric. Along with the suffering of the targeted wild animals, these archaic torture devices also maim and kill hundreds of domestic pets each year. Where are our moral and ethical values?? I challenge anyone voting against this bill to watch an animal in a trap, then see where you stand on this issue.
167.	Michele McDonough	Nashua, NH	
169.	Alaina Bailey	Bow, NH	People has enough options for fake fur that they should not have to rely on killing an innocent wild animal just so they can wear it's skin.
170.	Jade MacDonnell	Londonderry, NH	
172.	Amy DiCosmo	Nottingham, NH	
173.	priscilla b	Pembroke, NH	
174.	sharon mitchell	raymond, NH	

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175.	Josephine Donovan	Portsmouth, NH	
177.	Sara Siegel	Bow, NH	
180.	Shelly Mulholland	Manchester, NH	Please stop the suffering! These innocent animals are being tortured.. there are alternatives to using real fur. And to the people who must wear fur coats, let them watch a video on the suffering of these poor animals... maybe they'll feel empathy instead of vanity!!
181.	Matthew Jones	Concord, NH	
182.	Jenn Miles	Nashua, NH	
184.	Emily Murphy	dover, NH	There are some practices that are just too unnecessarily cruel to continue to allow, even if they are considered a tradition or custom. Not all traditions of the world (or even of our own country) should be endorsed, particularly not in a democratic country and state such as ours. Sometimes we need laws to be enacted and enforced to make sure we are preventing some of the more cruel practices of our time (and past times).
185.	Diana Godbout	Weare, NH	
187.	Lisa Drake	Manchester, NH	Please put an end to this inhumane and unnecessary activity.
188.	Ann-Marie Tessier	Dunbarton, NH	
189.	Kat Ranalletti	Nashua, NH	
190.	Dawn Wunderli	Bow, NH	For more impact, add a personal comment here
191.	David Ellwood	Nashua, NH	Please stop fur trapping in New Hampshire.
193.	George LaForte	Manchester, NH	Please stop the carnage to these poor, beautiful animals!!
195.	Sue Fryer	Newton, NH	
196.	George Martin	Nashua, NH	I can't think of a more cruel way to kill animals. Hunting with a gun is humane compared to a trap where the animal will die a horrible death.
197.	Ernest Roberts	Bedford, NH	
198.	Liz Pelonzi-Roy	loudon, NH	
200.	Otto Morales	Manchester, NH	
201.	Janet Krueger	Newbury, NH	
205.	John Cunha	Windham, NH	Unnecessary, wanton, cruel and beyond its contemporary need.
252.	marie baker	gilford, NH	Let's progress into the 21st century completely and use only faux fur for fashion.
255.	Christopher Garceau	Windham, NH	

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267.	Peter Papadopoulos	Dover, NH	Fur is not a human need and getting it is cruel. Compassion and fairness dictate that fur trapping must end.
274.	Nancy Normand	Concord, NH	I remember my excitement when I started to see sign of Coyote again in NH in the 1980s; then there was my startlement when advertisements started appearing of 'winter parka with coyote trim"; it makes no sense; as others have mentioned, trapping upsets the delicate balance between predator and prey.
275.	Ginny L. Peterson Peterson	Laconia, NH	Please vote to have fur tapping banned in NH.
279.	Rebecca Harnish	Strafford, NH	Please help to end fur-trapping in NH!!!!!
283.	Paula Gay	Concord, NH	
296.	Julie Schroeppel	Francestown, NH	This is an extremely cruel and barbaric practice and must be ended. These poor animals struggle daily just to survive. They need their fur - we don't.
301.	Beth Chesterley	Allenstown, NH	
310.	Gayle Ellwood	Nashua, NH	Please end fur trapping!!
319.	Tom Gardner	Milford, NH	
343.	Shelley Vessels	Manchester, NH	
344.	Corey Vessels	Manchester, NH	
347.	Deanna Obrey	Derry, NH	
348.	christine celella	N Woodstock, NH	
352.	Kelli Taylor	Nashua, NH	PLease speak for the animals that can not speak for themselves
366.	Petr Lord	Greenfield, NH	
369.	Patrice Fotino	Pelham, NH	Fur trapping is unnecessary and WRONG! Please end this NOW!
372.	stephen richmond	manchester, NH	
373.	Lori McCarron	Pelham, NH	How absolutely horrible this is that we torture these poor animals for a stupid piece of clothing! These animals have just as many rights to life as we do, and certainly don't deserve this absolutely inhumane and disgusting treatment. How selfish can humans get!?
374.	Kim Camuso	Hudson, NH	Please end this cruel practice to save and preserve our wild animals in New Hampshire.
375.	Margaret Doscher	Hopkintn, NH	Please end this outdated cruelty to animals...we have fake fur
376.	Heather Roberts	Farmington, NH	
378.	Sheila Fraser	Milford, NH	It is extremely sad, that this is a sport now. We are not in a time of need for these animals or their pelts , as in the days of long ago. This needs to be stopped, it is Cruel and Inhumane.

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379.	Margaret L Nelson	Henniker, NH	HB 1514 STOP fur trapping in NH
381.	TERRY FUSCO	Chester, NH	It is an inhumane method and not necessary with the intro of faux fur if anyone feels that they have to wear fur It is time to put people to work in the cloth and wool industry instead of a killing inhumaely industry
382.	Stefanie Buckley	Manchester, NH	
383.	Susan Monty	Derry, NH	There is absolutely no justification for something as cruel and horrific as trapping!
385.	Susan Marshall	Derry, NH	
401.	Ann W. Firestone	South Acworth, NH	
402.	Gale wood	nottingham, NH	
403.	Jean Donovan	Derry, NH	Trapping of wild animals is one of the crulest things that can happen to them. These beautiful animals should be allowed to live in the wilderness in peace to add to the history of our country. Their environment sadly is becoming smaller and smaller and we are driving them in some cases to lose what they have. There should be no sale of furs!!!!!!
445.	Tara Monty	Derry, NH	
446.	joanie gardner	newport, NH	"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated". Mahatma Gandhi
486.	kathryn shane	mirror lake, NH	As a New Hampshire resident I ask that trapping animals stop in the state. This is a horribly cruel method of taking an animal down. Last year, I came across a dead trapped fox in the woods with a dead kit laying next to her. A horrible death for both. I wonder if that little kit was skinned along with his mother to make a coat more "fashionable" by adding a bit of fur to the collar. Shame on all who condone this cruel disregard for a creature's suffering. It is not cool to wear fur and it is not cool to cause suffering.
488.	Mary McFall	Henniker, NH	
489.	Janice Reed	Concord, NH	
490.	Sara Cleaves	Dover, NH	
492.	Barry Taylor	Franklin, NH	Trapping is cruel, and it's SO unnecessary! We're not barbarians anymore, can we PLEASE get past wearing the skins of other living beings?
499.	Sue Hankard	Gilford, NH	Fur trapping is inhumane, cruel, and torturous for the helpless victims. Let's bring an end to this barbaric practice.
502.	Deborah Kodesh	Derry, NH	I can't believe this is still being done in this day and age!!! How would the people doing the trapping like to be stuck in one of these traps! End this suffering of these poor animals now!!!!!

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503.	Holly Rice	Georges Mills, NH	
506.	Jessica Storey	New Hampton, NH	
512.	Betty Mauser	Manchester, NH	
514.	linda lawson	concord, NH	
516.	Sandra Camire	East Kingston, NH	
534.	Eve Scarcello	Concord, NH	
536.	Deb Chirgwin	Chester, NH	This cruelty has to stop forever. There is no excuse to continue this horrible practice.
549.	debra boucher	Manchester, NH	
568.	Donna Eyssi	Salem, NH	Please support the banning of this horrible practice! Thank you very much Donna Eyssi
569.	Paul Harvey	Durham, NH	
570.	Kathleen Kennedy	Greenland, NH	
571.	kim gerrard	merrimack, NH	Please end this practice.
585.	W Cassetta	Concord, NH	
586.	Sandra Gosser	Portsmouth, NH	
587.	Sheryl Koch	Concord, NH	
589.	Charles Latchis	Concord, NH	Please let us put an end to the barbaric and inhumane practice of killing the wonderful wild animals of our beautiful state by passing House Bill 1514. We need to protect our precious furry friends who deserve a life of freedom in their natural habitat. If we love our dear pet friends such as dogs and cats, horses, etc. we shouldn't be averse to extending our compassion to other mammals living in our midst. Please vote to end fur-trapping in NH!
590.	Paula Mattis	Concord, NH	
592.	victoria shouldis	hillsboro, NH	
594.	brandi B	alton, NH	i think it is barrbaric to kill animals for their fur, it doesn't keep you warm, it sheds and looks terrible, it has nothing good about it, its beauty is on the animal who wears it best i pray this stops
596.	Kathy desroches	espsom, NH	Please vote in favor of ending animal trapping for fur.
597.	hamsa sundram	Bow, NH	
598.	Sy Montgomery	hancock, NH	In 2010, trapping animals for their fur is as barbaric as slavery and cannibalism--and just as needless, with so many job and clothing alternatives available. Let's act like civilized and humane people and end this hideous and unnecessary exploitation of animals. Cognitive and neuro-Science as well as our own hearts tell us that our fellow mammals, who share 90 percent of our genetic *(continues on next page)*

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598.	Sy Montgomery	hancock, NH	*(continued from previous page)* material, experience fear and pain and love their lives just as we do. Thank you for your consideration.
614.	Suzanne McMullen	Nashu, NH	Please stop this heinous cruelty & support the animals. Consider this happening to you or a loved one. Where is our compassion- where is yours? Please speak up for these innocent victims, as only you can!! You truly have the power– please use it appropriately! An animal lover in Nashua!!
615.	Patricia Jacobson	Auburn, NH	I urge you to vote to end fur trapping in NH. The true baromoter of a person's heart and soul is how he or she treats animals. Please show the rest of the country that NH is truely a state with a heart and soul; that the fur trade has no place in a state that values freedom and compassion for all; that cruelty will not be tolerated, especially to satisfy someone's heartless vanity. I am a resident of this state because of my love and respect of it's nature. As a regisitered voter, these are the issues I watch and continue to watch before I ever cast a vote. Thank You
616.	Diane OCallahan	North Hampton, NH	
617.	Elizabeth Townsend	Jaffrey, NH	
618.	Lori Bettencourt	Epping, NH	
621.	Lauren Synnott	Jackson, NH	Please listen to your heart on this and protect those who do not have a voice. I have personally seen the pain that can be caused through trapping. I once saw a dog brought into a vet's office that had been accidentally caught in a trap by the leg. His people were homeless and could not pay to have medical care given to him. Nontarget animals are caught way too often. Traps cause a huge amount of suffering in animals, which is important whether they are the targeted animal or not. Thank you
622.	Janice younginger	Bow, NH	We had a bear who came into our yard 4 times with a trap and chain hanging from it's foot. We called Fish and Game but they were not able to catch the bear. I'm not sure what happened to this bear but it was heartbreaking to see.

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3	Molly Danforth	Molly Danforth	Wolfeboro, NH	—
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5	[illegible]	[illegible]	GILFORD NH	—
6	Pam Bugas	Pam Bugas	Brookfield, NH 03872	—
7	[illegible]	[illegible]	Wolfeboro NH 03894	—
8	Ben Hart	Ben Hart	Wolfeboro, NH 03894	—
9	Nora Dubay	Nora Dubay	Tuftonboro NH 03816	—
10	Sandi Harmer		325 Pandemill Rd NH 03809	
11	Diane Malnick	Diane Mal	24 Shirley Way Mirror Lake NH 03853	
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10	Florence Andersson		477 Oak St. Manchester, N.H. 03104	
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2	Donna McLaughlin	Donna McLaughlin	5 Haynes Way Hooksett 03106	
3	DENNIS STRAW		7 PROSPECT ST. PEMBROKE. NH. 03275	
4	THERESE ST LAURENT	Therese St Laurent	84 Varney St #414 Manch NH 03102	
5	Rita Mathieu		84 Varney St Manchester NH 03102	
6	Jamie McLaughlin	JMcLaughlin	16 Beech Hill Dr Manchester NH 03103	
7	Eileen Regan,		84 Varney St, Manchester, NH 03102	
8	Mildred Burbank,		84 Varney St., Manchester, NH 03102	
9	Margaret Marineau		84 Varney St. Manchester N.H. 0312	
10	Evelyn Gauvin		401 Varney St Manchester NH 0311	
11	Therese Duchaine		84 Varney St #301 manchester, N.H 03102	
12	VIRGINIA MURPHY	Virginia Murphy	84 Varney St #219 Manchester NH 03102	
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7	Erika Barlow	Erika Barlow	1 Pacific Blvd	[illegible].com
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10	Mary VanderMeer	[illegible]	PO Box 152 Nashua NH 03061	
11	Kristina Wells	Kristina Wells	11 E St. Nashua NH	KWbling520@ yahoo.com
12	Melinda Ouillette	Melinda Ouillette	36 Main St. Nashua NH	mjohome@gmail .com
13	Christen Rasher	Christen Rosher	91 Lake St. Nashua NH.	
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3	Sam Taylor	Sam Taylor	12 Cabot Drive Nashua, NH 03063	
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5	Kendall Eskin		3 Fulton St. Nashua, NH 03060	kendall.eskin@gmail.com
6	Katherine Nutter-Upham		3 Fulton st. Nashua, NH 03060	katenu@gmail.com
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9	Andrew Nutter-Upham		3 Fulton St, Nashua, NH 03060	
10	Mark Tappin	Mark Tappin	19 Nutt St NH 03060	
11	Lori Palestis		18 Roosevelt ave, Hudson, NH	
12	Dorothy Welch	DOROTHY WELCH	457 Sawyer St. Nashua N.H. 03060	
13	Betty Sanchez		94 walnut street nashua NH. 03060	
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3	Ashley Fraize	Ashley Fraize	120 Merrimack St Bristol NH 03222	
4	John Foye		PO Box 324 Hill, NH 03243	
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7	Sabrina Pizzuto		72C Walnut St Nashua NH 03060	
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8	Lee Tobler	Lee Tobler	27 Clearwater Dr. Grantham NH 03753	
9	Sara Hoy	Sara Hoy	17 Manchester St. Unit 1 Pittsfield, NH 03263	
10	Gloria Borwett	Gloria Borwett	158 Portsmouth Ave Newcastle, NH 03854	
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12	Morgan Browne	Morgan Browne	40 Freedom Acres Dr. Concord NH 03301	
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6	David Spahn	David Spahn	448 Rayst Manchester NH 03104	
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11	Sandy Camire	Sandy Camire	101 Glen Rd E Kingston	
12	Sheree Thyne	Sheree Thyne	Pelham NH	
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4	Susan Dolan	Susan Dolan	50 Carolan Ave Hampton N.H 03842	
5	Sharon Demers Hoyt	Sharon Demers Hoyt	355 High Street	Candia NH 03034
6	Angela Lesicka	Angel Lesicka	10 Cavil Mill Rd	Fremont. NH 03044
7	Diana Chamberlin	Diana Chamberlin	59 Stevens Hill Rd	Nottingham, N.H. 03290
8	Judy L Joy	Judy L Joy	476 Winnacunnet Rd Hampton NH 03842	
9	Michelle Mallory	Michelle Mallory	176 West Rd. Rye NH 03870	Michellmallory@comcast.Net
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11	Brett Welch-Chapman	Brett Welch-Chapman	191 Blake Rd, Epping, N.H 03042	
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12	Maggie Radzewicz	Maggie Radzewicz	Nashua, N N	
13	RAMONA FLYNN	Ramona Flynn	NASHUA, NH	
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4	Diana Raymond	Diana A Raymond	347 No. West Rd.	Canterbury NH
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5	Donna Harmon	Donna Harmon	15 Colley Rd ~~londonderry~~ Raymond NH	
6	Heather Couture-Manchu	Heather Couture-Manchu	17 Bunbery St Hooksett, NH, 03106	
7	Carol Horton	Carol Horton	46 Wheelor Rd Hollis, NH 03049	
8	Marydon Kosmatka	Marydon Kosmatka	46 Wheelor Rd Hollis, NH 03049	
9	Kathy Pierce	Kathy Pierce	489 Wilsons Crossing AUBURN, NH 03023	
10	Amanda Davis	Amanda Davis	23 Autumn Run Hooksett, NH 03106	
11	Bridget Croasdale	Bridget Croasdale	185 Westwood Dr. manchester, NH 03103	
12	Kerry Troy	Kerry Troy	17 Sag harbor Dr. Auburn, NH 03032	
13	Jean Moran	Jean Moran	28 Norton St. Derry NH, 03038	
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5	June Dudley	June Dudley	153 Westwind Dr Manchester N.H 03104	
6	Pauline Whalen	Pauline Whalen	180 W. Clark St #8. Manchester, NH 03104	
7	Janet Chamberlain	Janet Chamberlain	97 Stickney Rd., Campton, NH 03223	
8	Ann-Marie Woodlock	Ann-Marie Woodlock	1555 Bodwell Rd. Manchester, NH 03109	
9	Sandra Molan	Sandra Molan	245 Pennsylvania Ave Manchester, NH 03104	
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11	Marilyn Henault		" " "	
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January 13, 2010

House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee
Attn: Chairman Dennis Abbott
Legislative Office Building, Room 307
33 North State St.
Concord, N.H. 03301

Dear Chairman Abbott,

I am a 70 year old long time resident of New Hampshire. I am hoping that I will be around to see the end of trapping for profit in New Hampshire. HB 1514 would do just that. I would like my support for HB 1514 to be put in "the official record". It is my hope that you and the other committee members will see the wisdom in this bill and support it as well. It is the humane thing to do.

Enclosed are two brochures that I hope all of the committee members will read. Of special note is the true story reiterated by former trapper James Strecker. His story describes the horrors and cruelty of trapping and the suffering of the animals caught in these fiendish devices.

Many New Hampshire trappers will tell you that the money earned from trapping does not significantly add to their income. Some will tell you that it is a "tradition" and is a way to enjoy the outdoors. New traditions can easily be started that involve outdoor activities and ways to bond with children and other family members that show a love of nature and a respect for its inhabitants. We do not have to kill nature to enjoy it.

Please, support HB 1514 and prevent animal suffering from trapping.

Sincerely,

Linda Rauter

Mrs. Linda Rauter
51 Canterbury Rd.
Chichester, N.H. 03258

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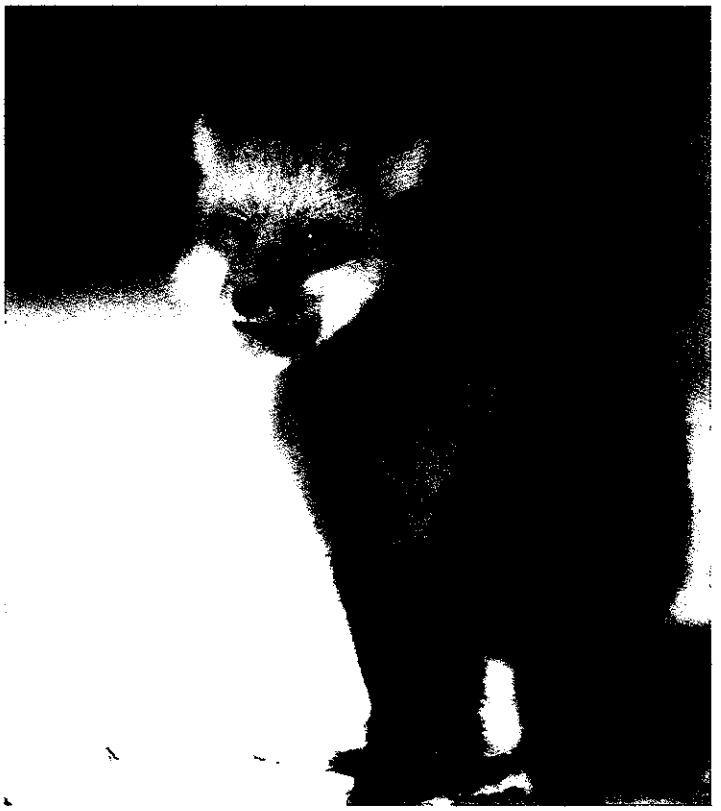
More Than We Do



A Trapper's True Story by James Strecker
from Beside the Hemlock Garden, a book of poetry
" I once was a trapper and where I made footsteps I echoed a shadow of blood.
I gripped every season with my bare hands and did what I had to do, sometimes more, though I knew I would die and lie naked underground, my skin like every winter's ice.
One day, as I checked my lines, I walked into a clearing where morning unveiled amazing pure light. I knew myself more than alive, and that very instant I saw the mother fox in my trap.
She'd been nursing her kits, four of them, while my jagged voice cut into her flesh to the bone; she'd been crazy with fear and pain, I could tell, for there was much blood spattered all around. And as I walked toward the vixen, she raised her head to watch me come through the clearing. And she gently picked up each one of her young by the neck, one at a time, and lay it close to her breath and licked the milk from its face, and snapped its neck. She did that to all four before I could reach her.
And as she watched me over her newly born, over her dead she had saved from my hands, I knew I would never trap again. And I never have, though I killed her with one bullet as she lay back waiting to die. I buried the mother and her fur, and tonight, in the warming nighttime of spring I wonder if ever I'll sleep until morning again."

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Fur farmed animals are not protected by the Humane Slaughter Act and have no protection against barbaric methods to kill them such as this. Other methods of killing fur farmed animals are just as savage and inhumane as anal and genital electrocution.

"Some who reflect upon this subject for the first time will wonder how such cruelty can have been permitted to continue in these days of civilisation, and no doubt if men of education saw with their own eyes what takes place under their sanction, the system would have been put to an end long ago." Charles Darwin, Essay on Fur, 1878

The New Hampshire Animal Rights League encourages caring people to not buy ***fur or fur trim****, for the animals sake. It is our hope that humankind will come to the realization that fur belongs in the past, when humans had little respect or regard for other species and their right to live free from unnecessary pain and suffering.*

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GET INVOLVED by contacting The HSUS. We can provide free copies of this brochure, door hangers, fact sheets, and more.

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to-

Chairman Abbott

I support

HB 1514.

Mary Crescini

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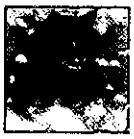
Please add this to the official record.

Thank you.



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Chairman Dennis Abbott
House Fish + Game + Marine
Resources Committee
Legislative Office Building, Rm. 307
33 N. Main St.
Concord, NH 03302

Jan 13, 2010

RE: HB 1514

Dear Chairman Abbott,

Having seen first-hand what Leghold Traps do to pet dogs and cats, and having learned also about the cruelty of Conibear Traps and Snares, I am horrified that these barbaric inventions are still used in New Hampshire. for frivolous purposes, eg. fashion.

Fur trapping is indefensible and unjustifiable. We no longer need fur coats to stay warm or look fashionable.

I strongly support House Bill 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, and request that you add this letter to the official record.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Anne Carroll

HB 1514
OFFICIAL
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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010

Will change bring a Happy New Year to NH's furbearing wild animals?

Dear Honorable Representative Dennis Abbott,

Chair of the F&G Marine Resources Committee,

RE: The Fur Ban Bill – HB 1514

While NH is probably not yet ready to give up all uses of leg and body-gripping traps and snares, don't you think NH may be ready to give up their use for the purpose of capturing and killing wild animals for their fur?

Can you imagine with me that no longer would foxes, minks, coyotes, fishers, weasels/ermines, beavers, along with accidental dogs, cats, birds and endangered & threatened species, be subjected to being caught in horrible leg-hold traps, or the body-crushing conibear traps, or the body strangling snares just so someone can SELL their pelts? Market hunting ended ages ago. Will you consider that it is time for market trapping to end too?

The Fur Ban Bill does not make traps or trapping illegal for other purposes, just the taking and selling of pelts. National surveys have consistently shown that the majority of the public objects to fur trapping. HB 1514 is what the public wants.

Will you help bring about change for NH's furbearing wild animals this year? Your consideration of support of HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, is very much appreciated.

Please file this mailing in permanent record on HB 1514. Thank you

Sincerely, Suzanne L. Fournier

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See you January 2011!

Dear NH House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee:

RE: HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill

As life-long residents of New Hampshire, we are invested and concerned about the reputation and compassion of our state. We urge you to support House Bill 1514 and ban fur trapping in our state.

Eighty-five countries have banned some type of fur trapping because of its cruelty. Trapping foxes, coyotes, fishers, minks, muskrats, otters, beavers, weasels and raccoons so that they can be made into fur garments is unnecessary and inhumane.

Trapping in NH is largely self-policed with little actual oversight by conservation officers. Conservation officers only investigate when a complaint about a trapper is communicated to the department. In general, the "honor system" predominates in the trapping world. Conservation officers do not initiate any investigations of trappers' behavior on their own, and they rely exclusively on information submitted by trappers to draft annual performance reports.

In addition to the lack of oversight, trapping in NH is not restricted to species that are abundant. A performance report by Eric Orff, Wildlife Biologist at the NH Fish and Game Department, covering the period of July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006, indicates 33 martens were trapped in the state between 2000 and 2005, yet the Fish and Game Department's website lists the marten as a threatened species in New Hampshire. Clearly, steel-jawed leghold and Conibear traps do not discriminate between endangered/threatened and non-endangered/non-threatened species. Continuing to use these devices risks endangering the long-term survival of any species already considered at-risk in New Hampshire.

Although trappers and WCO's are required to submit annual reports to the NH Fish and Game Department listing their catches, there is no accountability for failing to report trapping of species that are not allowed to be trapped under state law, including species that are considered non-game, such as dogs and cats. Trappers have a disincentive to be truthful about catching and killing animals for which no trapping season exists, since public knowledge about such activities would endanger their lawful activities. Again, since steel-jawed leghold and Conibear traps make no distinction between species with or without trapping rules, it is highly probable trappers kill and maim many animals each year that cannot be legally trapped and for which no penalty for non-reporting exists.

In New Hampshire landowners are not required to purchase a license or report their kills to the state. WCO's can use steel-jawed leghold and Conibear traps as well as snares to catch and kill animals all year round.

Trappers in NH often tout improvements in the welfare of captured animals and trap technology. However, in a 2006 report by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, entitled "Best Management Practices for Trapping in the United States," approved restraining-type devices

(e.g., steel-jawed leghold traps) must not cause trauma greater than moderate in magnitude to 70% of the animals caught in tests traps. Likewise, "mechanically powered killing devices" (e.g., Conibear traps) must cause "irreversible loss of consciousness...within 300 seconds" in 70% of the animals caught in tests. In other words, 3 of 10 animals caught by steel-jawed leghold traps can suffer immeasurable trauma and yet the use of such traps can still be considered a "best management practice." Similarly, 7 of 10 animals caught in Conibear traps can suffer indescribable pain for 5 minutes before losing consciousness and yet use of these traps can still be considered a "best management practice," never mind the other 3 of 10 animals which can suffer for even longer periods of time.

There is clearly nothing humane about these criteria, especially when the AFWA has no way to quantify trauma or pain from the animals' perspective. It is simply an attempt to whitewash commonly used trapping practices, conducting a public relations campaign to try to persuade the American public that trapping is humane, safe, and necessary.

Finally, trappers often argue that trapping is a necessary management tool to control wildlife populations. However, wildlife populations control themselves without any "assistance" from trappers. Populations of wild animals are regulated by the carrying capacity of ecosystems, a natural system that has evolved over millions of years. As the Montana Trappers Association's website states, "In a self-regulating population, animals produced in excess of the number needed to 'carry over' to the next breeding season are 'surplus' animals.... [N]atural mortality will reduce the population."

Please consider all of this information, and vote in support of HB 1514. Please ban the inhumane and unnecessary practice of fur trapping in New Hampshire.

Sincerely

Nick Cassotis &
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TO: Chairman Abbott

HB 1514
FOR OFFICIAL RECORD

Suzanne at Solutions

From: "Suzanne at Solutions" <animalfriendlysolutions@comcast.net>
To: "Abbott, Rep. Dennis" [redacted] REDACTED (SLF)
Sent: Thursday, January 14, 2010 1:52 PM
Subject: Insight into finances of the Fur Ban Bill (HB 1514)

Thurs. 1/14/10, 1:40pm

Dear Rep. Abbott, Chairman of the House Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee,

[redacted] REDACTED (SLF)

RE: The finances of HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill

You may not be aware that the NH Fish & Game Department (F&G) has two trapping programs, not just one. The first and more obvious one is the Fur Trapping Program that HB 1514 would impact by removing a major incentive to kill furbearers. The second, less obvious one that is not mentioned in the Fiscal Note to HB 1514, is the Wildlife Control Operator program (WCO) that would not be much affected by HB 1514, because WCO trapping is done all year round whether or not pelts are good. See statute RSA 210:24-b and regulations Part Fis 308 for details of the WCO program.

The fact is that F&G received $8,190 from the WCO program last year, and there is every reason to believe that this trapping program will continue to bring in many thousands of dollars for F&G even with a fur ban.

$8,190 is a lot of money coming in to F&G from its second trapping program (i.e., WCO), considering that 177 out of the 204 total licensed WCOs have dual licenses, holding both a fur trapper and a WCO license. F&G has been receiving this additional money from the trappers who take part in the WCO program. It is noteworthy that 27 trappers actually paid F&G $128.50 for their dual trapping licenses last year ($28.50 for fur trapping license + $100 for WCO license). That's a lot of license money from one individual. With a fur ban, F&G would still receive $100 from these 27 trappers and additional money from the remaining WCOs who would pay $38.50 for the lower level individual WCO license and $100 for the higher level professional license.

Please see the report pasted below that I gave to F&G about this matter of the two trapping programs.

I hope you'll see that abolishing the highly objectionable market trapping of furbearers will not leave F&G with much of a loss of revenue, if any. And, the growing Wildlife Control Operator program will pick up the slack of any real problems caused by wildlife.

Lastly, HB 1514 should not increase expenditures by F&G at all, since right now they only seal otter and fisher pelts, and with a fur ban, there would be no need to seal any pelts (note: HB 1514 indicates sealing of all pelts, which I believe to be an error in the drafting of the bill by Legislative Services).

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

1/15/2010

Sincerely,

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---------- Report sent to F&G on January 4, 2010 --------

—— Original Message ——
From: Suzanne at Solutions
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Cc: Falicon, Sandy
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 9:43 AM
Subject: Info for you – Financial effects of the Fur Ban Bill (HB 1514)

Monday, 1/4/10, 9:00am

Hello Steve W., (Chief of Wildlife Div.) (copied to Sandy F.,Legislative Coordinator)

To understand the financial effects that banning fur trapping would have on F&G, I looked at both the Trapper and Wildlife Control Operator sets of data. I analyzed both sets because they are both trapping-based programs, and because these two groups of people are largely related, with only 27 WCOs (Level II) who do not buy fur trapping licenses.

1. 81 fur trappers buy their licenses supporting F&G even though they do not trap or buy WCO licenses. It is likely these 81 will continue to buy licenses in the future to support F&G. **Potential revenue: 81 x $28.50 = $2,308.50**.
2. 149 fur trappers also buy WCO licenses Level I in order to trap out of season when the pelts are not good. These 149 trappers must be motivated to solve a problem rather than to obtain a good pelt. It is reasonable to think that these 149 WCOs will want to buy WCO I licenses again. 132 of these 149 pay regular license fees, while 17 aged 68 or older do not pay for the trapper license, only the WCO I fee. **Potential revenue: 132 x $38.50 = $5,082 and 17 x $10 = $170 [$5,082 + $170 = $5,252]**.

3. 28 more fur trappers buy WCO licenses Level II (the professional level). Again, these 28 trappers must be motivated to solve a problem rather than to obtain a good pelt. These WCOs most likely will buy licenses in the future. **Potential revenue: 28 x $100 = $2,800.**

4. Additionally, F&G gets revenue from 27 people who are not fur trappers but who buy WCO licenses Level II. 21 of these are NH residents while 6 of them are out of staters (paying $300). 19 of these 27 do not trap as WCOs while 8 do trap as WCOs. These 27 people will likely continue to buy WCO II licenses. **Potential revenue: 21 x $100 = $2,100 and 6 x $300 = $1,800 [$2,100 + $1,800 = $3,900].**

5. I note that the WCO Program is increasing in popularity: 2008-2009 increased by 28 as follows over 2007-2008 —— The expectation is for the WCO program to grow. If it is true that wildlife damage complaints will increase should fur trapping be banned, this will be a boom to the NH WCO program and would increase F&G's revenues.

2007-2008	2008-2009

126 WCO I	149 WCO I (an increase of 23)
50 WCO II	55 WCO II (an increase of 5)
176	204 (an increase of 28)

Items 1, 2 and 3 above add up to $10,360.50. Additionally item #4 brings in $3,900. This is a potential of $14,260 from a relatively small group of 400 people who buy trapping or WCO licenses, or both.

As for the HB 1514 (Fur Ban Bill) increasing F&G's expenses, I believe it is an error that the bill indicates that all pelts need to be sealed. I think none need to be sealed. Just as today most pelts are not sealed, yet they are sold. The difference would be that all pelts would not be sealed and would not be sold.

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HB1514 FOR BAN BILL
FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORD

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Sent: Thursday, January 21, 2010 8:05 AM
Subject: Precedence exists for banning sale of pelts (CA & WA)

Thurs. 1/21/10, 7:30am

RE: HB 1514 – Precedence exists for banning sale of pelts (CA & WA)

Dear Chairman Abbott & Vice-Chair Porter, (copied to Committee Members)

Before I get to the Commerce Clause question, I wish to thank you for the well-conducted hearing you held yesterday on HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill. I hope you can see from attendance and testimony, including petition signatures, that the non-sporting public has little social tolerance for fur trapping.

One nagging question went unanswered, regarding possible violations of the US Commerce Clause, and I wish to provide you with the answer in this email.

Yes, there is precedence in both states of California and Washington; and No, HB 1514 would not be in violation of the Commerce Clause (also more appropriately called the "Interstate Commerce Clause") because it would not discriminate against out-of-state commerce. Discrimination against out-of-state commerce is the key issue of the Interstate Commerce Clause.

Both the State of California and Washington State have banned the sale of pelts. In addition, these states also banned traps themselves, which aspect is different from what HB 1514 would do.

The statutory language in Washington since 2000 states:

> **"It is unlawful to knowingly buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange, or offer to buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange the raw fur of a mammal or a mammal that has been trapped in this state with a steel-jawed leghold trap or any other body-gripping trap, whether or not pursuant to permit."** [Reference: Initiative 713 (Washington Anti-Leghold Trap Initiative, http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stuswa2000initiative713.htm]

The statutory language in California since 1998 reads:

> **"It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange for profit,**

or to offer to buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange for profit, the raw fur, as defined by Section 4005, of any fur-bearing mammal or nongame mammal that was trapped in this state, with a body-gripping trap as described in subdivision (a)." [Reference: Proposition 4, Section 3003.1 is added to the Fish and Game Code http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusca1998proposition4.htm]

Finally, the State of Massachusett's trapping regulations discrimate against NH pelts that are unsealed, which are all the pelts from beavers, coyotes, foxes, minks, muskrats and raccoons. Only otter and fisher pelts are required to be sealed in NH, which leaves all the pelts from the remaining species unsealed, and therefore, unsellable in MA. Has anyone complained about violation of the Interstate Commerce Clause? I don't think so. This is the language in the trapping regulation in MA:

"Pelts of coyote, wild fox, wild mink, gray wolf, bobcat, lynx, fisher, marten, river otter, or beaver **may not be sold** in Massachusetts unless tagged by the state or province of origin." http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dfw/regulations/abstracts/trapping_regs.pdf

For more about the Commerce Clause, I recommend this site:
http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/ftrials/conlaw/statecommerce.htm

Let me know if you have further questions on this point of the Commerce Clause.

Please also know that the bill's language may need to be tweaked to make it clear that the bill simply would make fur pelts from NH's furbearers illegal. I expect that you will be offered an amendment to make the bill clearer. As you know, the language in the current bill originates from current statute which itself is not the easiest to understand.

Thank you again, and I welcome any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Suzanne F.

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January 20th 2010

Dear Honorable Representative,

I have learned about the Leghold and Conibear traps that are used in fur trapping and so I am writing in support of House Bill 1514. In the Leghold trap, two steel jaws slam shut on the animal's paw and the terrified animal struggles to escape for hours, sometimes even gnawing through its own flesh to wrench itself free. The Conibear was developed to instantly kill, but many times it doesn't and the animal is in agony until it dies from its injuries or the trapper bludgeons or suffocates the animal.

This way of death is unnecessarily cruel (and often the reason for the killing– maybe to sell a fisher pelt for $25 – makes it all the crueler.) There are certain basic protections we should offer wild animals; the right to be spared a brutal and arbitrary death should be a basic humane standard allowed fishers, foxes, coyotes and beavers. That standard should extend to the non-targets too – which can include threatened and endangered species.

What if a woman decided she wanted to wear the fur of her dog, and she gets it via a Conibear trap. If it doesn't kill instantly (as they often don't if the angle and speed of entry are wrong), the dog stays in excruciating pain overnight or perhaps well into the next day. That should be against the law – and not just because it is a dog.

Fur trapping supporters speak of tradition and the idea that we as a people will lose our connection with the natural world, if not for trappers. I know loggers, hunters, foresters and surveyors all of whom are strongly connected to NH, the land and its true outdoor tradition. These people don't require Conibear or leghold traps to maintain a "connection to nature."

Maintaining a tradition is important – but that shouldn't equal blind support of any and all past practices. I can think of customs that still occur in different parts of the world that I wish did not. There are traditions in our past that we no longer endorse – both legally and socially. Slavery was a very strong tradition. There was the tradition of only males who owned property being permitted to vote. The rule of thumb was the tradition whereby it was acceptable for a man to beat his wife if the stick's thickness was less than his thumb. Not all traditions should be preserved for future generations.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Sincerely,
Emily Murphy
4 Shaws Lane
Dover, NH 03820

Emily Murphy

– for official record regarding HB 1514 –

January, 25, 2010

To The Honorable Representative, Dennis Abbott, Chair

My name is Cynthia Stave from New Boston, NH, and I support HB 1514.

My husband and I consider ourselves wildlife enthusiasts. We are active members in the Piscataquog Land Conservancy and we are both wildlife trackers with the Keeping Track® program, a nationwide program started by Susan Morse that tracks indicator species (mostly fur bearing species) for land conservation purposes. There are several groups of us "trackers" who are always out in the woods in areas that are not well traveled by people, documenting signs of the animals that are present in these areas. I would hate to think of any of us stepping on a trap.

There are MANY, MANY wildlife enthusiasts that belong to conservation and land protection groups in NH who strongly believe that trapping is inhumane, cruel, and unnecessary. Animals should not suffer for human profit. And no matter what anyone says, trapped animals do suffer. Let's face it—the trappers are not just slapping a pair of hand cuffs on the trapped animal, they are not offering them tea and a sandwich while they wait to be "dispatched". More than likely the trap brakes or crushes a part of the animal's body. The pain of this along with no food or water, along with the terror of being trapped in the open with no shelter or protection, causes unimaginable suffering to the animal. This is just plain inhumane and unacceptable. In a world where there is so much suffering, why do we need to add to it when we CAN prevent some of it.

I attended the January 20th hearing in Concord and I had issues with some of the defenses that were used for trapping.

1. It would be wasting a natural resource if we can't use the pelts from animals that are hunted legally. It was stated that as part of the bill, hunters could keep the skins and pelts for there own use. Now—I need to ask—how many trappers eat bobcat, or fishercat, or coyote, or fox, or even dog or cat? I have never seen a recipe for ANY of these. Now someone, somewhere, might eat these animals but I have a strong hunch that the majority of these fur bearing animals are just skinned and disposed of which is not only a waste, but a tragedy.

2. We need to keep NH jobs. The president of the Trappers Association stated that the majority of the furs "harvested" from our NH lands go to China to be processed. So as I understand it, a little NH beaver pelt goes all the way across the world to be "processed". China is a country where there is horrendous animal suffering as well as horrendous human suffering. Do we really want to support China like this?

3. We need to vote for what our constituency wants. There have been polls taken in NH that prove that the majority of NH's voters think that trapping is cruel and inhumane and should be outlawed. They are worried about the safety of their children and their pets. Trappers and their supporters are a small but very vocal MINORITY. If you are looking for reelection, it might be good to actually represent the MAJORITY of your constituents.

4. The Fish & Game Department represents all wildlife sportsmen. While I know that Fish & Game tries hard, they don't often protect the rights of wildlife enthusiasts like me and my husband, who like to just walk in the woods and observe the flora and fauna in all it's glory, leaving only our footprints and taking nothing. We should also have some representation in the Fish & Game Department.

I hope that I am clear in explaining my reasoning for supporting HB 1514. If there is something in the bill that is of concern to you then let's discuss it. Please understand the essence of the bill. Please, don't throw out the baby with the bath water!

Thank you,

Cynthia Stave

Cynthia Stave
59 Mason Drive
New Boston, NH 03070

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HOUSE COMMITTEE RESEARCH OFFICE
New Hampshire House of Representatives
4th Floor, Legislative Office Building
Concord, NH 03301
Tel: (603) 271-3600

To: Representative Dennis F. Abbott, Chairman
House Fish and Game and Marine Resources

From: Joel Anderson, Committee Researcher JA

Date: January 20, 2010

Re: States that prohibit by statute the possession or sale of skins or pelts from fur-bearing animals that have been legally taken in the state.

A survey of the statutes enacted in all 50 states did not reveal any state that prohibits the possession or sale of skins or pelts from fur-bearing animals that have been legally taken in the state. New Hampshire's definition of fur-bearing animal (beaver, otter, marten, sable, mink, fisher or fisher cat, raccoon, bobcat, fox, coyote, opossum, weasel, skunk, and muskrat), under RSA 207:1, VIII, was used for the survey. This survey did not include any prohibitions that may have been enacted by means of administrative regulations or voter referendums.

I am writing in ardent support of HB 1514-The Fur Ban Bill.
Please give your utmost consideration specifically to the innocent victims of this ***horrific*** practice and how together we can put an end to their needless suffering by voting **YES** on **HB 1514**.
Thank You!

Sincerely,
Lisa O'Loan
114 Lock St.
Nashua NH 03064

1/27/2010

To: The Honorable Representative, Dennis Abbott, Chair,
House Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee.
Legislative office Building Room 307
33 N State St. Concord NH 03301

Please enter this into the official record on HB 1514.

Please support HB 1514 to BAN fur trapping. It is unnecessary, cruel, and the general citizen public opposes it! Don't let special interest groups fool you.

Sincerely,
Lindsey Fong
Lindsey Fong

Politically Active New Hampshire voter (with a broke printer)
42 Atkinson st
Dover NH 03820

Honorable Rep Dennis abbott, 02/01/10

I support the HB 1514, (Barbaric) the fur ban bill, which would ban the sale of fur pelts from animals trapped in N.H. This terrific bill takes away the incentive to trap and kill for money and would greatly reduce the number of animals trapped.

Thank-you

Marcia Parent
Email MLisitski@hotmail.com
Phone - 1-603-239-4958

Beverly Klitsch
1532 Village Rd.
P.O. Box 183
Silver Lake, NH 03875

The Honorable Representative, Dennis Abbott, Chair
House Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee
Legislative Office Building Room 307
33 N. State St.
Concord, NH 03301

Dear Mr. Abbott:

I support banning trapping fur animals. I do not think it is necessary in this day and age. We do not need fur for warmth. It is a cruelty to the animals trapped and possible "collateral damage" to non targeted animals such as the family with a pet dog taking a hike in the woods. In my town, Madison, trapping has been allowed this year in the town forest. The town forest is used by residents out for a hike or a ride with their pet and hunting dogs. No one is going to be happy to have their pet accidentally trapped.

Thank you for your time.
With best regards
Beverly Klitsch
1532 Village Road
P.O. Box 183
Silver Lake, NH 03875

Thursday, January 28, 2010

RE: Ending Fur Trapping; please SUPPORT HB 1514

Dear Honorable Representative,

I am a NH Fish & Game Department (F&G) licensed Wildlife Control Operator, which is one of F&G's two trapping programs, the other being the Fur Trapping Program.

I support HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, and ask you to support it, because it would end the practice of killing of our furbearers such as: beaver, otter, mink, fisher, raccoon, fox, coyote, weasel, and muskrat, just so their skins can be made into fur. HB 1514 will effectively end the unnecessary, and politically incorrect, Fur Trapping Program.

The Fur Ban Bill (HB 1514) will soon be voted on by the House Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee. I have faith that some of the committee members will want to side with the majority of the public, and not F&G, on this issue. But, regardless of the tally of the vote in the House committee, a committee that more often than not maintains the status quo at F&G, I ask you to vote to end killing of our furbearers just so their skins can be sent to China, which is where the buyer of NH pelts testified they all go for processing.

In survey after survey public opinion favors an end to fur trapping, some 60% to 75%. Whereas F&G says it considers social values in its policies, the Department surely is not in this instance.

The Fur Ban Bill does not make traps illegal and they still would be available for use by Wildlife Control Operators who work to solve conflicts people have with wild animals. Traps would be available to F&G to conduct research or relocate animals, or to trappers in pursuit of food or for other legal reason.

Ending trapping for fur would put an end to the risk of harm to dogs and cats that do get caught in fur traps, since the traps are placed in the environment just waiting for any animal to happen upon them. Fur traps also injure and kill owls, eagles, bobcats, pine martens and other species that are not supposed to be killed. Why risk harm to dogs, cats and rare and protected species just for the business of selling our furbearers' skins?

The Fur Ban Bill would put an end to "market trapping," whereby market forces determine which species the trapper will target in a given year. Still, trappers make very little money by killing thousands of animals in NH a year earning an average income of $245 per trapper for selling all skins [$109,758 divided by 452 licenses (figures from F&G 2007/2008 report)].

If you hear from the other side that Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Trapping make traps humane, then you should know that BMPs have not changed the basic cruelty of traps. The BMP Program actually allows traps to cause moderate harm 30% of the time, and, the Program is *voluntary* by trappers.

The cruelty of traps that capture the animals is only part of the story. Another part is that for a wild animal, being captured and made vulnerable to the elements and other predatory animals cause enormous suffering. And of course there are the actions of the trapper who finally kills the animal in many instances by suffocating with a stomp on the chest and neck, bludgeoning, and drowning (the American Association of Veterinary Medicine AVMA calls drowning "inhumane").

I know about that which I speak, because in order for me to get my professional Wildlife Control Operator license from F&G, I went through trapper and wildlife control operator education and learned first-hand all about the traps and the techniques for killing the trapped animals. I have chosen to use only Animal-Friendly techniques, including live-box traps, in my non-profit enterprise. Live-box traps, along with killing traps, would all still be legal under HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, having little impact on F&G's Wildlife Control Operator trapping program.

Isn't it time for New Hampshire to respect the people's wishes to end Fur Trapping? HB 1514 is a fair-minded bill that deserves your support.

Thank you for your consideration. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Suzanne L. Fournier

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COPIED TO: House Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee

P.S. FYI, I've attached an informative pamphlet on the Fur Ban Bill in PDF format. If you right-click your mouse, you will be able to rotate the image for clear reading.

House Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee
Legislative Office Building Room 307
33 N. State St.
Concord, NH 03301

TO The Honorable Representative, Dennis Abbott, Chair,

I'm writing to ask you to support HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill.
I want an end to trapping. As a veterinarian I have seen patients trapped in metal traps, and their wounds have been unrepairable, often requiring amputation. I would like to end the needless suffering of wild and domestic animals caught in traps.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Sandy Brown, DVM

Name and address [redacted]

We support HB 1514 Fur Ban Bill:

Alane Bamberger
gary Bamberger, DVM
394 Dolloff Hill Rd
Conway NH 03818

1/27/10

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sandy Brown, DVM

81 Daniel Ward Rd

Madison, NH 03849

liz davis

From: liz davis [liz.davis[redacted]]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 8:33 AM
To: '~HouseFishandGameAndMarineResources@leg.state.nh.us'
Subject: HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill

Dear Sir or Madam:

I'm writing to ask you to support HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, because I want an end to our furbearers being killed to become fur. Thank you for your consideration.

Elizabeth Davis

Marlow, NH

"The problems that exist in the world today cannot be solved by the level of thinking that created them"

-Albert Einstein

Helane Shields

From: "Helane Shields" <hshields@worldpath.net>
To: <~HouseFishandGameAndMarineResources@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 6:28 PM
Subject: to NH House Fish and Game Committee - re: Please support HB 1514 to end fur trapping

to the Honorable members of the House Fish and Game Committee:

We respectfully request that you support HB 1514 to end fur trapping.

We have contacted each one of our State Representatives:

Rep. Elaine Swinford
Rep. Peter Boler
Rep. Jeffrey St.Cyr
Rep. James Pilliod
Rep. Alida Millham
Rep. Bill Johnson
Rep. Laurie Boyce

and asked that they support HB 1514 to remove the financial incentive to trap and kill wildlife. Please end
this needless cruelty and suffering.

We are mailing you hard copies of the emails we have sent to our
State Representatives, as follows:

The Honorable Representative, Dennis Abbott, Chair

House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee

Legislative Office Building, Room 307

33 N. State St.

Concord, NH 03301

Very truly yours,

Charles and Helane Shields, PO Box 1133, Alton, NH 03809 603-875-3842 hshields@worldpath.net

TO Rep. ELAINE SWINFORD
BARNSTEAD

Helane Shields

From: "Helane Shields" <hshields@worldpath.net>
To: <elainesw@metrocast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 6:04 PM
Subject: to Representative Elaine Swinford - PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1514 - end fur trapping

Dear Representative Swimford:

We strongly support HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, which would ban the sale of fur pelts from animals trapped in NH. This terrific bill takes away the incentive to trap and kill for money and would greatly reduce the numbers of animals trapped. Please end the cruelty and suffering.

Very truly yours, Helane and Charlie Shields, PO Box 1133, Alton, NH 03809

TO REP PETER BOLSTER, ALTON

Helane Shields

From: "Helane Shields" <hshields@worldpath.net>
To: <peter.bolster@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 5:45 PM
Subject: TO Rep. Peter Bolster - PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1514

Dear Peter

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Very truly yours, Helane and Charlie Shields, PO Box 1133, Alton, NH 03809

2/1/2010

TO REP. JEFF STCYR, ALTON

Helane Shields

From: "Helane Shields" <hshields@worldpath.net>
To: <jeffrey.stcyr@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 6:02 PM
Subject: to Rep. Jeffrey St.Cyr - PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1514 - end fur trapping

Dear Jeff:

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Very truly yours, Helane and Charlie Shields, PO Box 1133, Alton, NH 03809

TO REP JAMES PILLIOD, Belmont

Helane Shields

From: "Helane Shields" <hshields@worldpath.net>
To: <jimp3047@metrocast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 6:01 PM
Subject: to Rep. James Pilliod - PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1514 - end fur trapping

Dear Representative Pilliod:

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2/1/2010

To Rep. Alida Millham, Gilford

Helane Shields

From: "Helane Shields" <hshields@worldpath.net>
To: <amillham@metrocast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 5:59 PM
Subject: to Rep. Alida Millham - PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1514 - end fur trapping

Dear Mrs. Millham:

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To Rep. Bill Johnson, Gilford

Helane Shields

From: "Helane Shields" <hshields@worldpath.net>
To: <billjohn4@metrocast.net>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 5:57 PM
Subject: To Rep. Bill Johnson- PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1514 - end fur trapping

Dear Representative Johnson:

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To Rep. Laurie Boyce, Alton

Helane Shields

From: "Helane Shields" <hshields@worldpath.net>
To: <lauriejboyce@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, February 01, 2010 5:55 PM
Subject: To Rep. Laurie Boyce - PLEASE SUPPORT HB 1514 - end fur trapping

Dear Laurie:

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2/1/2010

HB1514
FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORD

Suzanne at Solutions

From: "Suzanne at Solutions" <animalfriendlysolutions@comcast.net>
To: "Abbott, Rep. Dennis" <denevel@comcast.net>; "Porter, Rep. Margaret" <Margaret.Porter@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Saturday, February 06, 2010 7:45 AM
Subject: Research right on point about legal taking yet ban of pelts (Info on Wash. State & TN & Calif.) (HB 1514)

Saturday, February 6, 2010, 7:30am

RE: HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill

Dear Chairman Abbott & Vice-Chair Porter,

I have new information for you regarding precedence in other states on the question of whether any statutes allow the legal taking of furbearers by traps while prohibiting the sale of pelts, the question you had posed to Reseacher, Joel Anderson, and the answer is, yes.

On January 20th, the day you held the public hearing on HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, Mr. Anderson informed you that he found no state statute that "prohibits the possession or sale of skins or pelts from fur-bearing animals that have been legally taken in the state." This information is incorrect.

There are actually two state statutes that both allow the legal taking of furbearers, and yet ban the sale of their pelts. An additional state bans the sale of pelts from legally taken furbearers by wildlife agency regulation. All three states, respectively, Washington State, California and Tennessee, allow the legal taking of furbearers to resolve conflicts.

Similarly in New Hampshire HB 1514 would allow the legal taking of furbearers by traps to resolve conflicts, or for research or food or any other legal reason, just not for their pelts to be used for fur.

When I spoke with Mr. Anderson in person yesterday, he was proceeding to investigate the Washington State law in particular since it states clearly that the sale of pelts applies "**whether or not pursuant to permit**" and then goes on to specify that permits are issuable for conflict situations, difficult situations, protecting threatened and endangered species, and research. Clearly, legal taking of furbearers is allowed under Washington State law that prohibits the sale of the pelts involved.

Please see my letter to Mr. Anderson below that contains all the details mentioned above. I trust this answers your question about precedence existing for the NH Fur Ban Bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Suzanne F. Fournier

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Suzanne L. Fournier, Coordinator
Animal Friendly Damage Control Solutions

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========== Letter to Joel Anderson ==========

----- Original Message -----
From: Suzanne at Solutions
To: joel.anderson@leg.state.nh.us
Sent: Friday, February 05, 2010 4:36 PM
Subject: Info on Wash. State & TN & Calif. regarding illegal pelts from legally trapped animals

Fri. 2/5/10, 4:30pm

Hello Joel Anderson, (House committee researcher)

Nice to see you and talk with you this morning about HB 1514 (the Fur Ban Bill) and the matter of illegal pelts when animals are taken legally. I appreciate your generosity.

My research at home this afteroon shows that the State of Washington does issue permits for legal taking of furbearers and those pelts would not be allowed to be sold under the statute RCW 77.15.194. The explanation of the permits occurs in section (4) (a)(b)(c) and (d). The full statute is pasted below.

As for Tennessee, it is a regulation of the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency that no parts of wild animals taken legally for nuisance animal damage control may be sold. I have pasted that regulation below for you as well.

As for California, their statute banning traps and the sale of pelts does have a provision for the legal taking of furbearers by government entities or their agents. I think the assumption is that the government entity would not choose to sell pelts. That law is also pasted far below.

I hope this information is helpful to you in responding to the Committee. Let me know if you have any questions.

May I have a copy (by email) of any new letter you send to the Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee on this matter?

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Suzanne F.

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9 Woodward Dr.
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========== State of Washington's statute
http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=77.15.194

RCW 77.15.194

Unlawful traps — Penalty.

(1) It is unlawful to use or authorize the use of any steel-jawed leghold trap, neck snare, or other body-gripping trap to capture any mammal for recreation or commerce in fur.

(2) It is unlawful to knowingly buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange, or offer to buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange the raw fur of a mammal or a mammal that has been trapped in this state with a steel-jawed leghold trap or any other body-gripping trap, whether or not pursuant to permit.

(3) It is unlawful to use or authorize the use of any steel-jawed leghold trap or any other body-gripping trap to capture any animal, except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits the use of a Conibear trap in water, a padded leghold trap, or a nonstrangling type foot snare with a special permit granted by the director under (a) through (d) of this subsection. Issuance of the special permits shall be governed by rules adopted by the department and in accordance with the requirements of this section. Every person granted a special permit to use a trap or device listed in this subsection shall check the trap or device at least every twenty-four hours.

(a) Nothing in this section prohibits the director, in consultation with the department of social and health services or the United States department of health and human services from granting a permit to use traps listed in this subsection for the purpose of protecting people from threats to their health and safety.

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits the director from granting a special permit to use traps listed in this subsection to a person who applies for such a permit in writing, and who establishes that there exists on a property an animal problem that has not been and cannot be reasonably abated by the use of nonlethal control tools, including but not limited to guard animals, electric fencing, or box and cage traps, or if such nonlethal means cannot be reasonably applied. Upon making a finding in writing that the animal problem has not been and cannot be reasonably abated by nonlethal control tools or if the tools cannot be reasonably applied, the director may authorize the use, setting, placing, or maintenance of the traps for a period not to exceed thirty days.

(c) Nothing in this section prohibits the director from granting a special permit to department employees or agents to use traps listed in this subsection where the use of the traps is the only practical means of protecting threatened or endangered species as designated under RCW 77.08.010.

(d) Nothing in this section prohibits the director from issuing a permit to use traps listed in this subsection, excluding Conibear traps, for the conduct of legitimate wildlife research.

(5) Nothing in this section prohibits the United States fish and wildlife service, its employees or agents, from using a trap listed in subsection (4) of this section where the fish and wildlife service determines, in consultation with the director, that the use of such traps is necessary to

protect species listed as threatened or endangered under the federal endangered species act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.).

(6) A person violating this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

[2003 c 53 § 374; 2001 c 1 § 3 (Initiative Measure No. 713, approved November 7, 2000).]

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======= In Tennessee, selling of pelts obtained by nuisance animal control is prohibited by regulation 1660-01-21.

(3) Disposition of Wildlife

(a) Wildlife taken may not be sold, bartered, given away, or used for any purpose without prior

approval of the TWRA.

http://www.tennessee.gov/sos/rules/1660/1660-01/1660-01-21.pdf

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TENNESSEE WILDLIFE RESOURCES AGENCY

CHAPTER 1660-1-21

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NUISANCE ANIMAL

DAMAGE CONTROL

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1660-1-21-.01 NUISANCE ANIMAL DAMAGE CONTROL.

(1) Permit

(a) Any person company, or other entity desiring to destroy, or otherwise control nuisance wildlife and charge a fee for such services must first obtain an Animal Damage Control Permit from the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency, except as otherwise provided.

(b) A permit will not be issued to any applicant that does not have a demonstrated knowledge of

wildlife and wildlife control techniques as evidenced by training and/or experience.

(c) The permit shall list the names of all individuals designated to perform work under the authority of the permit.

(d) Permit holders are authorized to control wildlife only with the written permission of the complainant and only on the premises of the complainant.

(e) Any control measures undertaken by a permit holder shall be a contractual agreement between the permit holder and the complainant and TWRA shall not be liable for any damages caused by the permit holder. Permit holders are required to provide adequate liability insurance.

(2) Control Measures

(a) Permit holders are authorized to use chemicals, traps, firearms, and other methods as approved by EPA, USDA, TWRA, local municipalities, and other authoritative agencies as applicable.

(b) No permit holder may use control methods which may pose a threat to the health and safety of humans, domestic animals or other non-target wildlife.

(c) All traps, cages, and other tools left unattended by the permit holder must be clearly marked with the permit holder's name, address, and permit number.

(3) Disposition of Wildlife

(a) Wildlife taken may not be sold, bartered, given away, or used for any purpose without prior approval of the TWRA.

(b) Animals taken must be disposed of in a manner that ensures humane handling or killing. Where desirable, animals may be relocated to areas approved by the TWRA.

(4) All permit holders are required to maintain complete records on all services provided under this section.

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR NUISANCE ANIMAL CHAPTER 1660-1-21

DAMAGE CONTROL

(Rule 1660-1-21-.01, continued)

November, 2001 (Revised) 2

The records shall include:

(a) The complete name and address of the person for whom services have been performed.

(b) The types of control measures undertaken.

(c) The species and number of animals taken.

(d) The disposition of each animal.

(5) All records as prescribed in paragraph (4) above shall be submitted to the Wildlife Resources Agency on June 30 of each year.

(6) All permit holders must renew their permits on July 1 of each year.

(7) Issuance of a permit does not grant authority to control state and federal endangered and threatened species or other species specifically prohibited by the permit.

(8) The permit holder must also possess all other appropriate permits to control wildlife under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

(9) A violation of any of these rules and regulations or of any law governing the wildlife of this state or country shall be just cause to refuse to issue a permit or to revoke an existing permit. If an applicant for or holder of a nuisance animal damage control permit has been charged with a violation of these rules and regulations or state of federal wildlife laws, such may be suspended pending adjudication.

Authority: *T.C.A. §§70-1-206 and 70-4-113(b).* ***Administrative History:*** *Original rule filed September 20, 1988; effective November 4, 1988. Amendment filed August 26, 1993; effective November 9, 1993.*

========== **Regarding California Statute** ==========

Found in (c) below:

The prohibition in this subdivision does not apply to federal, state, county, or municipal government employees or their duly authorized agents in the extraordinary case where the otherwise prohibited padded-jaw leghold trap is the only method available to protect human health or safety.

http://www.animallaw.info/statutes/stusca1998proposition4.htm

California

Anti-body-gripping Trap Initiative

Statute Details

Printable Version
Citation: Proposition 4 (1998)

Summary:

This state initiative measure passed in 1998 and prohibits trapping mammals classified as fur bearing (or non-game) with body gripping traps for recreation or commerce in fur. This includes, but is not limited to, steel-jawed leghold traps, padded-jaw leghold traps, conibear traps, and snares. Cage and box traps, nets, suitcase-type live beaver traps and common rat and mouse traps are not considered body-gripping traps.

Statute in Full:

Proposition 4 - Full Text of the Proposed Law

This initiative measure is submitted to the people in accordance with the provisions of Article II, Section 8 of the California Constitution.

This initiative measure adds sections to the Fish and Game Code; therefore, new provisions proposed to be added are printed in italic type to indicate that they are new.

PROPOSED LAW

SECTION 1. Section 3003.1 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

3003.1. Notwithstanding Sections 1001, 1002, 4002, 4004, 4007, 4008, 4009.5, 4030, 4034, 4042, 4152, 4180, or 4181:

(a) It is unlawful for any person to trap for the purposes of recreation or commerce in fur any fur-bearing mammal or nongame mammal with any body-gripping trap. A body-gripping trap is one that grips the mammal's body or body part, including, but not limited to, steel-jawed leghold traps, padded-jaw leghold traps, conibear traps, and snares. Cage and box traps, nets, suitcase-type live beaver traps, and common rat and mouse traps shall not be considered body-gripping traps.

(b) It is unlawful for any person to buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange for profit, or to offer to buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange for profit, the raw fur, as defined by Section 4005, of any fur-bearing mammal or nongame mammal that was trapped in this state, with a body-gripping trap as described in subdivision (a).

(c) It is unlawful for any person, including an employee of the federal, state, county, or municipal government, to use or authorize the use of any steel-jawed leghold trap, padded or otherwise, to capture any game mammal, fur-bearing mammal, nongame mammal, protected mammal, or any dog or cat.

The prohibition in this subdivision does not apply to federal, state, county, or municipal government employees or their duly authorized agents in the extraordinary case where

the otherwise prohibited padded-jaw leghold trap is the only method available to protect human health or safety.

(d) For purposes of this section, fur-bearing mammals, game mammals, nongame mammals, and protected mammals are those mammals so defined by statute on January 1, 1997.

SEC. 2. Section 3003.2 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

3003.2. Notwithstanding Sections 4003, 4152, 4180, or 4180.1 of this code or Section 14063 of the Food and Agricultural Code, no person, including an employee of the federal, state, county, or municipal government, may poison or attempt to poison any animal by using sodium fluoroacetate, also known as Compound 1080, or sodium cyanide.

SEC. 3. Section 12005.5 is added to the Fish and Game Code, to read:

12005.5. Notwithstanding Sections 12000 and 12002, a violation of Section 3003.1 or 3003.2, or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant thereto, is punishable by a fine of not less than three hundred dollars ($300) or more than two thousand dollars ($2,000), or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than one year, or by both that fine and imprisonment. The Legislature may increase, but may not decrease, these penalties.

Suzanne at Solutions

FOR OFFICIAL RECORD
HB1514
FUR BAN BILL

From: "Thomas Gardner" <td503@juno.com>
To: <HouseFishandGameAndMarineResources@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Thursday, February 04, 2010 8:48 PM
Subject: Re: Email addresses to use -- Draft of letter to legislators (fur ban bill)

Thursday, February 4, 2010

RE: Request for SUPPORT of HB 1514 (Fur Ban Bill)

To My Honorable Representives of Milford & the Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee:

I am a professional Wildlife Control Operator (WCO) licensed by the NH Fish & Game Department. The WCO program of Fish & Game is a trapping program aimed at solving conflicts that arise with wild animals, and it will not be affected by House Bill 1514.

I strongly support House Bill 1514, a bill to ban horrible and unnecessary fur trapping, while not affecting the WCO programs. HB 1514 does not ban traps. It reasonably ends the sale of pelts from NH furbearers.

House Bill 1514 will do away with trapping for fur, fur being very unpopular in the United States anyway.

In short, I agree with the letter below by my colleague, Suzanne Fournier, who also is a licensed WCO.

I'd appreciate your support for House Bill 1514. Thank you.

Sincerely, Tom Gardner

Thomas Gardner
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Milford, NH 03055

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Thursday, January 28, 2010

RE: Ending Fur Trapping; please SUPPORT HB 1514

Dear Honorable Representative,

I am a NH Fish & Game Department (F&G) licensed Wildlife Control Operator, which is one of F&G's two trapping programs, the other being the Fur Trapping Program.

I support HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, and ask you to support it, because it would end

the practice of killing of our furbearers such as: beaver, otter, mink, fisher, raccoon, fox, coyote, weasel, and muskrat, just so their skins can be made into fur. HB 1514 will effectively end the unnecessary, and politically incorrect, Fur Trapping Program.

The Fur Ban Bill (HB 1514) will soon be voted on by the House Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee. I have faith that some of the committee members will want to side with the majority of the public, and not F&G, on this issue. But, regardless of the tally of the vote in the House committee, a committee that more often than not maintains the status quo at F&G, I ask you to vote to end killing of our furbearers just so their skins can be sent to China, which is where the buyer of NH pelts testified they all go for processing.

In survey after survey public opinion favors an end to fur trapping, some 60% to 75%. Whereas F&G says it considers social values in its policies, the Department surely is not in this instance.

The Fur Ban Bill does not make traps illegal and they still would be available for use by Wildlife Control Operators who work to solve conflicts people have with wild animals. Traps would be available to F&G to conduct research or relocate animals, or to trappers in pursuit of food or for other legal reason.

Ending trapping for fur would put an end to the risk of harm to dogs and cats that do get caught in fur traps, since the traps are placed in the environment just waiting for any animal to happen upon them. Fur traps also injure and kill owls, eagles, bobcats, pine martens and other species that are not supposed to be killed. Why risk harm to dogs, cats and rare and protected species just for the business of selling our furbearers' skins?

The Fur Ban Bill would put an end to "market trapping," whereby market forces determine which species the trapper will target in a given year. Still, trappers make very little money by killing thousands of animals in NH a year earning an average income of $245 per trapper for selling all skins [$109,758 divided by 452 licenses (figures from F&G 2007/2008 report)].

If you hear from the other side that Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Trapping make traps humane, then you should know that BMPs have not changed the basic cruelty of traps. The BMP Program actually allows traps to cause moderate harm 30% of the time, and, the Program is *voluntary* by trappers.

The cruelty of traps that capture the animals is only part of the story. Another part is that for a wild animal, being captured and made vulnerable to the elements and other predatory animals cause enormous suffering. And of course there are the actions of the trapper who finally kills the animal in many instances by suffocating with a stomp on the chest and neck, bludgeoning, and drowning (the American Association of Veterinary Medicine AVMA calls drowning "inhumane").

I know about that which I speak, because in order for me to get my professional Wildlife Control Operator license from F&G, I went through trapper and wildlife control operator education and learned first-hand all about the traps and the techniques for killing the trapped animals. I have chosen to use only Animal-Friendly

techniques, including live-box traps, in my non-profit enterprise. Live-box traps, along with killing traps, would all still be legal under HB 1514, the Fur Ban Bill, having little impact on F&G's Wildlife Control Operator trapping program.

Isn't it time for New Hampshire to respect the people's wishes to end Fur Trapping? HB 1514 is a fair-minded bill that deserves your support.

Thank you for your consideration. Let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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The End Fur Trapping in New Hampshire

My family, immediate and extended, has a long history of being active hunters, fishermen and conservationists. As such we appreciate and support monetarily, in spirit, in our actions the opportunities and bounty New Hampshire's wildlife and wilderness has to offer. However, if providing this access in any way overtly compromises another being I feel that it is not warranted nor just. When we invoke the age old question "does the end justify the means" and apply it to the question of fur trapping most humans, of sound mind, with strong morals and undaunted ethical standards, in today society, would answer, unequivocally, "no".

Trapping is done for a variety of reasons. It has been practiced for food and fur but *sometimes* it is said to be done for wildlife management, pest control, to prevent damage to personal or state property, or most recently spun for public approval "conservation efforts".

I applaud those who truly are involved in conservation, working to sustain wildlife health and diversity. Contrary to recent articles published, here in New Hampshire, the act of trapping remains unethical and cruel. There are documents outlining *trapping best practices* and ways in which to avoid taking *incidental* species like Lynx and Wolves. The idea of regulated trapping is laudable, history demonstrates unattainable and trapping remains today an unethical.

How appropriate that the first hearing on HB1514 was held two days after Civil Right's Day. Traps can not discriminate! Animals caught in traps may include threatened or endangered species, unfortunately, and typically is the case, non-targeted animals and domestic pets. I might be personally criticized by voicing my opposition to fur trapping. The strong desire to stop trapping is long and tenuous. If we don't go after what we want (*the end of fur trapping*), we will never have it. If I don't ask, the answer is always no. If I don't step forward, we risk always being in the same place. I do not like fur trapping. I can not look on and do nothing.

Often times, for many, it comes down to a question of "pain", "suffering", "need" and "equality". If you pluck a beautiful rainbow trout out of the Mad River while fishing along the river bank does it suffer? If you pull the trigger, your adrenalin pumping, the buck in your crosshairs, shooting him perfectly through the heart does it feel pain as it drops to the ground taking those last two strides of life? What does the gobbler feel when the archer's bow hits him just as it is fleeing into the brush for cover almost out reach? None of these animals, if hunted properly, feel the inexcusable pain and suffering when being caught in a snare, Conibear trap, body gripping traps or a foothold trap.

When a bear, coyote or red fox have their paw crushed upon by 90 pounds of pressure per square inch, enough to break a human hand in several places, do they make a nerve shattering cry as the rush of pain consumes them?

Despite regulations, trappers sometimes leave traps unattended for long periods of time and trap animals out of season. Often touted by trappers are modified traps with offset jaws, or lamination, or both, both of which *decrease pressure* on the animals legs. Traps are also available with a padded jaw, which has rubber inserts inside the jaws to reduce animal injuries. However, these traps are more expensive and not widely employed except by research and conservation experts. Said differently they continue to use traps that execute audible pain.

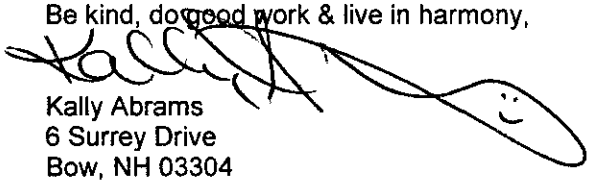
Publications cite that the number of trappers have dwindled in New Hampshire. I say "good" – regardless of the reason! Change is the paradigm shift that is often times slow and hard to see.

I realize New Hampshire is the "Live Free or Die" state. But I must ask you why? Why should we continue to support inhumane cruelty that serves no tangible value? The recent argument about "industrious beavers", one species, who know only this way of life, doing what comes naturally to them, in their habitats is NOT a strong foundation to support continued trapping.

Please do NOT support this form of killing and maiming of animals in our state! The rights of the animals being trapped are inalienable. As civil rights were fought for arduously and continues to be addressed, everyday the rights of those who can not always defend, nor speak for themselves, must be spoken for and protected. Civil Rights day is celebrated across the country and the globe. Give us another reason to celebrate. Regardless of fur trapping's history and culture in New Hampshire it is time to change and embrace this change.

In summary, I too have a dream and included in my multi-faceted dream is the end of fur trapping. Take this road with me, the route not marked on any map; I encourage you to abolish fur trapping in the state of New Hampshire. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please vote in favor of HB1514 – *the end of fur trapping*!

Be kind, do good work & live in harmony,



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FOR THE OFFICIAL RECORD
HB 1514
FUR BAN BILL

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From: "Suzanne at Solutions" <animalfriendlysolutions@comcast.net>
To: <joel.anderson@leg.state.nh.us>
Cc: "Abbott, Rep. Dennis" <denevel@comcast.net>; "Porter, Rep. Margaret" <Margaret.Porter@leg.state.nh.us>
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 8:52 AM
Subject: STATUTES MISREPRESENTED -- Two statutes are precedence for HB 1514 (Fur Ban Bill)

Wed. 2/10/10, 8:20am

Hello Joel Anderson, (Legislative Researcher)

(copied to Heather Ebbs for Chairman Abbott and Vice-Chair Porter and for the Official Record on HB 1514)

Thank you for speaking with me this morning. It was disconcerting to hear Chairman Abbott refer to the Washington State statute as a regulation yesterday at the Executive Session on HB 1514. And that he did not mention the second statute in California.

As you said, Chairman Abbott has the information you gave him about Washington State and California statutes that speak to the precedence regarding HB 1514 (the Fur Ban Bill), and that if he wants something in writing, you will give that to him.

It is interesting that you mentioned to me that you work for the Fish & Game & Marine Resources Committee, to which I responded, does this mean your work is biased? And you said no. However, if the facts about the two statutes in question that are the information that the Committee had been seeking from you beginning on January 20th are not clearly communicated and documented in writing, then I think there is lack of integrity in the process and notably in this particular instance.

Please see the relevant statutes below. I urge you to provide Chairman Abbott written documentation on both these statutes prior to his writing up of the Committee Report on HB 1514.

As I communicated to you on Friday, the 5th, the statutes in Washington State and California both ban traps, and allow traps to be used in some situations such as to resolve conflicts, and all the pelts cannot be sold.

The statute # for Washington State is: RCW - 77.15.194

The statute # for California is: California Codes, Fish & Game Code, Section 3000-3012.

Both statutes are pasted below as excerpted directly from the states' websites.

Please correct your information on HB 1514 to reflect that there are these two states that have statutes that prevent the sale of pelts even when the furbearer is taken legally.

Thank you for your attention.

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====== EXCERPTED FROM WASHINGTON STATE'S WEBSITE ========

========== State of Washington's statute
http://apps.leg.wa.gov/rcw/default.aspx?cite=77.15.194

RCW 77.15.194

Unlawful traps — Penalty.

(1) It is unlawful to use or authorize the use of any steel-jawed leghold trap, neck snare, or other body-gripping trap to capture any mammal for recreation or commerce in fur.

(2) It is unlawful to knowingly buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange, or offer to buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange the raw fur of a mammal or a mammal that has been trapped in this state with a steel-jawed leghold trap or any other body-gripping trap, **whether or not pursuant to permit**.

(3) It is unlawful to use or authorize the use of any steel-jawed leghold trap or any other body-gripping trap to capture any animal, except as provided in subsections (4) and (5) of this section.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits the use of a Conibear trap in water, a padded leghold trap, or a nonstrangling type foot snare **with a special permit granted by the director under (a) through (d) of this subsection**. Issuance of the special permits shall be governed by rules adopted by the department and in accordance with the requirements of this section. Every person granted a special permit to use a trap or device listed in this subsection shall check the trap or device at least every twenty-four hours.

(a) Nothing in this section prohibits the director, in consultation with the department of social and health services or the United States department of health and human services from granting a permit to use traps listed in this subsection for the purpose of protecting people from threats to their health and safety.

(b) Nothing in this section prohibits the director from granting a special permit to use traps listed in this subsection to a person who applies for such a permit in writing, and who establishes that there exists on a property an animal problem that has not been and cannot be reasonably abated by the use of nonlethal control tools, including but not limited to guard animals, electric fencing, or box and cage traps, or if such nonlethal means cannot be reasonably applied. Upon making a finding in writing that the animal problem has not been and cannot be reasonably abated by nonlethal control tools or if the tools cannot be reasonably

applied, the director may authorize the use, setting, placing, or maintenance of the traps for a period not to exceed thirty days.

(c) Nothing in this section prohibits the director from granting a special permit to department employees or agents to use traps listed in this subsection where the use of the traps is the only practical means of protecting threatened or endangered species as designated under RCW 77.08.010.

(d) Nothing in this section prohibits the director from issuing a permit to use traps listed in this subsection, excluding Conibear traps, for the conduct of legitimate wildlife research.

(5) Nothing in this section prohibits the United States fish and wildlife service, its employees or agents, from using a trap listed in subsection (4) of this section where the fish and wildlife service determines, in consultation with the director, that the use of such traps is necessary to protect species listed as threatened or endangered under the federal endangered species act (16 U.S.C. Sec. 1531 et seq.).

(6) A person violating this section is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

[2003 c 53 § 374; 2001 c 1 § 3 (Initiative Measure No. 713, approved November 7, 2000).]

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========= EXCERPTED FROM CALIFORNIA'S WEBSITE ==========
http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html

California Law consists of 29 codes, covering various subject areas, the State Constitution and Statutes. Information presented reflects laws currently in effect.

All California Codes have been updated to include the 2009 Statutes.

CALIFORNIA CODES
FISH AND **GAME CODE**
SECTION 3000-3012

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(d) For purposes of this section, fur-bearing mammals, **game** mammals, nongame mammals, and protected mammals are those mammals so defined by statute on January 1, 1997.

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Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 1514-FN

BILL TITLE: **prohibiting the sale of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals.**

DATE: February 9, 2010

LOB ROOM: 307

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: OTP, OTP/A, (ITL,) Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. Marshall

Seconded by Rep. Rogers

Vote: 15-0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

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Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: NO

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. Betsy McKinney, Clerk

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FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

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PH Date: ____/____/____ Exec Session Date: 2/9/10

Motion: ITL Amendment #: _____

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Abbott, Dennis F, Chairman	✓	
Porter, Margaret E, V Chairman	✓	
Henson, John W	✓	
Marshall, Seth C	✓	
Preston, Mark F		
Rogers, Rose Marie	✓	
Carr, Daniel P		
Farley, Michael J	✓	
Russell, Joseph A	✓	
Ward, Kenneth J	✓	
Watters, David H		
L'Heureux, Robert J	✓	
McKinney, Betsy, Clerk	✓	
Reed, Dennis	✓	
Bulis, Lyle E	✓	
Hopper, Gary S	✓	
Sanders, Elisabeth N	✓	
McCarthy, Michael J	✓	
Roberts, John E		
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Marshall
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TOTAL VOTE:

Printed: 12/18/2009

Committee Report

REGULAR CALENDAR

February 10, 2010

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

REPORT OF COMMITTEE

The Committee on FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES to which was referred HB1514-FN,

AN ACT prohibiting the sale of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals. Having considered the same, report the same with the following Resolution: RESOLVED, That it is INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE.

Rep. Margaret E Porter

FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
Cc: Committee Bill File

COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee:	**FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES**
Bill Number:	**HB1514-FN**
Title:	**prohibiting the sale of raw skins or unskinned carcasses of fur-bearing animals.**
Date:	**February 10, 2010**
Consent Calendar:	**NO**
Recommendation:	**INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

STATEMENT OF INTENT

House Bill 1514 prohibits sale of fur-bearer skins and carcasses but in fact is both anti-trapping and anti-commerce legislation. New Hampshire has a long history of strictly regulated and licensed trapping. Trappers provide a necessary service to the Fish & Game Department as well as towns and municipalities and individual landowners, assisting with nuisance complaints and rabies-infected animals. The sale of pelts is their chief compensation for the services provided. In New Hampshire, as in most states, fur-bearer populations are controlled and managed by trapping. This bill raised numerous questions about interstate commerce and prohibiting commerce as a means of reducing (without completely eliminating) trapping. Additionally, there was testimony from other classes of people whose livelihoods would be eliminated or adversely affected by the passage of this bill. It would also deprive the self-funded Fish & Game Department of revenue in a time of tight budgeting.

Vote 15-0.

Rep. Margaret E Porter
FOR THE COMMITTEE

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FISH AND GAME AND MARINE RESOURCES

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MARGARET FORTIER

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