

RE: Trap Types

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Cc: MacIver, Stephen FOR:EX <Stephen.MacIver@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 12, 2022 11:32:58 AM PDT

Thanks Gerad, I will ask TJ too, to take one more look at the list. Are there trap types that are the most common that should be at the top of the list, or do you think it is ok to just have the list in alphabetical order?

Yes, we can add a field for target species. Knowing that most people don't read manuals, this is probably the best way to get the data. Given that they might not read the manual, will "Target Species" be obvious enough, to know what we're asking for? OR would "Target Species (for incidental catch)" make it clearer?

Thank you for all your input on this!

Sarah.

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Subject: RE: Trap Types

I think it looks good. You could run the list by TJ one more time.

For incidentally trapped furbearers, would it be possible to have a field where they state the "Target Species", and describe what that means in the manual? We're finding we have some gaps in our data with respect to the target animals intended to be trapped when another is trapped incidentally, so if there's any way to include this, that would be great. If it's only described in the manual, without a stand alone field on the form, it would probably get missed more often, but if that's the only way to do it, then that will have to do.

Cheers.

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Thank you Gerad, for the quick response.

We only have one field for trap type, so asking for size in a different field is not possible. If this is important information to collect, we could have the dropdown list as follows:

- Killing Snare
- Modified Foot-Hold
- Foot-Hold-Submerging
- Killing Trap – 110
- Killing Trap – 120
- Killing Trap – 160
- Killing Trap – 220
- Killing Trap – 280
- Killing Trap – 330
- Killing Trap – Other Size
- Live Box/Cage Trap
- Foot Snare

- Rifle, Shotgun or Bow
- Egg Trap

Please let me know if that looks right, and if it makes sense to include it here, even without a separate field for trap size.

For your first entry in the list, is it important to have the “(i.e., neck snare)” part included?

For incidentally trapped animals that come in for inspection, and wanting to know what animal the trap was set for, this is difficult to collect unless we have another field called “Trap set for” or something, and I think this might cause confusion. We will be creating a manual to provide inspectors with, to help understand how to enter into WILD, and I wonder if it would work to include in the manual that if the animal trapped was not the intended species for the trap set, that they put this information in the notes section of the report. Would this help?

Thank you,
Sarah.

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Hi Sarah.

I think the list on page 75 is good:

Killing Snare (i.e., neck snare)
Modified Foot-hold
Foot-hold Submerging
Killing Trap
Live Box/Cage Trap
Foot Snare
Rifle, Shotgun, Bow
Egg Trap

For the killing traps, it would be nice to know the size of the trap; would it be possible to include that? Trap sizes for rotating jaw traps are generally: 110, 120, 160, 220, 280, 330, other (perhaps with space for free text here).

As well, for incidentally trapped animals that come in for inspection, it would be good to know what animal the trap was set for (i.e., the intended target species). So, for example, if someone brings in an incidentally trapped fisher, we would want to know if the trap the animal was caught in was set for a marten, or mink, etc. Is that possible?

Does that help?

G

From: McKinnon, Sarah FOR:EX <Sarah.McKinnon@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Gerad,

I have a question about trap types, for the new CI build we're working on in WILD.

If the inspection is identified as a trapping kill, we're asking for “Trap Type” and “Set Type”. I was given the list of set types, but not a list of trap types.

In the hunting and trapping regulations synopsis, on page 74, there is a long list of trap types – too long to put in a drop down list, really. But, if we allow for free text, the data is not very helpful if you want to summarize at the trap type level. I see on page 75 of the synopsis trapping methods, with 8 possible options. Is this good to use for Trap type, or is the longer list better? Any other suggestions on what to use for this field?

I've already spoken with Steve MacIver and TJ Gooliaff. TJ suggested trapping method was good. Steve suggested I ask you.

Thank you,
Sarah.

Sarah McKinnon

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RE: Good morning/follow-up

From: Paradine, Dennis FOR:EX <Dennis.Paradine@gov.bc.ca>
To: lesley@thefurbearers.com, Hales, Gerad S FOR:EX <Gerad.Hales@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 13, 2022 2:44:46 PM PDT
Hi Lesley,

Thanks for your note – indeed the short week and Thanksgiving dinner was appreciated.

I'm definitely not an expert on specific types of traps – Gerad Hales may be able to answer your question on legality.

The regulatory initiative on pets caught on traps remains paused due to staffing challenges. Our hope is that when we are back at full staff capacity that we can address this – and several other regulatory packages that are also on hold.

In kindness,
Dennis

From: lesley@thefurbearers.com <lesley@thefurbearers.com>
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Subject: Good morning/follow-up

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Good morning, Dennis.

Hope you enjoyed the long weekend – the short work week is always nice!

I wanted to circle back to you to see if there have been any updates regarding the trapping regulations (warning signs, ID tags etc)?

Also, what is your knowledge base about egg-style traps for raccoons? I sincerely apologize for the graphic photo, but we were recently notified of an incident in East Vancouver. A raccoon was found dead (after roaming at large) in an egg trap/Duke Cuff trap. Are these devices permitted in urban areas? I am not clear on the regulations. Sadly, every year we regularly see photos, videos of raccoons suffering in these traps. The incident was reported to the BC COS.

Thanks for any information. It's always great appreciated.

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FW: Question re egg trap/duke cuff trap

From: Hales, Gerad S FOR:EX <Gerad.Hales@gov.bc.ca>
To: MacIver, Stephen FOR:EX <Stephen.MacIver@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 17, 2022 4:06:43 PM PDT
Attachments: IMG_3190.JPG
Can we please discuss when you have a few minutes?

GH

From: lesley@thefurbearers.com <lesley@thefurbearers.com>
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To: Hales, Gerad S FOR:EX <Gerad.Hales@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: October 17, 2022 4:15:54 PM PDT
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On March 14, 2014 regulatory amendments regarding feral pigs were implemented.

The definition of a “feral pig” are pigs of the genus *Sus*, that is not in captivity or otherwise under a person’s control.

Feral pigs have now been classified as “wildlife” under the provincial *Wildlife Act*. They have been further classified as Schedule C wildlife.

As with all Schedule C wildlife, they are exempted from specific provisions of the *Wildlife Act*. Exemptions associated with Schedule C classification are species specific. The following exemptions apply to Schedule B and C species:

1) Private Land:

Where Schedule B and C species, including feral pigs, are killed by a person for the protection of that person’s property, or by the person on property owned or occupied by that person or the spouse, parent, guardian, or child of that person, have exemptions from the following provisions of the *Wildlife Act*:

- Section 11 – Hunting and Trapping Licenses
- Subsections 17.1(3) and (4), and 17.2 (2) and (3) – Initiation and youth licenses
- Subsection 26(1)(c) – open seasons
- Subsection 27 (4) – hunting within 6 hours after being airborne in an aircraft
- Section 29 – Capturing wildlife
- Section 33 – possession of wildlife
- Section 35 – removal of edible portions

2) Crown Land:

a) All Schedule B and C wildlife:

- If a person injures wildlife listed in Schedule B or C, the person must kill that wildlife;
- Do not have to be reported to an officer if they are killed (accidentally or on purpose);
- Can be killed anywhere and anytime. Note that other regulation still apply regarding No Hunting Areas, No Shooting Areas, prohibited hours for hunting, etc.

b) All Schedule C wildlife, with the exception of feral pigs and non-native reptiles/amphibians:

- No hunting licence is required to hunt them;
- No trapping licence is required to trap them;
- Live specimens may be possessed for no more than 24 hours and transported a distance no greater than 10km, no greater than 1km on Vancouver Island

- Can only be released on crown land or on the person's private land, on Vancouver Island they cannot be released a distance greater than 1km from the capture site, and cannot be released on an island other than the island it was captured on.
- c) Non-native reptiles and amphibians:
- No hunting licence is required to hunt them;
 - No trapping licence is required to trap them but must be trapped on land that is owned/occupied by the person, crown land, or other land (i.e. federal or municipal) with permission from the landowner (i.e. federal or municipal government).
 - Live specimens may be possessed for no more than 24 hours but only if they are killed or transported to an officer or place where they will be killed.
- d) Feral pigs (a pig of the genus *Sus* that is not in captivity or is not otherwise under a person's control):
- A hunting licence is required to hunt them, there is no species license or bag limit;
 - May be possessed or transported live only by the previous owner, or an agent of the owner, for the purpose of returning it to captivity or control. Hunters, or any other member of the public that is not the previous owner, may not possess live feral pigs. The only way a hunter can possess a feral pig is if it is dead.
- e) Hunting licence requirements: A hunting licence is required to kill crows, black-billed magpie, brown-headed cowbirds, or feral pigs. A hunting licence is not required for all other Schedule C species.
- f) Schedule C birds: people are exempt from section 34 of the Act and may take, injure, molest or destroy a bird or its egg or a nest occupied by a bird or its egg if the bird is listed in Schedule C.
- g) Trafficking: As with all wildlife species, it is an offence to traffic in wildlife meat, including Schedule B and C species. The only Schedule C exemption to this is for non-native species of the family *Leporidae* (hares and rabbits).
- h) Unless specifically exempted from regulations (as described above) all other hunting related regulations apply. For example, prohibited hours for hunting, motor vehicle prohibitions, no hunting areas, no shooting areas, etc.

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From: Hales, Gerad S FOR:EX <Gerad.Hales@gov.bc.ca>
To: MacIver, Stephen FOR:EX <Stephen.MacIver@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 19, 2022 11:08:10 AM PDT
How's this for a response? Any errors or did I miss anything?

Hi Lesley.

Thank you for bringing this incident to my attention. Here's some information that I hope answers your questions.

1. Raccoons are listed under Schedule B of the Designation and Exemption Regulation. As such, a property owner may capture and kill Schedule B wildlife for the protection of that person's property, and may do so without a hunting or a trapping licence, and at a time outside of an open harvest season (sections 2 and 6 of the Designation and Exemption Regulation).
2. Raccoons can only be trapped using a killing snare, live box trap, egg trap or certified killing trap. An egg trap is defined as "a holding device set in a manner designed to capture a raccoon by a front paw."
3. A person who traps within 200m of a dwelling can only use a live box trap or an egg trap.
4. A trapping licence is not required to purchase a trap.

Thank you, Lesley. Please note that what I have provided above is my interpretation of the regulation only, and does not cover all legislation and regulations that could be pertinent to this issue. Please let me know if you have any further questions.

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Cc: Paradine, Dennis FOR:EX <Dennis.Paradine@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 20, 2022 10:05:51 AM PDT
Hi Lesley.

Thank you for bringing this incident to my attention. Here's some information on current regulations that I hope helps answer your questions.

1. Raccoons are listed under Schedule B of the Designation and Exemption Regulation . A property owner may capture and kill Schedule B wildlife for the protection of that person's property, and may do so without a hunting or a trapping licence, and at a time outside of an open harvest season (see sections 2 and 6 of the Designation and Exemption Regulation).
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Thanks again Lesley.

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