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**Subject: Re: Nuisance trapping regulations**

Ms. Salyer-- Many people who enjoy the outdoors agree that nuisance trappers who currently can be unlicensed without many regulations deserve some scrutiny. I will inquire at our next Board meeting about the statutory and regulatory authority of the Fish and Wildlife Board to place regulations on people trapping in defense of property out of season.

My best,

Kevin Lawrence, Board Chair.

On Thu, Aug 3, 2017 at 1:54 PM, Diana xxxxxxxx> wrote:

As a Vermonter who spends many hours in the woods regularly, I very much enjoy a diverse ecosystem and sightings of wildlife.

I am opposed to leghold trapping and body traps, as they are indiscriminate- harming intended wildlife as well as unintended wildlife, and household pets.

The majority of Vermonters do not support trapping. Who is it that you are representing?

Please tighten your "nuisance" trapping regulations to include reporting of household dogs and cats in traps. Clearly this lack of reporting is an attempt to hide the fact that cherished pets are a casualty of this cruel "sport." **Vermonters have a right to know when pets and incidentally trapped animals are caught!**

**Email from NWCO, Bill Pickens, and also my Lamoille county FW Board rep:**

On Oct 3, 2016, at 7:43 PM, Bill <[bpickens46@aol.com](mailto:bpickens46@aol.com)> wrote:

You asked what I thought of your last e-mail to Cheryl.

You are still making the claim that trappers will be setting more traps specifically for Bobcats. I believe you are not correct in this.

**As to nuisance trapping I do think their needs to be some changes.**

**Maybe all nuisance trappers need to take the trapping education course and purchase a Trapping license. They should have to abide by the same regulations as to trap check times, trap tags with name and address. Enforcement of the regulation against transporting and release. All of this can be gone at the Board level.**

Water Control Devices it would depend on the restrictions your group put on the installation in state waters. Really a question for Louis.

Bill

Sent from my iPhone