

H.172 Public Comment
House Committee on Natural Resources, Fish, and Wildlife

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I'm writing to Support Bill H.172

We call ourselves Animal Activists or Wildlife Activists while the opposition call us Anti's. We sit at home writing letters, making phone calls, putting out alerts on Facebook and telling friends to help in the good fight to speak for the injustices that animals face on a daily basis. We do this all in our free time and push other things aside because it is so important to us, others and the planet as a whole. We would not have the world we have now without all the creatures that inhabit it and believe it or not animals have been able to balance themselves for millions of years without human interaction or I should say human interference. We may not inherently know the special task each and every creature adds to a healthy ecosystem but there is one and whenever humans intervene we completely throw off that balance.

When you hear words like "manage" from Louis Porter or Mike Covey and including their hunter trapper cohorts they mean kill to suit their purposes. They have an agenda and that is to pursue and kill all that they can and it has nothing to do with science as I will point out. There is no closed season on trapping opossums although one of their main food sources is the consuming of ticks, We have a tremendous problem in VT with an overabundance of ticks yet the Fish & Wildlife eschew science and defer to the allowing of trapping. The Moose population have been in the news because there is an overabundance of winter ticks attacking Moose and making the herds unhealthy. Fish & Wildlife's solution to this problem has been giving extra permits to be able to kill more Moose. That makes no sense to me. That would predispose me to shoot one of my dogs because I live in a heavily infested area of Vt (which I do) to reduce the number of ticks I see on them.

Hound Hunting and Trapping are cruel and torturous ways humans hunt wild animals and that is their main goal. Humans that take up these "sports" are inherently cruel people whose sole purpose is to torture and ultimately kill using unfair means.

Imagine a parent teaching their child how to hound hunt or trap and kill a defenseless animal. Then imagine if your child shot and killed a local dog or trapped and killed a neighbors cat. You would not walk but run and get them the help they need from a local therapist knowing the ramifications they could face later in life. Children who kill grow up to be adults who kill while enjoying it.

Why is this different?

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