Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rules

R12-307 Definitions

In addition to the definitions provided in A.R.S. §17-101, the following definitions apply to trapping:

"Bobcat seal" means the tag a person is required to attach to the raw pelt or carcass of a bobcat, as provided in section 17-101.

"Body-gripping trap" means a device designed to capture an animal by gripping the animal's body.

"Confinement trap" means a device designed to capture wildlife alive and hold it for observation, study or research.

"Department" means the Arizona Game and Fish Department.

"Departments of land management" means the United States department of agriculture, the United States department of the interior, and any other department, agency, office, employee, employer, volunteer, member, or agent of a person.

"Electronic trap" means a trap with an inductive or electronic component.

"Exemption" means an individual born on or after January 1, 1967 shall successfully complete a "Water set" means any trap used and anchored in water rather than on land.

"Foothold trap" means a device designed to capture an animal by the leg or foot.

"Game" means wild birds, mammals, reptiles, or amphibians as may be defined or regulated by the Arizona game and fish commission or the Arizona game and fish department.

"Government" means service, the United States department of defense, the state parks board and any other public or governmental agency.

"Handle" means an individual who knowingly fails to enforce a lawful rule of the commission.

"Level of competition" means to commit a violation by an individual.

"License" means a trapping license.

"Licensee" means a person who knows or has reason to know that the trap has an anchor chain equipped with at least two swivels as follows:

"Litter" means to transport, carry, or cause to be carried, and include to transport, carry, or cause to be carried, and include

"Nongame" means a wild bird, mammal, reptile, or amphibian not designated as a big game animal by the Arizona game and fish commission.

"Officer" means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, non-governmental organization or club, licensed animal shelter, public or private animal control agency, or any other public or governmental agency.

"Paste-type bait" means a partially liquefied substance used as a lure for animals.

"Prescribe" means to provide all of the following information on the form:

"Punt gun" means a device designed to release a projectile weighing not less than 1 ounce when discharged, which is capable of injuring or killing human beings, animals, or domestic animals, or

"Property damage or loss" means damage to real or personal property resulting from taking wildlife.

"Public" means all persons except those named in section 17-101, subsection 10.

"Public waters" means all waters of the state of Arizona, including all waters and wetlands located therein.
LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

License Required

Trapping License plus Bobcat seal in accordance with R12-4-307.

Legal Tagging Devices and Traps

Traps as prescribed in R12-4-401; wildlife may be trapped day or night.

Trapper Education

An individual born on or after January 1, 1987 shall successfully complete a Department-approved trapping education course before applying for a trapping license.

Definition

Trapping means the taking of wildlife in any manner except with a gun or other implement is hand (see "traps" or "trapping" as defined under AS 17-1101).

Bag Limit

Unlimited.

Possession Limit

Sight-exposed bait or trapping season are closed and state and federal refuge, parks, and monuments, unless specifically covered by Special Order Commission (see "open season" as defined under AS 17-1101). The Department will be collecting bobcats across the state as part of a study to collect data on survival. Bobcats taken in the study will be culled, a bobcat seal and a collar will be placed on the bobcat, we are not asking you to killer. Simply return the collar as well as any other marking device, such as an ear tag, to a Department office or officer so that we can account for the mortality. In turn, if you contact the nearest Department office or the Predator/Furbearer Biologist at 623-236-7352.

Trapping:

Commission Order 23

Open areas do not include areas within municipal parks, municipal preserves, county parks, county preserves, airports, golf courses, or posted water treatment facilities (except as specifically approved in this Commission Order) or areas closed under house orders, see Chapter 17-1-5. ACM-204 or R12-4-401.

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R12-4-307

Trapping Regulations, Licensing; Methods: Tagging of Bobcat Pelts

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B. Trapper personnel or an authorized agent shall attach a bobcat seal to a pelt or unskinned carcass presented with a validated transportation tag and a complete lower jaw identified with labeling identifying the trapper and tagging unit.

C. Trapper personnel or authorized agents shall collect the transportation tags and jaw labels from the trap site and provide to the Department within 10 working days of attachment.

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What can I use as bait in my cage trap? Prior to the rule changes only nonmammals such as jackrabbits, rock squirrels and rodents could be used as bait. Now, in addition to nonmammals, the inedible portions of small game, big game and game fish may be used as bait. Remember, feathers or any other part of game and nongame birds are prohibited by statute and may not be used as bait.

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