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Subject: FW: A Question About Steel Jaw Traps

Dear Paul,

In NH, certain size foothold traps are legal to use. I have copied the rules and regulations regarding certain traps. In general, during a trapping season, in order to place a trap on someone else's property you need written landowner permission. If someone is trapping out of season, it is either because they are a WCO (Wildlife Control Operator) that has been hired by a landowner for a nuisance animal, or the landowner themselves trapping a nuisance animal. Hope this helps. Thank you and best wishes.

Fis 303.12 Restrictions on Certain Traps.

- (a) No foothold trap with auxiliary teeth added shall be allowed.
- (b) No foothold trap shall be set on land with an inside jaw spread greater than 6½ inches, measured between the inside edges of the opened jaws, across the trap trigger, and perpendicular to the trap base plate.
- (c) Body gripping traps with an inside jaw spread greater than or equal to 6½ inches, measured inside the jaws perpendicular to the trap's pivoting joints, shall only be set:
 - (1) Five feet or more above the ground or surface of the snow unless there was a snowstorm during the previous 24 hours; or
 - (2) In water for beaver or otter.
- (d) Deadfalls, a device constructed of any material(s) utilizing material weight as the holding or killing method, shall be prohibited.
- (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of Fis 308, no person shall set a snare on land.
- (f) When set, all traps shall be securely attached to the ground, to a fixed object, to a drag, or to a slide wire.

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Dear NH Fish and Game --

We have received a complaint from an abutter to one of our Town Forests that someone is using steel jaw traps (not sure where) – they saw a woodchuck dragging one that was attached to his leg. We suspect this is being done by a homeowner to protect a vegetable garden. So my question to you is: does NH have any regulations concerning the use of such traps? I understand MA bans them as cruel and inhumane. Even if

the State has no restrictions on them, I presume we can vote to prohibit them on the town's conservation land, which we are responsible for administering. Please advise, thanks.

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