

Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

**SECTION 1.** In order to protect people and domestic pets and to protect and conserve wildlife from the dangers of cruel and indiscriminate steel-jawed leghold traps and poisons and to encourage the use of humane methods of trapping when trapping is necessary to assure public health and safety, protect livestock, safeguard endangered species, or conduct field research on wildlife, notwithstanding any other provisions of Oregon law, the following provisions shall be inserted in Oregon Revised Statutes, Chapter 497.

(1) No person shall use a steel-jawed leghold trap or other body-gripping trap to capture any mammal for recreation or commerce in fur.

(2) No person shall knowingly buy, sell, barter or otherwise exchange, or offer to buy, sell, barter, or otherwise exchange, the raw fur of a mammal that has been trapped in this state with a steel-jawed leghold trap or any other body-gripping trap, whether or not pursuant to permit.

(3) No person shall use or authorize the use of any steel-jawed leghold trap or any other body-gripping trap to capture any animal except as provided in subsection 4 or 5 of this section.

(4) A person may use a Conibear trap in water, padded-jaw leghold trap, or non-strangling type foot snare with a special permit granted by the Director of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (Director) pursuant to parts (a) - (d) of this subsection. Issuance of such special permits shall be governed by rules adopted by the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission pursuant to ORS 496.138 and in accordance with the requirements of this section. Every person granted a special permit to use a trap listed in this subsection shall check the trap at least every 24 hours.

(a) The Director, in consultation with the Oregon Department of Human Services or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, may grant a permit to use traps listed in subsection 4 for the purpose of protecting people from threats to their health or safety.

(b) The Director may grant a special permit to use traps listed in subsection 4 to a person who applies for such permit in writing and establishes that there exists on a property an animal problem which has not been and cannot be reasonably abated by the use of non-lethal control tools, including but not limited to guard animals, electric fencing, or box and cage traps, or if such tools cannot be reasonably applied. Upon making a finding in writing that the animal problem has not been and cannot be reasonably abated by non-lethal control tools or if the tools cannot be reasonably applied, the Director may authorize the use, setting, placing or maintenance of such traps for a period not exceeding 30 days.

(c) The Director may also grant a special permit to its employees or agents to use traps listed in subsection 4 where the use of such traps is the only practical means of protecting threatened or endangered species, as listed under the Oregon Endangered Species Act.

(d) The Director may grant a special permit to use traps listed in subsection 4, not including Conibear traps, for the conduct of legitimate wildlife research.