COMMERCIAL TRAPPING PROCLAMATION

Season: October 01, 2010, – March 31, 2011. There is no limit on the number of trapping permits for Navajo tribal members. Twenty (20) permits are available for non-Navajos. Non-Navajo trapping permits will be sold on a first come-first served basis beginning on September 1, 2010. The Department reserves the right to select non-Navajo trappers based upon trappers being able to assist with management goals and previous trapping experience on the Navajo Nation. Fees: Navajo - $5.00; Non-Navajo - $250.00.

The following species are permitted to be taken: badger, bobcat, coyote, gray and red fox, raccoon, skunk, weasel, wild dogs, and feral cats. Muskrat and beaver can be taken only along the San Juan River where it crosses through Navajo lands.

Trappers are restricted to three (3) management units at any one (1) time. If a trapper wants to move to another management unit, the trapper must first notify the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office.

All bobcat pelts MUST BE TAGGED WITH THE APPROVED CITES EXPORT TAG within forty-five (45) days of harvest. Export tags are $20.00/pelt for Non-Navajo trappers and $5.00/pelt for Navajo trappers. Bobcat lower jaws must be submitted at the time of tagging. Bobcat pelt export tags will be available at the Department of Fish and Wildlife Office from 8:00 a.m., to 5:00 p.m., on Monday through Friday, or by appointment.

Possession tags are not required but are available upon request.

Each trapper must submit a harvest report to the Department of Fish and Wildlife by April 8, 2011. Failure to do so will result in the suspension of trapping privileges for one (1) year.

Sight baits are prohibited. Traps must be checked at least once every 48 hours.

Traps or the contents of traps belonging to another person shall not be disturbed without written permission from the owner. Violators are subject to 17 N.N.C. Section 330, Theft and the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulations, Section 4.07 B. All traps must be identified with the name and address of owner or a registration number may be used in lieu of name and address; if only the registration mark or number is registered with the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Additional information is available in the Navajo Nation Hunting and Trapping Regulation booklet.