

NAVAJO NATION

2012-2013 TRAPPING PROCLAMATION

Season: October 01, 2012, – March 31, 2013. There is no limit on the number of trapping permits for Navajo tribal members. The deadline to apply for Navajo Trapping permits is September 30, 2012. Twenty (20) permits are available for non-Navajos. The deadline to apply for non-Navajo Trapping Permits is August 31, 2012. In the event that there are more than 20 applications, a random drawing will be conducted to select the 20 trappers using the big game applications drawing system. In addition, the Department reserves the right to select non-Navajo trappers based upon trappers previous trapping experience and being in good standing 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. The Department will not accept whole heads of bobcats. Bobcat pelt export (CITES) 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.

Each trapper must submit a harvest report to the Department of Fish and Wildlife by April 5, 2013. 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.

The Department of Fish and Wildlife is interested in collecting samples of DNA from- mountain lions. If a trapper is interested in participating in this project, they can capture a lion and call Jeff Cole at 928-871-6595 or 505-879-0582. The Department will collect a live sample of DNA and turn the lion loose. As you may be aware, the Navajo Nation is also managing lions now and there is a lion hunt. Trappers are welcome to provide information to the department and hunters about lion sign they are seeing while out in the field, in order to improve the harvest of lions. A trapper that assists with capturing a lion for the purpose of getting a DNA sample will get credit for 2 bobcat cites tag per lion captured.