

Navajo Nation
Department of Fish and Wildlife
2025-2026 Trapping Proclamation

Season: October 01, 2025 – March 31, 2026. 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, 2025. Twenty (25) permits are available for non-Navajos. The deadline to apply for non-Navajo Trapping Permits is September 12, 2025. In the event that there are more than 25 applications, a random drawing will be conducted to select the 25 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 - \$300.00.

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.

All bobcat pelts must be tagged with a CITES export tag within forty-five (45) days of harvest. Export tags are \$25.00/pelt for Non-Navajo trappers and \$5.00/pelt for Navajo trappers. 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 May 1, 2026. 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.