

Navajo Nation

Department of Fish and Wildlife

2026-2027 Trapping Proclamation

Season: October 01, 2026 – March 31, 2027.

The deadline to apply for Trapping permits is 5:00 P.M. MST, September 4, 2026. The Department does not accept post-dated mail. There is no limit to trapping permits for Navajo tribal members. Twenty (25) permits are available for non-Navajos. In the event that there are more than 25 non-Navajo applications, a random drawing will be conducted to select the 25 trappers.

Fees: Navajo - \$5.00; Non-Navajo - \$300.00.

Commercial trapping applicants must submit a Big Game Hunting Application along with a Credit Card Authorization Form in order to apply for a Commercial Trapping Permit. The Department does not accept cash, Cashier's Checks or Money Orders for payment. Applications can be dropped off at the Fish and Wildlife Office, or mailed to P.O. Box 1480, Window Rock, AZ 86515. Applications may also be emailed to hunt@nndfw.org. Once applications are received, they will be screened for eligibility. Once a permit application is deemed accepted and complete, the credit card will be charged. If a credit card payment declines, the application will be rejected.

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, 2027. 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.