Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rules

R12-3-401 Definitions

In addition to the definitions provided under A.R.S. § 17-101, the following definitions are applicable:

“Body-gripping trap” means a device designed to capture an animal by gripping its body.

“Confinement trap” means a device designed to capture wildlife alive and hold it temporarily.

“Evidence of legality” means the wildlife is accompanied by the applicable license, tag, report or other record required by law as the legal "wildlife" prescribed by Commission Order, which may include evidence of compliance with a lawful order or rule of the commission.

“Foothold trap” means a device designed to capture an animal by leg or foot.

“Instant kill trap” means a device designed to render an animal unconscious and immobilize it with enough speed to minimize welfare issues without recovery of consciousness.

“Land set” means a trap or traps set on land rather than in water.

“The foot” means a partially liquidated portion used in a form for animals.

“Person” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, non-governmental organization or civic, licensed animal trapper, tribal entity or other entities other than the department, employee, volunteer, member, or agent of a person.

“Exposed bait” means a means of attracting wildlife to a trap or traps. It includes any water set other than other than water that is associated at least four feet above the ground.

“Foot” means a trap setup used and checked in water rather than on land.

Arizona Revised Statutes

A.R.S.350(D) Exceptions; Methods of Taking

A. An Arizona trapping license permits an individual to trap predatory and fur-bearing animals during trapping seasons established by Commission Order.

B. An applicant shall:

1. Import traps daily.
2. Kill or release all predatory and fur-bearing animals.
3. Possess a civilian trapper license that enables the trapper to release a predator from a trap when trapping in a predator hunt, as determined by Commission Order.
4. Possess a device that is designed or manufactured to restrain a trapped animal while it is being transported in an automobile if its release is required by this Section.
5. Release, without additional injury, all animals that cannot lawfully be taken by trap.
6. Possession of Cougars (C) and Coyotes (D) will not apply when the trap is using a confinement trap.

H. A trap shall not:

1. Be a confinement trap.

2. Be a foothold trap.

3. Be a wadeable trap.

4. Be a mind trap.

5. Be a ground trap.

6. Be a trap with a jaw spread exceeding 7 1/2 inches.

7. Be an explosive trap.

8. Be an attached trap.

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Frequently Asked Questions

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