

Focus Questions
Development of Best Management Practices for Furbearer Trapping
Hunting Coyotes with the Aid of Dogs
Public Hearing---June 21, 2023, Rutland Middle School
Public Hearing – June 21, 2023, Montpelier High School

If willing, please fill in your name, email address, and town of residence and any responses you have to the questions below:

Name: _____ **Town:** _____

Email: _____

1. What are your comments on the Boards' first vote to change regulations for legal, regulated trapping in Vermont? Please add your reasons why?

i.e. 4.5 recommendations for foothold trapping systems including swivel requirements, chain length, jaw thickness, lamination, etc.

4.6, 4.7, 4.8: recommendations for body-gripping traps on land

4.9: Covered bait

4.17 trapping setbacks: No traps may be set on or within 50' of the traveled portion of a town trail, public trail on state-owned land except WMA's, or highway unless set in the water.

2. What are your comments on the changes being recommended by the Department and the reasons why?

i.e. 4.5 (a) addition of an extra swivel

4.5 (f) elimination of drags

4.6, 4.7, 4.8: No body-gripping traps on the ground unless placed within an anchored enclosure or 5' above the ground.

4.17 change set-back distance for all traps from 25' to 50'. Apply setback to town trails.

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Comments on Department suggested changes/additions:

3. What are your comments on the Board's first vote for the coyote hunting and training season while hunting with the aid of dogs (see dates below)?

4.21.4 Seasons and Shooting Hours for Taking Coyote with the Aid of Dogs.

a) Coyote Dog Training Season: For Vermont Resident and Nonresident Permit Holder:

June 1 through September 15, all dates inclusive, except that a nonresident may train dogs to pursue coyote only while the training season is in effect in the nonresident's home state and subject to the requirements of these rules.

b) Coyote Dog Hunting Season December 15 through March 31, all dates inclusive.

c) Legal hours for taking coyote with the aid of dogs: One half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset.

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Any other comments or questions for the Board on the proposed rule changes for both coyote hunting with the aid of dogs and regulated, legal trapping?