

STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

CALIFORNIA

Leaderboard position: Joint 1st place of 23

Score: 85/100

NOTE: California receives full points on most measures due to complete prohibition of recreational and commercial trapping.

| Scoring Criteria | Status | Potential Score | State Score |
|---|--------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes | Yes | 25 | 25 |
| Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes | No | 15 | 0 |
| Leghold trap prohibited | N/A (Banned) | 8 | 8 |
| Conibear trap prohibited | N/A (Banned) | 8 | 8 |
| Snares prohibited | N/A (Banned) | 8 | 8 |
| Bait prohibited | N/A (Banned) | 6 | 6 |
| Restriction on number of traps | N/A (Banned) | 6 | 6 |
| Bobcat trapping prohibited | N/A (Banned) | 5 | 5 |
| Bear trapping prohibited | N/A (Banned) | 5 | 5 |
| Otter trapping prohibited | N/A (Banned) | 5 | 5 |
| Mandatory 24-hour check time (land) | N/A (Banned) | 2 | 2 |
| Mandatory 24-hour check time (water) | N/A (Banned) | 2 | 2 |
| Trapper license required | N/A (Banned) | 1 | 1 |
| Trapper report required | N/A (Banned) | 1 | 1 |
| Trap ID required | N/A (Banned) | 1 | 1 |
| Trapper education required | N/A (Banned) | 1 | 1 |
| Non-targeted animals reported | N/A (Banned) | 1 | 1 |
| | | 100 | 85 |

| 2019/2020 Trapping Season Data | Response |
|---|--|
| Number of trapping licenses issued | 660 |
| Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations | The department employs approximately 460 Wildlife Officers |
| Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping | Declined request for information |
| Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping | Declined request for information |
| Number of animals unintentionally trapped | Information not collected by state |

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing Trapping

| | | |
|--|--|---|
| Butte Sink Wildlife Management Area | Sacramento National Wildlife Refuge | Seal Beach National Wildlife Refuge |
| Colusa National Wildlife Refuge | Salinas National River Wildlife Refuge | Sutter National Wildlife Refuge |
| Delevan National Wildlife Refuge | San Diego Bay National Wildlife Refuge | Tijuana Slough National Wildlife Refuge |
| Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge | | |

Recommendations

- Implement ban on government agency trapping in favor of non-lethal control methods.

STATE LEADERBOARD

| State | Score | Position |
|---------------|-------|--------------|
| California | 85 | 1st (Joint) |
| Hawaii | 85 | 1st (Joint) |
| Colorado | 41 | 2nd |
| Rhode Island | 38 | 3rd (Joint) |
| Washington | 38 | 3rd (Joint) |
| Massachusetts | 36 | 4th |
| Oklahoma | 33 | 5th |
| Alabama | 26 | 6th (Joint) |
| Arizona | 26 | 6th (Joint) |
| Florida | 26 | 6th (Joint) |
| Connecticut | 25 | 7th (Joint) |
| New Jersey | 25 | 7th (Joint) |
| Maryland | 22 | 8th |
| New York | 20 | 9th |
| Michigan | 19 | 10th |
| Vermont | 18 | 11th (Joint) |
| West Virginia | 18 | 11th (Joint) |
| Delaware | 17 | 12th (Joint) |
| Ohio | 17 | 12th (Joint) |
| New Hampshire | 16 | 13th (Joint) |
| New Mexico | 16 | 13th (Joint) |
| Indiana | 15 | 14th |
| Nebraska | 14 | 15th |
| Tennessee | 13 | 16th (Joint) |
| Utah | 13 | 16th (Joint) |

| State | Score | Position |
|----------------|-------|--------------|
| Alaska | 12 | 17th (Joint) |
| Georgia | 12 | 17th (Joint) |
| Illinois | 12 | 17th (Joint) |
| Kansas | 12 | 17th (Joint) |
| Kentucky | 12 | 17th (Joint) |
| Wyoming | 12 | 17th (Joint) |
| South Dakota | 11 | 18th |
| Idaho | 10 | 19th (Joint) |
| Louisiana | 10 | 19th (Joint) |
| Minnesota | 10 | 19th (Joint) |
| South Carolina | 10 | 19th (Joint) |
| Wisconsin | 10 | 19th (Joint) |
| Arkansas | 9 | 20th (Joint) |
| Iowa | 9 | 20th (Joint) |
| Missouri | 9 | 20th (Joint) |
| Nevada | 9 | 20th (Joint) |
| North Carolina | 9 | 20th (Joint) |
| Oregon | 9 | 20th (Joint) |
| Virginia | 9 | 20th (Joint) |
| Mississippi | 8 | 21st (Joint) |
| Montana | 8 | 21st (Joint) |
| Pennsylvania | 8 | 21st (Joint) |
| North Dakota | 7 | 22nd |
| Maine | 6 | 23rd (Joint) |
| Texas | 6 | 23rd (Joint) |

NOTES ON SCORING

Scores are weighted towards measures that make a tangible impact on animal welfare or those that meaningfully limit the number of animal deaths. For example, statewide prohibition of recreational and commercial trapping dramatically reduces the number of traps laid and thus limits animal suffering and death. For this reason, a high score is given if this measure is met. Mid-range scores are given for prohibition of particular types of cruel traps (such as leghold, Conibear, or snare traps) as these measures may significantly reduce suffering. Lower scores are given for administrative measures such as mandatory record-keeping. While these are important factors for oversight and accountability, having them in place does not mitigate or reduce suffering or death directly. A perfect score of 100 would be achieved if all body-gripping trapping activities are prohibited within the state. No state scored 100 in 2021.