STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:





Leaderboard position: Joint 1st place of 23

Score: 85/100

NOTE: Hawaii 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
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2019/2020 Trapping Season Data	Response
Number of trapping licenses issued	N/A
Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations	N/A
Number of complaints received about alleged illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of times legal action was taken to control illegal trapping	No response provided
Number of animals unintentionally trapped	No response provided

State National Wildlife Refuges Allowing T	rapping
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Hakalau Forest National Wildlife Refuge

Maui National Wildlife Refuge Complex

Oahu National Wildlife Refuge Complex

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)

Score	Position	
12	17th (Joint)	
11	18th	
10	19th (Joint)	
9	20th (Joint)	
8	21st (Joint)	
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7	22nd	
6	23rd (Joint)	
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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. Midrange 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.