

STATE TRAPPING REPORT CARD:

IOWA



Leaderboard position: Joint 20th place of 23

Score: 9/100

| Scoring Criteria | Status | Potential Score | State Score |
|---|--------|-----------------|-------------|
| Body-gripping trapping prohibited for recreational and commercial purposes | No | 25 | 0 |
| Body-gripping trapping prohibited for government agencies or other purposes | No | 15 | 0 |
| Leghold trap prohibited | No | 8 | 0 |
| Conibear trap prohibited | No | 8 | 0 |
| Snares prohibited | No | 8 | 0 |
| Bait prohibited | No | 6 | 0 |
| Restriction on number of traps | No | 6 | 0 |
| Bobcat trapping prohibited | No | 5 | 0 |
| Bear trapping prohibited | Yes | 5 | 5 |
| Otter trapping prohibited | No | 5 | 0 |
| Mandatory 24-hour check time (land) | Yes | 2 | 2 |
| Mandatory 24-hour check time (water) | No | 2 | 0 |
| Trapper license required | Yes | 1 | 1 |
| Trapper report required | No | 1 | 0 |
| Trap ID required | Yes | 1 | 1 |
| Trapper education required | No | 1 | 0 |
| Non-targeted animals reported | No | 1 | 0 |
| | | 100 | 9 |

| 2019/2020 Trapping Season Data | Response |
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| Number of trapping licenses issued | No response provided |
| Number of staff members with responsibility to monitor/enforce trapping regulations | No response provided |
| 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 Trapping | |
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| DeSoto National Wildlife Refuge | Union Slough National Wildlife Refuge |
| Iowa Wetland Management District | Upper Mississippi River National Wildlife & Fish Refuge |
| Port Louisa National Wildlife Refuge | |

IMMEDIATE ACTION REQUIRED:

- Introduce mandatory record-keeping, including trapper reports and non-target animal reports.
- Make trapping licensing and enforcement data easily accessible and publicly available.
- Work with USFWS to end trapping on refuges and other public land.

SHORT TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on leghold traps.
- Implement ban on Conibear traps.
- Implement ban on snares.

MEDIUM-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on trapping for recreational purposes.
- Implement ban on trapping for commercial purposes.

LONG-TERM RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Implement ban on government agency body-gripping trapping in favor of humane and 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.