Arizona Game and Fish Commission Rules

R12-4-301 Definitions
In addition to the definitions provided under A.R.S. § 17-101, the following definitions apply to trapping:

"Body-gripping trap" means a device designed to capture an animal by gripping the body parts or body mass of the animal.

"Confinement trap" means a device designed to capture wildlife alive and hold it securely without causing death.

"Evidence of legality" means the wildlife is accompanied by the applicable hunting or trapping device.

"Foothold trap" means a trap that captures wildlife by means of an enclosed bar or other similar structure that is attached at one end and free at the other end.

"Fragile species" means species or subspecies of endangered, threatened, or special concern that are under the jurisdiction of the company, non-governmental organization or club, licensed animal shelter, or any other entity that has jurisdiction over the animal's body.

"Forest service" means the United States Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, the federal bureau of land management, the national park service, the state department of forestry, or any other agency that has jurisdiction over the animal's body.

"Fricking" means the act of drilling for mineral or oil resources within the state's jurisdiction.

"Fur-bearing animal" means any species or subspecies that is designated as a fur-bearing animal by the Arizona game and fish commission.

"Habitat" means the natural environment of an animal or plants in which they are typically found.

"Hunting" means the act of taking wildlife with an animal's body.

"Illegal trap" means a trap that is not designed or manufactured to take a trap species in a legal manner.

"Injurious wildlife" means any animal or plant that poses a threat to human health or safety.

"License" means a permit issued by the Arizona game and fish commission.

"License fee" means the amount of money charged for a license.

"Longrightarrow" means the act of creating a legal document or agreement.

"Mammal" means any animal of the class Mammalia.

"Module" means a specific portion of a document.

"Non-producing" means the inability to produce offspring.

"Non-sportsman" means any person or entity that is not a sportsman.

"Number of licenses sold" means the number of licenses that have been sold.

"Number of permits issued" means the number of permits that have been issued.

"Number of tags sold" means the number of tags that have been sold.

"Number of violations filed" means the number of violations that have been filed.

"Occurrence" means an event or action that has taken place.

"Overharvest" means the act of taking more wildlife than is sustainable.

"Pesticide" means any substance that is used for the purpose of controlling pests.

"Plant" means any species or subspecies of plant, including its seeds, roots, leaves, flowers, and other parts.

"Prescribed use" means the use of a pesticide that is approved by the Arizona game and fish commission.

"Regulatory action" means any action taken by the Arizona game and fish commission to implement or enforce the laws or policies of the commission.

"Regulatory agency" means any agency or organization that is responsible for implementing or enforcing the laws or policies of the commission.

"Regulatory policy" means the policies and procedures that are used to implement or enforce the laws or policies of the commission.

"Regulatory rule" means the rules that are used to implement or enforce the laws or policies of the commission.

"Regulatory statute" means the statutes that are used to implement or enforce the laws or policies of the commission.

"Regulatory violation" means any violation of the laws or policies of the commission.

"Reptile" means any species or subspecies of reptile.

"Retail" means the sale of goods or services to the general public.

"Rule" means a legally binding document that is used to implement or enforce the laws or policies of the commission.

"Scientific research" means the act of conducting research that is used to advance knowledge.

"Subdivision" means a specific portion of a document.

"Tag" means a label or marker that is used to identify wildlife.

"Trap" means a device designed to capture wildlife alive.

"Trap species" means species or subspecies of wildlife that are designated as trap species by the Arizona game and fish commission.

"Trapping" means the act of taking wildlife with a trap.

"Trapping licensee" means a person who has been issued a trapping license by the Arizona game and fish commission.

"Trapping permit" means a permit issued by the Arizona game and fish commission.

"Trapping regulations" means the regulations that are used to implement or enforce the laws or policies of the commission.

"Trapping violation" means any violation of the trapping regulations of the commission.

"Wildlife" means any species or subspecies of animal or plant.

"Wildlife management area" means a specific area of land that is designated for wildlife management.

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R12-4-307 Trapping Regulations: Licensing; Methods; Tagging of Bobcat Pelts

1. A Arizona trapping license permits an individual to trap predatory, nongame, or species that are designated as non-sportsman.

2. A foothold trap is a trap that captures wildlife by means of an enclosed bar or other similar structure that is attached at one end and free at the other end.

3. A trap species is any species or subspecies of wildlife that is designated as a trap species by the Arizona game and fish commission.

4. A wildlife management area is a specific area of land that is designated for wildlife management.

5. A wildlife management unit is a specific area of land that is designated for wildlife management.

6. A wildlife species is any species or subspecies of animal or plant.

R12-3-176 Trappers: Licensing; restrictions; duties; reports

1. The holder of a trapping license, except as expressly permitted by this title, may not possess, use, or transport any wildlife or parts of wildlife, except as may be defined or regulated by the Arizona game and fish commission.

2. The holder of a trapping license may not transport any wildlife or parts of wildlife that is designated as a non-sportsman.

3. The holder of a trapping license may not transport any wildlife or parts of wildlife that is designated as a trap species.

R12-3-179 Violations; classification

A. Unless otherwise prescribed by this title, a violation is a fine of $500.

B. A violation is a fine of $500.

C. A violation is a fine of $500.

D. A violation is a fine of $500.

E. A violation is a fine of $500.

F. A violation is a fine of $500.

G. A violation is a fine of $500.

H. A violation is a fine of $500.

I. A violation is a fine of $500.

J. A violation is a fine of $500.

K. A violation is a fine of $500.

L. A violation is a fine of $500.

M. A violation is a fine of $500.

N. A violation is a fine of $500.

O. A violation is a fine of $500.

P. A violation is a fine of $500.

Q. A violation is a fine of $500.

R. A violation is a fine of $500.

S. A violation is a fine of $500.

T. A violation is a fine of $500.

U. A violation is a fine of $500.

V. A violation is a fine of $500.

W. A violation is a fine of $500.

X. A violation is a fine of $500.

Y. A violation is a fine of $500.

Z. A violation is a fine of $500.

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TRAPPING

Frequently Asked Questions

How can I use feathers?
The use of feathers from either a game bird (quail, ducks, doves, etc.) or a nongame bird (pigeons, woodcocks, flickers, etc.) is prohibited by state and rule (A.R.S. 17-309A18 and R12-4-307H1c). This restriction does not apply to feathers from pigeons, domestic fowl such as chickens, while ducks and other waterfowl remains unlimited.

Can I use a bobcat seal?
Any part of a nongame bird or a game fish as bait. In addition the requirement that bait be contained within 1/4 mile of any:
- Developed picnic area,
- Boat ramp,
- Shooting area,
- Occupied structure, or
- Golf course.

Do I have to get my bobcat sealed 10 days after the close of trapping season?
Yes. This rule has been changed to allow inedible parts of small game, big game or game fish as bait. In addition the requirement that bait be contained within 1/4 mile of any:
- Developed picnic area,
- Boat ramp,
- Shooting area,
- Occupied structure, or
- Golf course.

What can I use as bait in my cage trap?

- The rule has been changed to allow inedible parts of small game, big game or game fish as bait. In addition the requirement that bait be contained within 1/4 mile of any:
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