

Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Natural Resource Commission

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DECISION

TOPIC Chapter 110, Trapping Limitations – Final

The Commission is requested to adopt a final rule to amend Chapter 110, “Trapping Limitations”. Chapter 110 sets the requirements for placing, tagging and checking traps and snares. The amendments prohibit the placement of traps or stakes in the public right-of-way outside of the legal season. They also require that live animals be released immediately or euthanized by the trapper.

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Attachment: Chapter 110, Trapping Limitations – Final Rule

NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION[571]
Adopted and Filed

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code subsection 455A.5(6), the Natural Resource Commission hereby amends Chapter 110, “Trapping Limitations,” Iowa Administrative Code.

Chapter 110 sets the requirements for placing, tagging and checking traps and snares.

The amendments prohibit the placement of traps or stakes in the public right-of-way outside of the legal season. They also require that live animals be released immediately or euthanized by the trapper.

Notice of Intended Action was published in the Iowa Administrative Bulletin on April 8, 2009, as ARC 7692B. A public hearing was held on April 29, 2009. There were 39 comments received. Ten were in favor, 26 were opposed and three were neutral on the proposed changes. There have been no changes made to the Notice of Intended Action.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code sections 481A.38 and 481A.92. These amendments shall become effective August 19, 2009.

The following amendments are adopted.

ITEM 1. Amend rule 571–110.1(481A) as follows:
571--110.1(481A) Public roadside limitations—snares, body-gripping, and Conibear type traps. No person shall set or maintain any snare, body-gripping, or Conibear type trap within any public road right-of-way within 200 yards of buildings inhabited by human beings unless a resident of the dwelling adjacent to the public road right-of-way has given permission or unless the body-gripping or Conibear type trap is completely under water or at least one-half of the loop

of a snare is under water. Nothing in this rule shall be construed as limiting the use of foothold traps or box-type live traps in public road rights-of-way. No person shall place or leave any trap, stake, or non-indigenous set making material upon any public road right-of-way except during the open trapping season.

ITEM 2. Amend rule 571-- 110.5(481A) as follows:

571—110.5(481A) Removal of animals from traps and snares. All animals or animal carcasses caught in any type of trap or snare, except those which are placed entirely underwater and designed to drown the animal immediately, must be removed from the trap or snare by the trap or snare user immediately upon discovery and within 24 hours of the time the animal is caught. All live animals must be released or euthanized immediately upon discovery.

Date

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