

STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 2352

REGULATIONS FOR THE USE OF SNARES;
SUPERSEDING COMMISSIONER'S ORDER NO. 2216

Pursuant to authority vested in me by Minn. Stat. §§ 97B.605, 97B.625, 97B.631, 97B.645 and other applicable law, I, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, hereby prescribe the following regulations for the use of snares. All dates and times in this order are inclusive unless otherwise specified.

Section 1. PROTECTED MAMMALS.

(a) General. Snares may be used by licensed trappers for the taking of all species of protected wild mammals which may be taken by the use of steel traps, except as provided in Section 1(b) and 1(c) of this order. Such use of snares shall be subject to the provisions of this order and all regulations pertaining to the use of steel traps, to the extent they are not inconsistent with the provisions of this order.

(b) Fox. Snares may not be used for the taking of fox in the farmland furbearer zone as established by Commissioner's Order. Snares may be used by licensed trappers for the taking of fox in the forest furbearer zone as established by Commissioner's Order pursuant to a snaring permit issued by a conservation officer. Such permits shall be effective during the regular fox trapping season and are valid until revoked.

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(c) Bobcat, Lynx, Bear and Timber Wolf. Bobcat, lynx, bear and timber wolf shall not be taken by the use of snares.

Sec. 2. UNPROTECTED MAMMALS.

Snares may be used for the taking of unprotected wild mammals in the forest furbearer zone, as established by Commissioner's Order, pursuant to a snaring permit issued by a conservation officer. Such permits shall be effective between the opening of the fox trapping season and March 31, and are valid until revoked.

Sec. 3. SPECIAL REGULATIONS.

(a) Watersets in Farmland Zone. In the farmland furbearer zone, as established by the Commissioner's Order regulating the taking of furbearers, no person shall set, place or operate any snare except as a waterset.

(b) Culverts. No person shall set, place, or operate a snare in a culvert, except as a completely submerged waterset.

(c) Picking Up Snares. No snare set for a protected mammal shall be left in place after the close of the applicable trapping season. No snare set for an unprotected mammal shall be left in place after the effective date of the permit.

(d) Deer Trails. Snares shall not be set in deer trails.

(e) Spring Poles. Snares shall not be used with spring poles or other devices whereby an animal caught in the snare will be wholly or partly lifted from the ground.

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(f) Snare Height. No snare shall be set such that the top of the loop is more than sixteen (16) inches above the ground or, when the ground is snow-covered, more than sixteen (16) inches above the bottom of a man's footprint made in the snow beneath the snare with full body weight on the foot.

(g) Loop Diameter. The diameter of the snare loop shall not exceed ten (10) inches.

(h) Cable Diameter. All snare cable or wire shall have a diameter not exceeding one-eighth (1/8) inch.

(i) Tagging. A person may not place, set, operate, possess or transport any snare in the field unless the following information is etched legibly onto a metal tag no less than 30 gauge (0.012 inch) in thickness that is affixed to the anchor end of the snare with a tightly twisted wire or solid metal ring:

- (1) the person's name and Minnesota driver's license number; or
- (2) the person's name and mailing address sufficiently complete to individually identify the person.

(j) Tending. All snares not capable of drowning the captured animal shall be tended at least once each calendar day and any animal captured must be removed from the snare.

Sec. 4. PREDATOR CONTROLLERS.

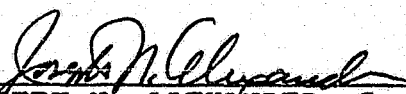
Certified predator controllers may use snares statewide at any time while acting in compliance with Commissioner's Order No. 2209 or superseding orders governing the predator control program.

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Sec. 5. Commissioner's Order No. 2216 is hereby superseded.

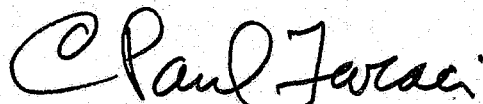
Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this 12 day of

Sept, 1989.


JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

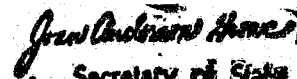
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