

# Trapping Matters Workshop

Hosted by: Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies

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Many wildlife professionals shy away from trapping-related discussions, because it is considered a controversial wildlife management technique. Yet, it is essential that wildlife professionals understand the diverse ways that regulated trapping provides environmental & social benefits. This workshop will help participants understand & better communicate the benefits of regulated trapping to wildlife management. Participants will leave with scientifically sound information & be trained in skills that will make them effective communicators on this subject.

## This workshop consists of 3 main sections:

### 1. Communications Skills:

- The importance of human dimension studies & messages related to regulated trapping.
- How the media works & what they expect of you in an interview situation.
- How you can use media to educate the public & key messages to use with the media about trapping.
- Open dialog & hands-on activities will be used to develop & improve communication skills and make the experiences interactive and of high professional value for attendees.

### 2. Traps & Trapping Techniques:

- Hands-on demonstrations of trap-types and how they work.

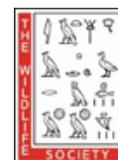
### 3. Best Management Practices for Trapping & Furbearer Management:

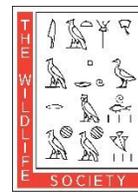
- The research behind humane trapping, and how and why regulated trapping is used in furbearer management and wildlife management in general.

- Workshop qualifies for TWS 7 credit hours (Category 1) towards certification & professional development.
- To register: Contact **Bryant White** at: [bwhite@fishwildlife.org](mailto:bwhite@fishwildlife.org) or 573-808-6009

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**Registration and Questions:**  
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Vail Marriott Mountain Resort

715 West Lionshead Circle

Vail, Colorado

**Note: Outdoor demonstrations will be rain or shine. Please dress to be outside for about 90 minutes in the afternoon. Two breaks are provided during the course of the day. Lunch will be provided with your WAFWA registration.**

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Time	Topic	Speaker
8:00	Coffee Spontaneous mock interviews	
8:15	Opening Remarks: Introductions, Agenda, Housekeeping. <b>Objectives for workshop</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand trapping issues and how to communicate on important issues and key messages</li> <li>• Workshop require open discussion and critical thinking</li> <li>• Audience represents a wide range of expertise &amp; background.</li> </ul>	Samara Trusso (PA Game Commission)
8:30	Let's Talk Trapping. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gauging audience perspectives</li> <li>• Trapping Demographics &amp; Statistics: Who traps? Why they trap? What they trap?</li> <li>• Trapping Attitudes Video. 9 minutes</li> </ul>	Tom Decker (US Fish and Wildlife Service)
9:00	Audiences: who are we talking to? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding public opinion then and now.</li> </ul>	Samara Trusso (PA Game Commission)
10:30	<i>[Break] Refreshments provided</i>	
10:45	Role of Trapping in Wildlife Management. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understanding the historical and current role of trapping in wildlife policy and management.</li> </ul>	Pat Jackson (Nevada DOW)
11:15	Trapping Best Management Practices <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What they are, how they are developed, and how they are used in wildlife management.</li> </ul>	Bryant White (AFWA)

12:00	<i>Lunch will be provided with your WAFWA conference registration</i>
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### Afternoon Session

1:00	<p>Trapping Techniques (Outside Demonstrations).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participants will have a chance to see many trap types and set types. Opportunity to discuss and understand the selectivity, practicality, efficiency, and ability to release the animal.</li> <li>• Review common traps, types of sets, gear and terminology associated with trapping</li> <li>• Small group rotations to each station</li> <li>• Outdoors next to our workshop classroom</li> </ul>	<p>TBD: cage traps</p> <p>TBD: bodygrip traps</p> <p>TBD: cable restraints</p> <p>TBD: foothold traps</p>
2:30	<i>[Break]</i>	
2:45	<p>Communicating effectively about trapping:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agencies role in effective communication</li> <li>• Understanding media communications</li> <li>• Understanding public communications -</li> <li>• Credibility, how people form opinions</li> </ul>	Samara Trusso (PA Game Commission)
4:30	Q&A about Trapping, Issues, Communications	All Instructors
5:00	Evaluations, Wrap up, Depart	All Instructors