



TRAPPING FURBEARERS STATEMENT

Backcountry Hunters & Anglers recognizes and supports well-regulated lethal and non-lethal trapping as an effective and longstanding wildlife management tool, which can be used responsibly to:

- *Control invasive species*
- *Advance wildlife research*
- *Facilitate the harvest of wild meat and fur and improve self-sufficiency*
- *Mitigate damage to property*
- *Protect public health and safety*
- *Assist wildlife managers with the protection and restoration of native and at-risk wildlife populations*

BHA believes that trapping management decisions must be guided by science and made in accordance with the North American Model of Wildlife Conservation and the Public Trust Doctrine by state and federal agencies entrusted with the stewardship of our wildlife resources.

BHA supports education programs designed to ensure trappers are equipped to trap responsibly and ethically, following [Best Management Practices](#) adopted by the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

