

# WAC 220-417-010

## Trapping Seasons and Regulations

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# Trapping Rule Proposal

## WAC 220-417-010 Trapping Seasons and Regulations:

- Fox trapping is open statewide **EXCEPT CLOSED** within the exterior boundaries of the Mount Baker-Snoqualmie, Okanogan, Wenatchee, and Gifford Pinchot National Forests
- Rule change is scheduled to go into effect on the season opening date, Nov. 1, 2024

SPECIES	SEASON DATES	RESTRICTIONS
Badger, Beaver, Bobcat, Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, ( (Red Fox, ) ) River Otter, and Weasel	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year	
Marten	Nov. 1 - Mar. 31 during the current license year	CLOSED in Clallam, Jefferson, Mason, and Gray's Harbor counties.
<u>Red Fox</u>	<u>Nov. 1 - Mar. 31</u> <u>during the current</u> <u>license year</u>	<u>CLOSED within the</u> <u>exterior boundaries</u> <u>of Mount Baker-</u> <u>Snoqualmie,</u> <u>Okanogan,</u> <u>Wenatchee, and</u> <u>Gifford Pinchot</u> <u>National Forest.</u>

# Public Comment - Support

General support

Support of closure until Cascade red fox population recovers

Trapping is important for conservation efforts

# Public Comment - Opposition

General opposition

Not a necessary change

No indication of when trapping should reopen

Teach hunters and trappers how to distinguish the foxes

Only close National Forests south of I-90 where there are Cascade red fox

Eliminate the use of foothold traps

Close all hunting and trapping

Ban fox trapping statewide

Bycatch of Cascade red fox is a concern

Would like to see the least impact on trappers while still protecting endangered species



# Questions?



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