

Afternoon Peter,

My name is Tony Crow and I am writing you today regarding HF945, a bill that would have unprecedented and costly effects towards Wildlife Management.

HF945 is specifically directed against trapping. This bill discriminates against trapping and treats trapping differently than any other outdoor activity. Current law does not require permission for non-agricultural property for recreational activities if the property is not posted like state, federal, county and privately managed forest lands such as potlatch or other timber companies. Think about ATV and snowmobile trails within the state. Do riders need to obtain permission from these land owners to enjoy the trails? This bill would not change current law for any recreational activities except trapping. Deer hunting, small game hunting, hound hunting or even predator hunting would NOT need permission, but trapping would. So why is there such a discriminatory focus towards trappers and trapping. With this bill, permission would be required for anyone setting traps along a shoreline, river or creek bed even if property is not posted. Many lakes, ponds, rivers and streams have multiple land owners above and below the water. Trappers would need every land owners permission before they could set a trap. However duck hunters would not need permission to set their blind or decoys along a shoreline nor would a fisherman need permission. For us trappers up north, public land involves State, Federal, County and conservation land etc. which have certain land ownerships. This bill would completely end trapping due to the fact there are so many different property stake holders that live out of state. Of which often times are not limited to just one person but multiple people, trust and corporations, thus making a phone call, email or letter for permission impossible.

Thank you for your time.

Tony

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HF945 is very concerning to water trappers. It would require permission to stake traps into the bottom of a waterbed if the bottom is privately owned, even if the water was accessed through a public access. Duck hunters dont need permission to place decoys with weights that anchor decoys to the bottom and fisherman dont need permission to drag lures on the bottom but trappers would need permission to stake traps. Its unnecessary discrimination.

Muskrat traps are no danger to people or pets.

It would be extremely difficult for both trappers and law enforcement to know where the property lines are in many waters, some have multiple owners and the property lines aren't square. Plus it would likely require permission to trap large paper company lands, like Potlatch, that are open to outdoor activities like hunting and trapping.

Thanks

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