



Trapping Research

Nationwide Dispatch and Release Regulations

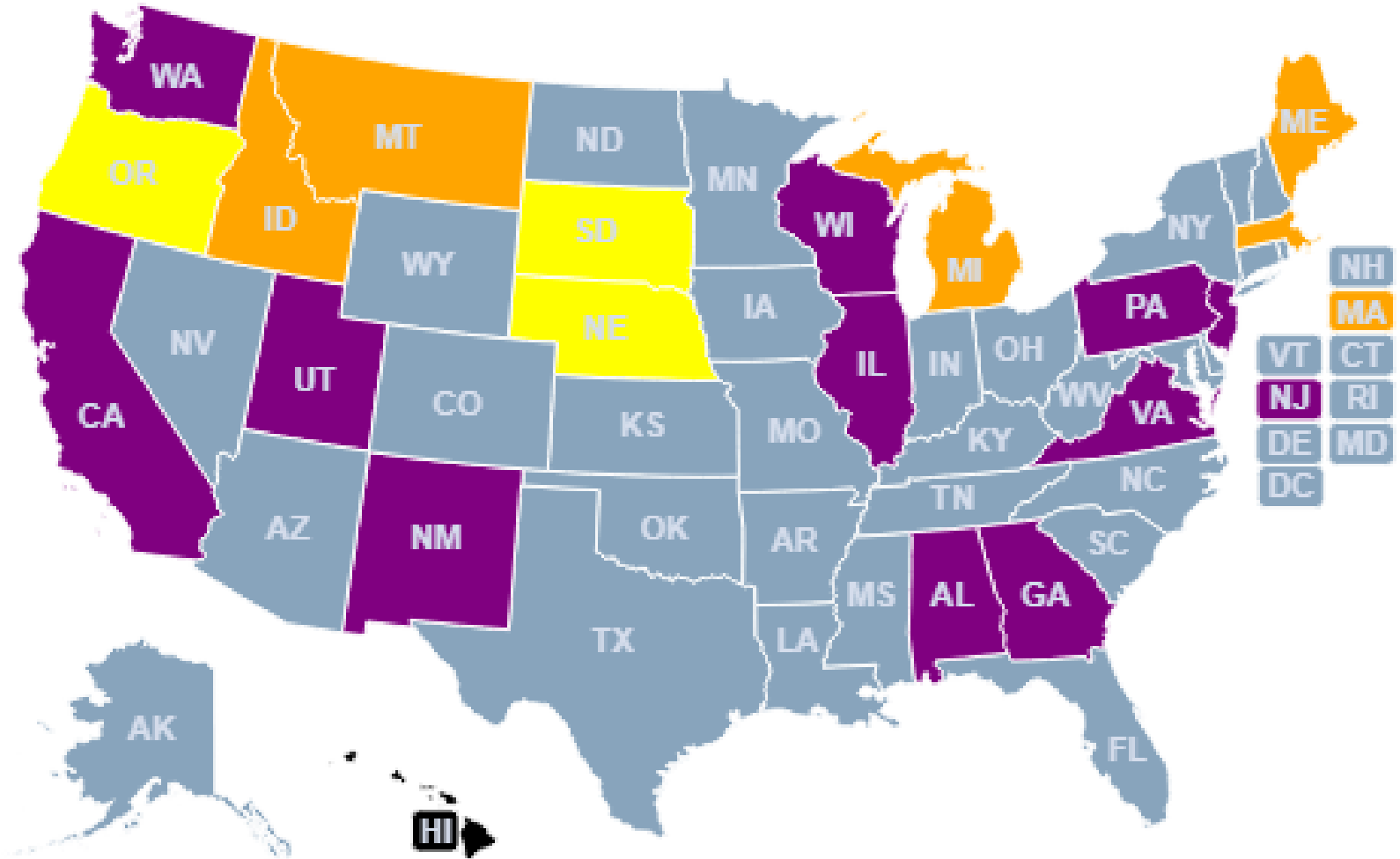
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Dispatch Regulations

Color	Category
Gray	No dispatch regulations
Yellow	Recommendations but no legal dispatch rules/provisions
Orange	Non-specific dispatch regulations
Purple	Specific dispatch regulations
Black	No trapping allowed



[American Veterinary Medical Association Guidelines for Euthanasia of Animals-Free-Ranging Wildlife](#)

CPW Release Regulations

W-303.A.3:

Accidental Capture - Except for Canada lynx, which are subject to the provisions of Chapter 10, any person accidentally trapping any wildlife for which the trapping season is closed or for which trapping is not a legal manner of taking, shall, in the event of live capture of such wildlife, release such wildlife immediately, with or without the assistance of the Division. Nothing in this section permits the killing of such accidentally captured wildlife. In the event of mortality resulting from such accidental capture, the carcass of such wildlife shall be delivered to a Division Wildlife officer or office within five (5) days. Failure to deliver the carcass shall be prima facie evidence of unlawful possession of such wildlife. Provided further that any trapper who complies with this provision shall not be charged with illegal possession of such accidentally captured wildlife



W-1002.B.3:

While conducting an otherwise lawful activity, including, but not limited to, live trapping or hunting bobcat, taking action pursuant to 33-6-207, C.R.S., to protect livestock, protection of livestock through the use of guard dogs, or taking action pursuant to 33-3-106, C.R.S., to prevent death or injury to human life or livestock, a Canada lynx is:

- a. accidentally captured, but not injured, it shall be released immediately and the capture shall be reported to the Division of Wildlife within 24 hours;
- b. accidentally injured, but not in the possession of the person, the injury shall be reported to the Division of Wildlife within 24 hours;
- c. accidentally injured and in the possession of the person, the Canada lynx shall be immediately delivered to the Division of Wildlife or taken to a licensed veterinarian for appropriate care and reported to the Division of Wildlife within 24 hours;
- d. accidentally killed, then it shall be reported to the Division of Wildlife within 24 hours and the carcass shall be delivered to the Division of Wildlife within 3 (three) days of the report.

Any failure to provide the required notice to the Division of Wildlife or to deliver the injured or dead Canada lynx to the Division of Wildlife within the time periods allowed shall be prima facie evidence of unlawful take and possession of Canada lynx.

For the purposes of this subsection, "accidental" specifically excludes any intentional, knowing or negligent action on behalf of any person or a person's agent or employee.

