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Testimony in Opposition to L.D. 6-An Act to Allow Persons to Label their Wild Animal Traps with Their Online Identification Number Issued by the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife

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Trapping is an abomination opposed by many and practiced by few. The merits of trapping are totally relevant to this bill for this reason. Many of those who practice it proudly boast of their accomplishments (photo attached). They and the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife falsely claim that recreational trapping is a necessary tool for wildlife "management". It is little more than legalized animal cruelty for personal pleasure. It is certainly not a commercially viable practice.

I wonder why trappers are afraid to put their names and addresses on their traps? Are they afraid of being exposed? Are they afraid of being contacted or harassed by one of the many opponents of trapping? If they are so proud of their accomplishments, they would not hide behind this bill.

I propose that the bill be amended to prohibit all recreational trapping.

Thank you.

