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From: Protect Our Wildlife VT <info@protectourwildlifevt.org>
Sent: Sunday, June 23, 2024 9:53 AM
To: Stedman, Justin
Cc: Herrick, Christopher; Furfey, Brehan; Austin, John
Subject: Fwd: Man trapping in Springfield
Attachments: Maine & NH Law.pdf

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Hi Justin,

Hope you're enjoying the weekend despite the soggy weather. You and I had discussed title 10 4828 before and how the broad language too often results in people abusing the law. An example we talked about is people free ranging their chickens and then killing a bobcat for showing up. Is there any interest in FWD addressing this next legislative session? Perhaps borrow NH's or ME's nuisance statutes that still allow landowners to kill wild animals doing damage but with some controls in place. Last year we reported a landowner who was killing fisher because he free-ranged his chickens and accused a fisher for killing his chickens. What's even more concerning is that much of this goes totally unreported.

Thanks and happy to discuss in-person again.

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From: Protect Our Wildlife VT <info@protectourwildlifevt.org>
Date: Sun, Jun 23, 2024 at 9:40 AM
Subject: Man trapping in Springfield
To: LOCKERBY, DAVID <david.lockerby@vermont.gov>

Hello Warden Lockerby,

We were recently advised that ██████████ at ██████████, Springfield is allegedly setting out baited traps to kill all the skunks in the area. I know that title 10 §4828 allows a landowner to kill furbearers who are causing damage, but it appears that ██████████ is luring animals, who are causing no problems at all, into his yard for the purpose of killing them. We are hoping that you might be able to check in with this man and encourage him not to do this. He's likely catching more than just skunks, and given

that animals are tending to their young this time of year might result in dependent young dying.

Look forward to hearing your thoughts and thank you!

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