

# AFWA Trapping Matters Workshop

## Asheville, NC (during the 2015 SEAFWA conference)

Sunday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 (9am to 5pm, free registration)



Many wildlife professionals shy away from trapping-related discussions, because it is considered a controversial wildlife management technique. Yet, it is essential that wildlife professionals understand the diverse ways that regulated trapping provides environmental & social benefits. This workshop will help participants understand & better communicate the benefits of regulated trapping to wildlife management. Participants will leave with scientifically sound information & be trained in skills that will make them effective communicators on this subject.

### This workshop consists of 3 main sections:

#### 1. Communications Skills:

- The importance of human dimension studies & messages related to regulated trapping.
- How the media works & what they expect of you in an interview situation.
- How you can use media to educate the public & key messages to use with the media about trapping.
- Open dialog & hands-on activities will be used to develop & improve communication skills and make the experiences interactive and of high professional value for attendees.

#### 2. Traps & Trapping Techniques:

- Hands-on demonstrations of trap-types and how they work.

#### 3. Best Management Practices for Trapping & Furbearer Management:

- The research behind humane trapping, and how and why regulated trapping is used in furbearer management and wildlife management in general.

- Workshop qualifies for credit hours (Category 1) towards certification & professional development.
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#### Questions?

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