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Submitted to **Implementation of the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards - Proposals for implementation and evidence for impact assessment**

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Confidentiality

1 Would you like your response to be confidential?

No

If you answered Yes to this question please give your reason.:

About yourself

1 What is your name?

What is your name?:

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3 Are you responding on behalf of a group or organisation, business (e.g. estate, farm, pest control, manufacturing, retail etc.) or responding as an individual?

Group/Organisation

What is the name of the group/organisation you are responding on behalf of ?:

Natural Resources Wales

How many members does your group/organisation represent?:

Not a membership organisation

What is the type of business you are responding on behalf of?:

Welsh Government Sponsored Body

How many members does the business you are responding on behalf of represent?:

Not a membership organisation

4 Where do you undertake most of your trapping/manufacturing/retail activities? Choose only one answer.

Where do you undertake most of your trapping/manufacturing/retail activity - Trapping:

Where do you undertake most of your trapping/manufacturing/retail activity - Manufacturing:

Where do you undertake most of your trapping/manufacturing/retail activity - Retail:

5 What is your profession?

Conservation Agency

If you answered other please specify :

6 Are you a member of or affiliated to any organisations associated with shooting, pest control or conservation?

No

If so please state name of organisation(s) :

1. Implementing the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards

1 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach for implementing the licensing/prohibition requirements of AIHTS?

Agree

If you answered 'Disagree' to this question please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.:

In Wales NRW is the licensing authority for issuing licences under section 16 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act. We agree that it would be appropriate to amend the relevant sections of the Wildlife and Countryside Act to ensure compliance with AIHTS and to include stoat and beaver on a new Schedule to the Act. Use of a 'general licence for stoats' would seem to be an appropriate approach to minimise legislative burden. NRW does not have 'class licences' but we will consider the need for equivalent licences on a case by case basis.

2 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach for live capture traps?

Agree

If you answered 'Disagree' to this question please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.:

However, there is a small group of organisations (eg conservation groups and university researchers) who trap some of the species mentioned in paragraph 39a (pine marten, beaver) and they will have limited resources to replace cage traps that are considered to be non-compliant. NRW recommends that Defra work with these groups to establish whether data can be collected to approve traps currently in use.

3 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach for lethal traps?

Agree

If you answered 'Disagree' to this question please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.:

4 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach with respect to the training requirements?

Agree

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.:

5 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach with respect to the trap marking requirements?

Agree

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.:

6 Do you agree or disagree with our proposed approach with respect to the provision of trap instructions requirements?

Agree

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.:

7 Do you agree or disagree with the approach undertaken in the impact assessment?

Don't know

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any alternative approach you prefer.:

8 Do you agree or disagree with the conclusions of the impact assessment?

Not Answered

If you answered 'Disagree', please give your reason, setting out any supporting evidence.:

As noted above in the answer to question 2, there is a group of organisations concerned with trapping some of the other species, particularly pine marten and beavers. Whilst this is small scale compared to trapping of stoats, the impact on these groups should be acknowledged. To prepare for implementation of AIHTS in the UK there will need to be an awareness raising campaign, particularly around the changes in the law on trapping stoats. It will also be important that information is readily available on approved traps and that there is a ready supply of such traps.

2. Evidence Gathering

9 What additional costs may be incurred by you or those you represent as a result of implementing the AIHTS requirements for manufacturers? (For example, include costs incurred in relation to the alteration of designs and instructions and provision of suitable identification).

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Not actively involved in trapping so no comment to make.

Please quantify additional costs in £:

10 What additional training costs may be incurred by you or those you represent as a result of implementing the AIHTS?

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Please quantify additional costs in £:

11 Which make and models of stoat trap and how many do you or those you represent use?

BMI Magnum 110:

BMI Magnum 116:

Conibear 110-2:

Conibear 120-2:

DOC 150:

DOC 200:

DOC 250:

Fenn MKI:

Fenn MKII:

Fenn MKIII:

Fenn MKIV:

Fenn MKVI:

Goodnature A24:

Imbra MKI:

Imbra MKII:

Juby:

Kania Trap 2000:

Kania Trap 2500:

Lloyd:

Payne MKI:

Sawyer:

Solway MK4:

Solway MK6:

Springer No.4:

Springer No.6:

WCS Tube Trap:

Cage trap (please specify):

Other model (please specify below):

12 Roughly how many of each permitted target species do you catch using these traps in an average year? Please give the total number of permitted target species caught per make and model e.g. 6 by Fenn MKIV, 2 by Magnum 110 (not the number caught per individual trap)

Stoat:

Weasel:

Grey Squirrel:

Mink:

Rabbit:

Rat:

Mouse:

Edible Doormouse:

Other:

13 How often in years do you or those you represent replace a particular make and model of stoat trap (how long is its working life)?

BMI Magnum 110:

BMI Magnum 116:

Conibear 110-2:

Conibear 120-2:

DOC 150:

DOC 200:

DOC 250:

Fenn MKI:

Fenn MKII:

Fenn MKIII:

Fenn MKIV:

Fenn MKVI:

Goodnature A24:

Imbra MKI:

Imbra MKII:

Juby :

Kania Trap 2000:

Kania Trap 2500:

Lloyd:

Payne MK1:

Sawyer:

Solway MK4:

Solway MK6:

Springer No.4:

Springer No.6:

WCS Tube Trap:

Cage Trap :

Other (Please specify below):

If you selected 'other' please specify the model of trap used:

14-15 Roughly how many of each AIHTS species other than stoat have you or those you represent caught in the last year?What make and model of trap did you use?(e.g. 5 pine marten by Tomahawk Live Traps Model 205)

Badger (European) Meles meles:

Badger (North American) Taxidea taxus:

Beaver (European) Castor fiber:

Beaver (North American) *Castor canadensis*:

Bobcat *Felis rufus*:

Coyote *Canis latrans*:

Fisher *Martes pennanti*:

Lynx (European) *Lynx lynx*:

Lynx (North American) *Lynx canadensis*:

Marten (American) *Martes americana*:

Marten (Pine) *Martes martes*:

Muskrat *Ondatra zibethicus*:

Otter (European) *Lutra lutra*:

Otter (North American) *Lutra canadensis*:

Raccoon *Procyon lotor*:

Raccoon dog *Nyctereutes procyonoides*:

Sable *Martes zibellina*:

Wolf *Canis lupus*:

None of the species listed:

16-18 The purpose of the following questions is to better understand how you use your traps to catch stoats. Tick more than one box as appropriate. Question 16: What trap/tunnel set up is most important for you when trapping stoats? Question 17: Do you place bait or lures in the tunnel? Question 18: Do you use baffles/restrictors to prevent non-target species entering the tunnel (outer) or to guide target species through the trap (inner)?

How traps are used to catch Stoats - BMI Magnum 110:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - BMI Magnum 116:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Conibear 110-2:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Conibear 120-2:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - DOC 150:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - DOC 200:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - DOC 250:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Fenn MK I:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Fenn MK II:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Fenn MK III:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Fenn MKIV:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Fenn MKVI:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Goodnature A24:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Imbra MKI:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Imbra MKII:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Juby:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Kania Trap 2000:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Kania Trap 2500:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Lloyd:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Payne MK 1:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Sawyer:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Solway MK4:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Solway MK6:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Springer No. 4:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Springer No. 6:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - WCS Tube Trap:

How traps are used to catch Stoats - Other:

19 How do you buy your traps? (can tick more than one box)

20 How much do you estimate you have spent in £ on traps in the last year?

Please specify in GBP pounds (£):

21 Question 21: Any other comments you wish to make, relevant to your use of traps against the species concerned.

Please provide further comments:

Consultee Feedback on the Online Survey

27 Overall, how satisfied are you with our online consultation tool?

Satisfied

Please give us any comments you have on the tool, including suggestions on how we could improve it.: