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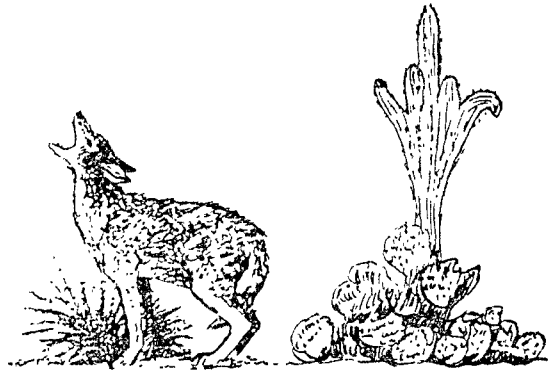
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# THE PROBE



## National Animal Damage Control Association

No. 3

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### GROWING PAINS

PROBE NO. 3 marks the end of NADCA's first year of existence. NADCA was a real short-term baby because we didn't get rolling in a membership drive until after the Executive Board met in Yellowstone National Park July 14-15 to settle on goals and problems. Up until then we had 39 members. We closed the year with 324 members, 21 of which were supporting members. This latter category we especially want to increase in the coming year. It is a vicious cycle since to get ranchers and others to support the Association, we have to show the organization will benefit them. But to show some tangible results in educating the misguided, we need money to get liars that can speak the language lawyers understand.

So what have we done ? We've written beaucoup letters. We wrote letters that went through channels we had directly to Andrus instead of stopping on the desk of some G-3 secretary. We did get the option we pushed for on the Secretary's EIS decision but the other side got in some unacceptable restrictions we are still fighting. We also aided in themixed victory on exporting bobcat skins, though we lost out on our home state, New Mexico. We got a number of letters written against the current anti-trapping bill in Congress. John Jones made a presentation in Washington on the SCOPE meeting to decide ADC policy on vertebrates other than predators. Homer Ford made input against anti-trapping legislation in Oregon and Pink Madsen did the same for Arizona. And we all did a lot of recruiting.

In view of the short time and our limited finances, we feel we've started to get NADCA recognized. It takes quite an effort to educate the law-makers and administrators about the real world. If you will give us more support to get new members in, we can do better next year.

*A political speech is baloney disguised as 'food for thought.*

### MORE WAYS TO SKIN A CAT

When those guardians of the true faith (otherwise known as DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE) brought an injunction against the Endangered Species Scientific Authority and

the USFWS to stop the exportation of bobcat skins from this country, they got a sympathetic ear from Ms June Green of the U.S. District Court in the District of Columbia (a section of the country known for its tremendous ability to solve the problems of the rest of the U.S.A.). This injunction stopped all exportation of pelts. But upon examination of the evidence, even her honor, who is regarded as a "disaster" by her peers, decided for the defendants (ESSA and USFWS) except for 7 states. Those lucky seven were:

WISCONSIN - They put on a poor case showing a declining harvest and a declining bobcat population.

FLORIDA - Despite the Court's "applauding" Florida's initiation of field research regarding habitat and population trends, it felt this was too little, too late.

NEW MEXICO - The Court found the State without authority to manage the bobcat. It completely ignored population studies by both the State and Feds showing a growing bobcat population.

NORTH DAKOTA - They got their wrists slapped for not having any information on bobcat densities and harvests.

MASSACHUSETTS - Fared about the same as the Court decided their population estimates were outdated.

TEXAS - This was a real dizzy. The Court found for DW with regard to the "high plains ecological area" and for the defendants for the rest of the State. This is going to be a problem seeing that no "rare" bobcats (Lynx rufus baileyi) are exported from two non-contiguous areas. As the range of this subspecies is found not only in western Texas but is the only subspecies present in New Mexico, Arizona, northern Mexico, eastern California, and parts of Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Utah, and Nevada, its status as an endangered animal makes one think her honor doesn't have both oars in the water.

OREGON - Here, as in Texas, the Court worried her little head about the disappearance of a rare subspecies. There is no problem in taking Lynx rufus fasciatus on the west side of the mountains, but it is a no-no to take Lynx rufus pallascens found in the eastern two-thirds of the state and a more desired target. Again we wonder what books her honor reads as this subspecies is the common one - - from Nevada to Nebraska and the Dakotas all the way up into Canada.

There will be an appeal as this sets an undesirable precedent. As we are all in the same boat, it will be to your advantage to put something in the kitty (sorry that was too good to pass up) by writing: Bobcat Legal Fund, 1100 Worthen Bank Building, Little Rock, AR 72201. They have the necessary lawyers to fight this and will accept any contribution from \$1.00 up. We must show a united front.

*It's not bad having nothing to say - - if you don't insist on saying it.*

WE WISH WE COULD CLOSE OUR EYES AND HAVE WASHINGTON DISAPPEAR

One of the five pieces of anti-trap legislation pending in the 96th Congress which appears to be gaining new support is H.R. 1297 mentioned in an earlier PROBE. This would essentially prohibit the manufacture, sale, and use of steel leg-hold traps here and abroad. We'll name these persons and ask you to write those that haven't already been indicted to set their heads back on straight:

Alabama - (D) R.C.Flipppo, (R) J. Buchanan  
 California - (D) A.C.Beilenson, J.Burton, L.V.Deerlin, R.Dellums, J.Floyd,  
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 Indiana - (D) A. Jacobs, Jr.  
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 Kansas - (R) L.J.Winn  
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 Massachusetts - (D) E.P.Boland, R.F.Drinan, E.J.Markey, J.Moakley, (R) M.Hickler  
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           P.W.Rodino, R.A.Roe, F.J.St.Germain, F.Thompson,Jr., (R) M.Fenwick, H.  
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           F.W.Richmond, J.H.Scheuer, S.J.Solarz, T.Weiss, L.L.Wolff, L.C.Zeferetti,  
           (R) T.F.Downey, F.Horton, H.J.Nowak  
 Pennsylvania - (D) D.J.Flood, J.M.Gaydos, W.H.Gray, P.H.Kostmayer, W.S.Moorhead,  
           (R) L.Couplin  
 Rhode Island - (D) E.P.Beard  
 South Carolina - (D) B.Derrick, K.Holland  
 Tennessee - (D) H.E.Ford  
 Virginia - (R) G.W.Whitehurst  
 Wisconsin - (D) R.W.Kastenmeier  
 Puerto Rico - (D) B.Corrada

As you can see, it is an eastern lineup plus California and few midwesterners who should know better.

The other anti-trap bills are: a companion bill in the Senate (S.425); HR 953 which would have Interior determine the types of traps legal for use on federal lands and establish a commission to recommend traps utilizing the "most humane capture method"; Birch Bayh (D-IN) has a similar bill in the Senate; and HR 1423 is also similar. The status of these bills indicates they are still in committee.

*Politicians have now achieved the ultimate - - they're taxing our patience.*

GOTCHA COVERED !!!

Monte Dodson, now with the Oklahoma Fish & Game Department, has a suggestion for a really tight trap cover where you can't return to check a trap in time to conform with regulations. He cuts out 8x10 inch pieces of light plywood, masonite, or even heavy cardboard. These are laid over the trap set and covered with a half inch of dirt. Even if the trap is thrown, it is impossible to catch an animal. To make it even safer for animals who might try to dig the trap up, holes can be made in the corners and the cover secured with nails pushed into the ground.

*Advice is something a man gives when he's too old to set a bad example.*

LIST OF HONORABLE HEROES

On the following pages are the charter members of NADCA. We've had a few more come in since the list was drawn up December 31st whose names aren't included. Check these to see if there isn't somebody you can bug to join up. Remember this is not a social club but a serious effort to improve the status and image of animal damage control and it needs all the financial support it can get to counteract the activities of the anti-control group. If we had everyone actively working in ADC we would more than triple the membership.

*A Congressman's idea of waste is money spent in another district.*

The wrapper on this issue is our new flyer. If you can use extra copies, let us know.

*I've always wanted to procrastinate - - but I never got around to it.*

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- Sachau, Bob
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- Jones, Floyd L.
- Jones, John C.
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1	106	12	118
2	118	5	123
3	39	4	43
4	27	0	27
5	12	1	13
Total	302	22	324