

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB 994 Concerning Leghold Traps

I am one of the Norwich, CT ACOs and discovered a Canada Goose stuck in a leg hold trap on 12-7-06 as the bird floated, or was dragged by the weight of the trap mechanism downstream with the current. I was dispatched to the city park and found the bird floundering near the shore. The trap was on one of the bird's legs with the chain dragging and the anchor following. The bird was unable to navigate due to the trap. As the bird kept paddling out into the water I was not able to secure it using my net or other equipment so I phoned a bird rehabilitator, Jeannie Presslitz who lives in Norwich. Jeannie brought her rocket net gun and the bird was captured. The fire dept. arrived and cut the trap off of the leg with very large bolt cutters.

The trap originated upstream.. Apparently the bird floated, or was dragged by the weight of the anchor, chain and trap from another town which was upstream.

This statement is an example of why SB 994 should be supported.

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