

A NOTE REGARDING REGULATION BOOKLETS

Georgia Department of Natural Resources

Ideal regulation booklets should be short, simple, appealing and small enough to fit into a shirt pocket. They should also adequately set forth the wildlife regulations and applicable state laws, govern the taking of all hunted species and identify the protected ones. If there are special regulations for special areas or special species, these must also be included. The text should be complete to prevent confusion but concise to prevent boredom. They must be general enough to allow flexibility of biological imperatives but specific enough to stand up in court. Also certain special situations such as endangered species, field trials, taxidermists, local exceptions ought to be included. It would also be nice if directions to areas and....say, just how large is your shirt pocket.

MEETING ON THE HUMANE TRAP ISSUE

Southeast Wildlife Conference

**White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia
November 17-20, 1974**

WELCOMING STATEMENT

*James M. Ruckel
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Good evening, ladies and gentlemen: It is nearly 9:00 p.m. and we're sorry that we are so late, but we were unavoidably detained in that elegant dining room.

Last year an anti-steel trap bill was introduced in the West Virginia Legislature. Duane Pursley served as our Wildlife Resources Division spokesman to the joint Senate and House Committee which was deciding the fate of that legislation.

While preparing his presentation, we found that we were somewhat ignorant of the status of humane trap research and the anti-trap movement. Consequently, Duane and I traveled to North Bay, Ontario, where we met with a number of people who have been involved in the humane trapping issue. We received an abundance of valuable information on this subject. Realizing the problems of disseminating this information, we felt that we should bring the experts to this panel meeting and let them enlighten you first hand.

The first speaker is Mr. Art Lalonde of the well-known and highly respected Ontario Trappers Association. This organization is the focal point of the wild fur industry in Canada, and its fur sales service has given invaluable assistance to our Division of Wildlife Resources.

FIRST SPEAKER

*Art Lalonde
Secretary-Treasurer
Ontario Trappers Association*

Thank you, Jim! Honorable sirs, ladies and gentlemen: I am pleased to be here tonight to speak to you in regard to trapping, as I know it in Canada. As Jim mentioned, I am an elected officer of the Ontario Trappers Association and a member of the Canadian Federation of Trappers. I serve in the official capacity of secretary-treasurer.