

FAQ Concerning Trap Tags

What is a “Trap Tag”?

A trap tag is used to allow Enforcement to identify the owner of the trap. Trap tags must be metallic and must be affixed to all traps, except those set to capture muskrats. The tag needs to have either the words “Trapping License, Delaware” and the trap owner’s trapping license or license exempt number and the year of issuance or the owner's name and address.

Who needs to use trap tags?

Any trapper (licensed or license exempt trapper) must place a trap tag on every trap they set in the field for the purpose of catching snapping turtles and furbearers, excluding muskrats.

Do all traps need to have a trap tag placed on them?

Yes, except those traps that are set for the sole purpose of capturing muskrats. The Division recommends that all traps are tagged, even those set for muskrats, because sometimes these traps may capture an animal other than a muskrat such as a raccoon. Tagging all traps would ensure a trapper remains compliant with the rules pertaining to trap tags for any furbearer they catch.

Do traps set for snapping turtles need to be tagged?

Yes, each trap set for snapping turtles shall be marked with a metallic tag bearing the trapper’s name and address or current year’s trapping license number. The tag shall be attached to the trap in a manner that allows it to remain visible, at all times.

How does a trapper obtain trap tags?

The Division will provide to any trapper (license or license exempt) a one-time allotment of 25 tags for free. Additional tags may be purchased from the Division at the R&R Front Desk for \$4 per 25 tags. These Division-issued tags simply state, “Trapping License Delaware” and the trapper needs to add their personal information (engraving is recommended). Tags may also be made by the trapper or purchased from a private vendor. One such vendor is the National Band and Tag Company which can be visited by going to <https://www.nationalband.com/> or by calling 1-859-261-2035.

For additional questions, please contact the Wildlife Section at 302-735-3600.