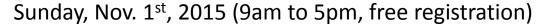
## **AFWA Trapping Matters Workshop**

## Asheville, NC (during the 2015 SEAFWA conference)





Many wildlife professionals shy away from trapping-related discussions, because it is considered a controversial wildlife management technique. Yet, it is essential that wildlife professionals understand the diverse ways that regulated trapping provides environmental & social benefits. This workshop will help participants understand & better communicate the benefits of regulated trapping to wildlife management. Participants will leave with scientifically sound information & be trained in skills that will make them effective communicators on this subject.

## This workshop consists of 3 main sections:

- 1. Communications Skills:
  - The importance of human dimension studies & messages related to regulated trapping.
  - How the media works & what they expect of you in an interview situation.
  - How you can use media to educate the public & key messages to use with the media about trapping.
  - Open dialog & hands-on activities will be used to develop & improve communication skills and make the experiences interactive and of high professional value for attendees.
- 2. <u>Traps & Trapping Techniques</u>:
  - Hands-on demonstrations of trap-types and how they work.
- 3. Best Management Practices for Trapping & Furbearer Management:
  - The research behind humane trapping, and how and why regulated trapping is used in furbearer management and wildlife management in general.
- Workshop qualifies for credit hours (Category 1) towards certification & professional development.
- To register, contact Colleen Olfenbuttel: <a href="mailto:colleen.olfenbuttel@ncwildlife.org">colleen.olfenbuttel@ncwildlife.org</a> phone: 919-920-6302

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