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Subject: RE: FW: Diagnosis of lynx killed in MN incidental trapping
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That's enough information for me – thanks.

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Subject: Re: FW: Diagnosis of lynx killed in MN incidental trapping

Hi Shawn,

I apologize for my delayed response, I am catching up on emails after being away from the office for a couple of weeks. I had similar concerns after reading the preliminary diagnostic report, but Jennifer Bradsby (JLB) at the lab assured me that the injuries were self inflicted. I do not have the name of the pathologist, but I can find out for you - if you are interested, please let me know.

Also, just to be clear, it was a USGS crew that arrived on scene and attempted to release the animal, not USFWS.

-Tam
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Hi Tamara, regarding the attached diagnostic report: who did the necropsy? And can you verify that the person who initialed the last statement "JLB" is not the pathologist? Is it possible that someone tried to crush that cat to death before your field crew arrived? We're sorting out some issues here regarding incidentally taken lynx. Thank you. Shawn

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Wally and Jen - Attached is the necropsy report from Jennifer Bradsby (USGS National Wildlife Health Center) regarding the lynx that died during catchpole release in St. Louis County, MN last fall. This was one of two incidents (1 lynx, 1 lynx hybrid) of animals killed after being released by a wildlife professional.

The necropsy suggests the lynx was killed not by the catch pole but from self-inflicted blunt trauma perhaps by thrashing around in the trap.

This necropsy result raises an issue we should consider when revising the ITP. The prevailing thought is that lynx are relatively docile in traps, can generally be released from traps with minor injuries, and the experience should not affect their subsequent survival. This necropsy report suggests that at least some incidentally trapped animals could experience life-threatening injury while in traps that may manifest itself at the trap site or after release. Any information that you can find out about the prevalence of this kind of injury would be helpful.

Thanks, Mark

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Update

Attached, please find the most recent diagnostic findings for your submission to the National Wildlife Health Center. The Pathologist assigned to this case is out of the office for two weeks due to (b) (6). He will hopefully be finalizing the case when he returns. I haven't had a chance to discuss these latest lab results with him so I will need to get his interpretation on the ChE findings.

If you have any questions regarding this case, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All best,
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