

## **Welsh Government Code of Best Practice on the Use of Snares in Fox Control**

### **Evidence Gathering Meeting**

**1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Monday 14 May 2019**

**Welsh Government, Spa Road East, Llandrindod Wells, LD1 5HA**

### **Agenda**

#### **Arrival, Tea and Coffee 1:00pm - 1:30pm**

#### **1. Welcome and introduction**

- Round-table introductions.
- Minutes and outstanding actions from the last meeting.
- Update on the 2018 Annual Report on the Welsh Government's Code of Best Practice on the Use of Snares in Fox Control.

#### **2. Evidence Gathering Session**

**Attendees to consider whether they have information / ideas that could help gather the evidence required:**

- Numbers of / proportion of farmers using snares for fox control. If these are located in any particular area in Wales.
- Numbers of gamekeepers in Wales using snares as a method of fox control.
- Total/combined retail sales of snares – numbers of Code compliant and non Code compliant snares sold annually in Wales.
- Proportion of snare users that have received formal training in snare use and adherence to the Code.
- Evidence of animal suffering / death of both foxes and non-targets in snares in Wales. This could be as a result of snaring that complies with the Code as well as illegal activities or bad practice.
- Evidence of non-compliance with the Code.
- Evidence of where compliance with the Code has raised welfare standards.
- If illegal practice has been seen, what barriers have there been to prevent prosecution?
- Numbers of animals both target and non-target caught in snares in Wales annually

**3. The Code of Practice – Discussion**

- Considering the strength of the evidence base.
- Commitment to review the code.
- How and when to review the code.

**4. Taking Forward Wales' Sustainable Management of Natural Resources**

- Summary of the consultation responses

**5. Round table – Summary of info to be provided as post-meeting follow-up.**

**6. AOB**

**7. Meeting close (4pm)**