

# Snaring in Newfoundland

Snaring is a popular outdoor recreational activity. Annually, 20,000-30,000 people participate in the small game harvest on the island of Newfoundland, with the majority snaring Snowshoe Hare. Snowshoe Hare harvest typically fluctuates



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between 300,000 to 1,000,000 annually and generally follows the population trend.

The only wire types that may be used for snaring small game on the Island of Newfoundland are **22 gauge brass wire and six-strand braided wire** (known as picture cord). These were selected as the best options for reducing accidental mortality of threatened Newfoundland Marten and all other non-targeted species, while at the same time retaining Snowshoe Hare. The use of stainless steel wire, including its use with the modified coil, has not been allowed since 2008.

Snares made of 22 gauge brass or six-strand braided wire are not known to have caused Newfoundland Marten accidental mortality.



## Brass Wire Quality May Differ:

Variations exist between different types of 22 gauge brass wire; some brands outperform others. Consult with the retailer or wire manufacturer to learn more about their products.



## Best Practices for Brass Wire:

- Prevent kinking: make snares in the field and do not carry snares in your pocket.
- Avoid reusing snares: reused or kinked wire is more likely to break.

## Good Snaring Practice Includes:

- Checking snares daily, preferably in the morning.
- Removing snares on or before the season closing date.
- Avoiding private property or areas frequented by the public or pets.

## For more information:

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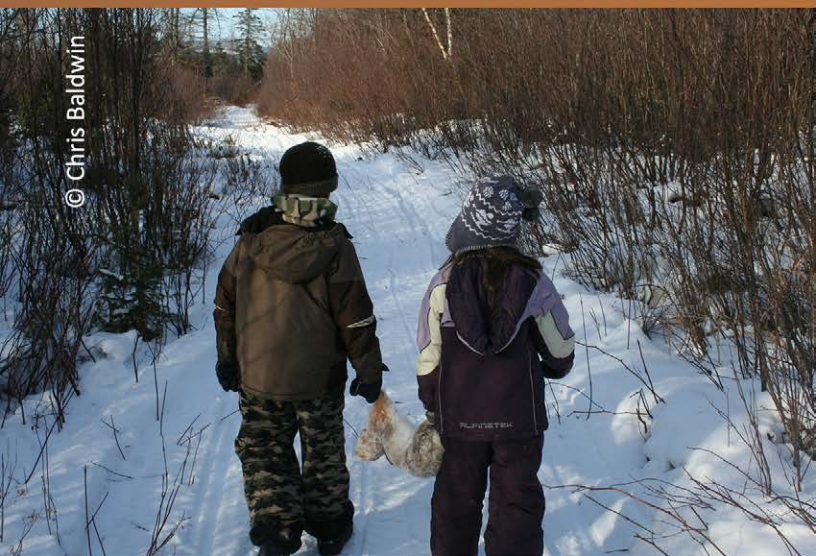
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