

# ***2020-21 Furbearer Harvest Survey***

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The Furbearer Harvest Survey (FHS) is conducted at the end of furharvesting season. Most years since 2001, 60-70% of the furharvester license holders from each of nine physiographic provinces in Kansas have been surveyed. Recipient names are randomly selected from an online database of all furharvester license buyers.

Survey questions are divided into 5 sections: general information, trapping activities, hunting activities, running activities, and a special section. Harvest questions were the same from 1983-2008. In 2009, changes in question structure of the trapping section were made to collect more accurate catch-per-unit-effort data (see questions 8-12 in Appendix 1).

Also beginning in 2009, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) began conducting web-based surveys. Not everyone is equipped for online surveys, so a traditional paper survey option has also always been made available.

A few extreme outlier responses are removed from the results each year on the basis that they are likely inaccurate (data entry errors) or unique enough that their extrapolation to the population would inordinately increase harvest estimates. Though somewhat of a judgement, for common species where responses are generally normally distributed, those approximately twice the next nearest response may be excluded.

Beginning in 2018, licenses became valid for 365 days from date of purchase rather than a calendar year. Furharvester licenses that were purchased from November 19, 2019 to March 31, 2021 would have been valid during the season. There were 8125 of these licenses sold, and from them a sample of 4064 (50%) was selected. The online database contained e-mails for 2618 (64%) of these individuals. An initial e-mail was sent on April 13, 2021 containing a link to the survey and a request for participation. A reminder e-mail was sent to nonrespondents on April 23.

A single mailing consisting of a 2-page, 8.5"x11" paper survey (Appendix 1) was sent April 20, 2021 to furharvesters without an e-mail on file (n=1301). This was a deviation from previous survey methodology in which email nonrespondents also received a paper survey. A summary of the survey effort including response rates can be found in Table 1. The number of responses and the response rate of furharvesters within each physiographic province can be found in Figure 1. Respondents to the paper survey were asked to provide an e-mail address for future surveys if they had one. Respondents provided 32 new and 9 updated e-mail addresses.

Information provided by furharvesters is an estimate of their harvest and activities during the season. Results from bobcat and swift fox pelt tagging have typically been lower than the harvest estimates derived from the FHS, suggesting an overestimate by the FHS. Consequently, harvest figures obtained from this survey should be considered representative of annual harvest indices rather than parameters.

Survey results were extrapolated to represent total harvest and activity. Sixty-three percent of respondents indicated they participated in furharvesting activities during the season (i.e. were

active). This is consistent with the 60-64% who were active over the previous five seasons. Estimated furharvester distribution based on the county in which they conducted most of their furharvesting activities can be found in Figure 2.

Furharvesters spent an estimated 166,713 user days in pursuit of furbearers, including 89,846 days trapping, 59,128 days hunting, and 17,738 days running. These figures represent a 13% decrease in combined user days from the previous season. Average days afield by trappers, hunters, and runners was similar to last season, changing from 37, 19 and 42 last season to 32, 17 and 53 this season, respectively. Participation in various combinations of furharvesting activities is presented in Table 2.

Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trapping, hunting and running are presented in Tables 3-5, respectively. Trappers account for the majority of harvest of most furbearer species. Coyotes are the main exception, but much of their harvest is by hunters without a furharvester license (coyotes are not a furbearer) and not estimated by this survey. The 2020 Small Game Hunter Activity Survey estimated total harvest by coyote hunters without a furharvester license to be 108,678. Combined with the total harvest estimates from this survey, total coyote harvest in the state was 168,721. Hunters (35,767) accounted for 80% of the total estimated coyote harvest. Trappers (1966) accounted for the remainder.

Historical furbearer harvest in Kansas based on the Furbearer Harvest Survey can be found in Table 6. This year, total furbearer harvest (138,022) was down 10% from last season. Most notably, raccoon harvest dropped 20% by 9891 raccoons from last season. Coyote harvest decreased by 5% from last year, but still represented the second highest harvest on record since 1970.

At the end of each survey, furharvesters are given the opportunity to provide comments on furharvesting in Kansas. These comments can be found in Appendix 2. All comments are read by the furbearer biologist, and an effort is made to respond to direct questions. At times, common themes from this questionnaire are addressed in some broadly distributed form such as the annual regulations summary (i.e. why are bobcats tagged, why these season dates, etc.). Opposing viewpoints are commonly expressed in this section by furharvesters, and it's certainly worth noting that there is opposition and support for nearly any regulatory change the Department could ever consider. Again this year, the most common comments were in reference to night hunting of coyotes with lights, night vision and thermal imaging equipment. The controversial nature of this subject is apparent with many comments both for and against.

Table 1. Sample size and response rate of survey methods used to conduct the Furbearer Harvest Survey.

	Number	Non-deliverables	Response Rate	
			Number	Percent
E-mail	2763	142	814	30.8
Paper survey	1301 <sup>a</sup>	40	376	29.8
Total	4064	182	1190	30.7

<sup>a</sup> Sent to those without e-mails and e-mail nonrespondents.

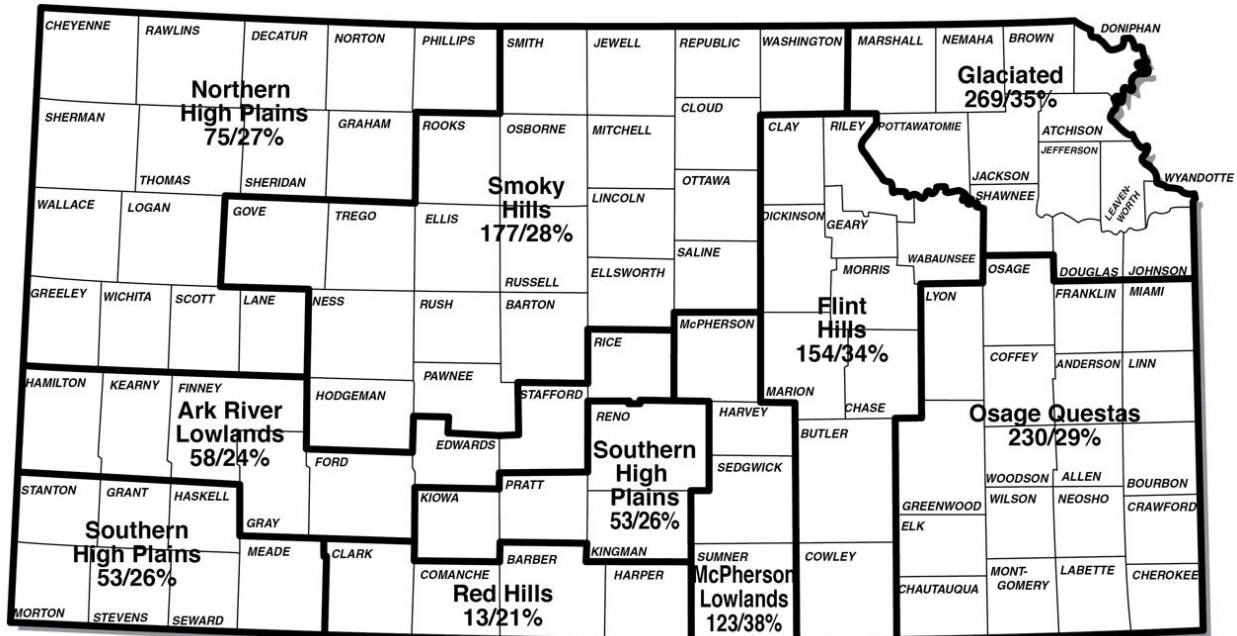


Figure 1. The number of survey respondents (number) and the response rate of furharvesters (percent) living within each physiographic province in Kansas. In addition, 38 nonresidents responded resulting in a 34% response rate that group.

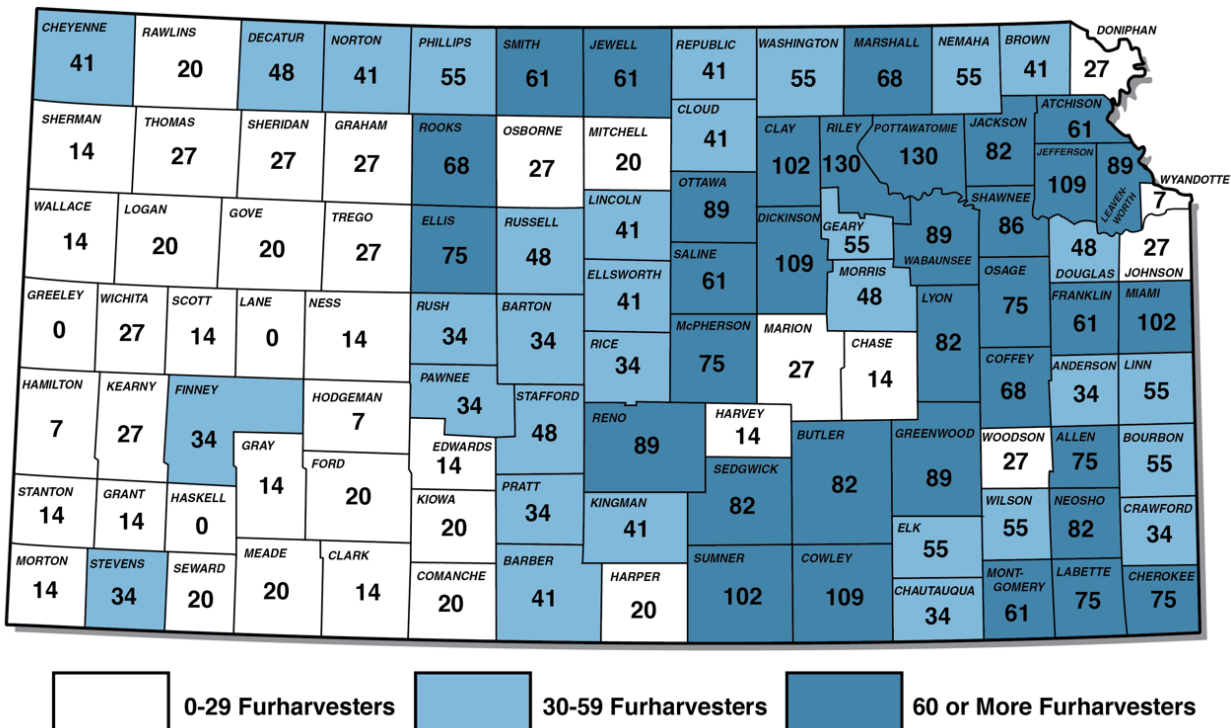


Figure 2. Estimated furharvester distribution in Kansas based on the county in which active survey respondents conducted most of their furharvesting activities.

Table 2. Estimated number and percent of 2020-21 season furharvester license holders (n=8125) who participated in various furharvesting activities.

Activity	Number of Furharvesters	Percent of Furharvesters
Inactive	3045	37.5
Trap only	1454	17.9
Hunt only	1994	24.5
Run only	14	0.2
Trap and hunt	1284	15.8
Trap and run	14	0.2
Hunt and run	246	3.0
Trap, hunt and run	75	0.9
<b>Total Participation</b>		
Total trappers	2827	35
Total hunters	3598	44
Total runners	348	4

Table 3. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trappers in Kansas during the 2020-21 harvest season.

Species	Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Harvest	% of Trappers Who Pursued	Ave Traps/Day	Captures/100 Trap Days	Maximum Harvest	Ave Harvest/Trapper
Badger	79	2,246	19	14.1	3.8	75	4.2
Beaver	163	6,944	40	4.9	12.4	80	6.2
Bobcat	203	2,895	50	9.9	2.7	24	2.1
Coyote	279	34,275	69	16.8	4.7	434	18.0
Red Fox	42	594	10	6.5	3.1	12	2.1
Gray Fox	3	0	1	12.0	0.0	0	0.0
Swift Fox	10	382	2	18.8	1.0	20	5.6
Mink	12	307	3	4.3	1.2	31	3.8
Muskrat	55	5,039	14	7.5	11.8	363	13.4
Opossum	214	11,826	53	9.9	6.2	90	8.1
Otter	29	437	7	4.8	10.4	5	2.2
Raccoon	312	28,274	77	12.7	10.6	133	13.3
Skunk	159	5,435	39	11.9	6.3	94	5.0
Weasel	79	2,246	19	14.1	3.8	75	4.2

Table 4. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for hunters in Kansas during the 2020-21 harvest season.

Species	Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Harvest	% of Hunters Who Pursued	Harvest/100 Days	Maximum Harvest	Ave Harvest/Hunter
Badger	17	82	3	30.2	2	0.7
Bobcat	167	860	32	8.9	17	0.8
Coyote	451	25,768	87	60.2	120	8.4
Red Fox	15	55	3	19.5	1	0.5
Gray Fox	5	7	1	0.0	1	0.2
Swift Fox	4	27	1	0.0	2	1.0
Opossum	29	785	6	53.6	30	4.0
Raccoon	158	11,484	31	110.4	107	10.7
Skunk	14	300	3	52.5	14	3.1

Table 5. Treeing success, participation, and activity levels for furharvesters in Kansas during the 2020-21 running season.

Species	Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Take*	% of Runners Who Pursued	Take/100 Days*	Maximum Take*	Ave Take/Runner*
Bobcat	2	137	4	20.0	20	10.0
Opossum	6	205	12	0.0	12	5.0
Raccoon	45	13,758	92	107.6	350	44.8

\*Take refers to the number of animals "seen or treed" while running.

Table 6. Historical harvest of furbearers in Kansas based on furbearer harvest survey.

Seasons	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat Tagging *	Bobcat	Coyote	Gray Fox	Red Fox	Swift Fox Tagging *	Swift Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Otter Tagging*	Otter	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Weasel
1978-79	4530	5315	825	1705	50195	193	533		closed	2192	36639	51156			101450	15184	
1979-80	5882	19140	1050	1955	51380	245	888		closed	3378	75962	56937			133311	23297	
1980-81	2501	14939	1027	1966	35238	274	645		closed	3304	59063	49741			94754	16495	
1981-82	2673	5440	882	1730	32310	171	672		closed	2342	30703	59916			93823	15917	
1982-83	3708	7653	1014	1686	36526	247	795		1163	3583	49528	58138			87425	11453	
1983-84	1754	8908	1334	2471	31466	93	1193		740	1600	21791	19347			67042	4985	
1984-85	1774	11814	1869	3212	33066	122	876		426	1937	24863	31142			108694	6806	
1985-86	1348	15543	1916	2837	34418	117	487		314	1507	15241	30955			96708	6909	
1986-87	3009	14732	2720	4522	40999	107	961		1161	2571	25561	59190			119488	10460	21
1987-88	2402	12474	3192	4805	41460	123	1113		650	2619	33814	54714			118878	8847	23
1988-89	1417	13989	2878	4492	25387	235	672		442	1545	22822	24117			72028	4233	5
1989-90	476	9607	1560	2482	15314	30	462		264	630	7114	9775			38274	2043	4
1990-91	442	5214	1409	1694	11968	34	242		76	423	4083	5493			27137	1258	0
1991-92	571	5429	2043	2453	15941	77	509		93	713	3043	12427			43977	3576	0
1992-93	687	3044	1618	2307	16076	59	328		64	252	2115	8101			33710	3125	2
1993-94	649	5288	2413	2900	16595	55	731		73	368	2571	12727			48203	2610	146
1994-95	781	12123	3590	5352	17022	204	1003	48	34	746	6215	19692			64951	4131	9
1995-96	522	8089	3020	3932	14009	99	753	33	45	291	3598	16120			58600	2877	2
1996-97	874	10653	4296	7041	19794	179	1232	33	144	473	5451	29980			93190	8065	40
1997-98	876	13337	3347	6233	14398	71	823	17	25	718	9679	49437			108727	9323	101
1998-99	958	8606	2385	3938	12125	152	490	7	15	419	7445	26512			71709	6375	107
1999-00	451	8845	2121	3578	11920	191	455	5	0	257	7252	13051			51307	3887	11
2000-01	1094	9388	2731	4018	15054	97	559	6	24	164	3964	14294			56143	5460	0
2001-02	434	9617	3597	5286	15329	35	584	32	0	180	3348	17080			72918	5559	0
2002-03	910	7716	5054	6521	18577	62	578	86	203	246	4596	32595			79538	10255	0
2003-04	1760	7250	5963	9654	25407	64	625	178	470	303	2823	42125			94506	10952	40
2004-05	1469	7737	5353	7062	23322	140	783	86	129	230	4845	43356			84132	10910	0
2005-06	1312	7186	6021	7458	21861	89	459	58	135	206	5733	38909			66458	12730	3
2006-07	1882	11028	7234	9998	32494	179	774	70	309	439	8150	46965			87241	15583	0
2007-08	2020	6658	5668	9381	29305	84	976	65	136	209	5120	51138			93687	17669	4
2008-09	1619	6855	4080	5944	27100	84	707	98	27	177	5767	46113			85061	16748	0
2009-10	1109	4572	1944	3210	21554	67	426	39	130	179	5681	18763			41355	7384	0
2010-11	1898	9774	4809	8098	39152	43	988	43	126	371	15193	48296			97858	12755	5
2011-12	1591	9191	5918	7412	36460	54	732	113	325	210	8282	43758	127	139	101924	14060	8
2012-13	2017	9535	5926	8164	52681	90	898	246	620	225	5396	43844	128	196	121514	17553	0
2013-14	1661	8063	4990	7431	41694	51	838	239	252	154	5590	46584	158	175	117069	16101	5
2014-15	1794	7146	3044	4353	48444	18	801	151	349	235	9129	43138	169	216	93437	13022	0
2015-16	1602	6262	2319	3882	44124	55	427	75	100	226	5228	24538	115	186	51250	9994	0
2016-17	1014	3987	2563	3500	36269	0	391	35	105	100	6094	19836	132	187	39708	5929	0
2017-18	1122	4459	3900	4935	47499	12	512	93	142	98	5411	18442	167	197	38746	5187	0
2018-19	1406	6776	3065	4955	53657	5	507	62	65	293	7530	19359	128	284	39370	5588	5
2019-20	1619	5627	2933	4598	63441	12	571	149	410	39	3586	15477	179	296	49649	6553	0
2020-21	2328	6944	2454	3755	60043	7	649	144	409	307	5039	12611	179	437	39758	5735	0

## Special Section

The “Special Section” of the Furbearer Harvest Survey changes annually and is used to collect information and opinions from furharvesters on a diversity of topics that relate to furharvesting or furbearers. Past surveys have addressed subjects such as rare furbearer status, furharvester recruitment, and trap ownership and use. This year’s special section attempted to assess interest in the possibility of late season walk-in trapping opportunities.

Respondents were first asked whether they had trapped in Kansas in the past three seasons. Fifty-three percent indicated they had (n=378). Those who had were asked whether they had trapped on public land in Kansas in February or March within the past 3 years. Only 10% had (n=38). Trappers were then asked how likely they would be to walk-in and trap on a Walk-In Hunting Area (WIHA) property if opened to trapping Feb 1. Thirty-eight percent indicated they would be somewhat or extremely likely to do so (Figure 3). When asked how likely they would be to do this if they had to phone or electronically sign-in to do so, just 19% indicated they would be somewhat or extremely likely to do so (Figure 4). The last question was only asked of online participants due to space limitations on the paper survey. When asked whether a lack of places to trap keeps them from trapping as much as they would like in February and March, 30% somewhat or strongly agreed it did (Figure 5).

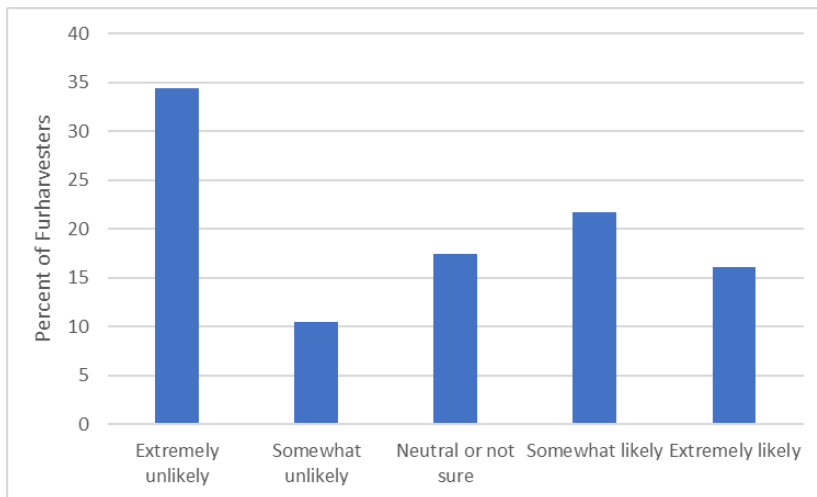


Figure 3. Likelihood of Kansas trappers walking-in and trapping on WIHA property if opened to trapping on Feb 1 (n=355).

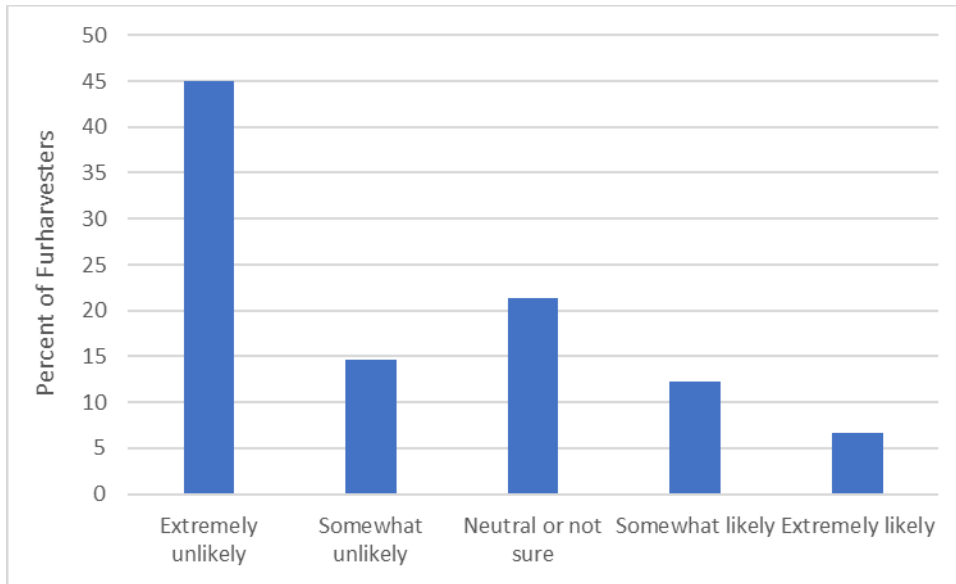


Figure 4. Likelihood of Kansas trappers walking-in and trapping on WIHA property if opened to trapping on Feb 1 if they had to phone or electronically check-in in order to do so (n=253).

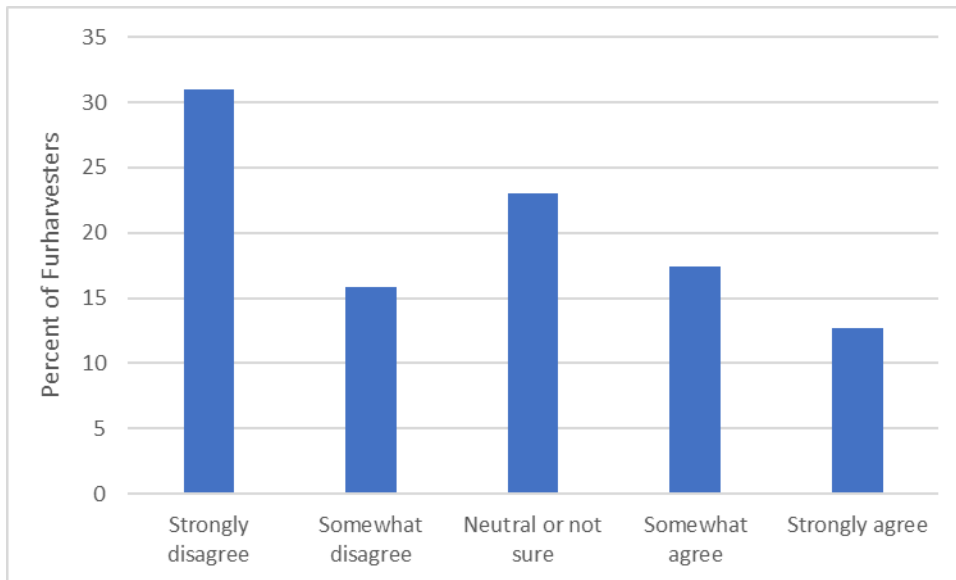


Figure 5. Kansas trappers' level of agreement with the statement that "a lack of places to trap keeps me from trapping as much as I would like in February and March" (n=252).

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Appendix 1.

Paper Version of the  
2020-21 Furbearer Harvest Survey

## 2020-21 Furbearer Harvest Survey

Your ID: «TXNL\_CUST\_ID»

Dear «CUST\_NAME»  
«CUST\_STREET»  
«CUST\_CITY», «CUST\_ST\_CNTRY» «CUST\_POSTAL\_CODE»

You have been selected to participate in the Kansas Furbearer Harvest Survey. Your name was randomly chosen from the list of furharvesters who purchased a license in the last year. This survey provides our best estimate of furharvester activity and is used to guide furbearer management decisions in Kansas.

Please complete the survey within 7 days and return in the postage paid envelope. Or if you have internet access, you can complete online at: [https://ksoutdoors.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_0PVhKYReYOtuTau](https://ksoutdoors.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0PVhKYReYOtuTau).

Please complete the survey even if you did not furharvest this year. Thank you for your participation!

Matt Peek, KDWP furbearer biologist

### Instructions:

- Estimate your harvest activities even if you can't remember the exact numbers.
- Include your harvest information only. Do not include a hunting/trapping partner's catch.

1. Did you hunt or trap furbearers in Kansas during the 2020-21 season, or did you run furbearers with dogs during the running season in 2020?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 21.)

2. In which county did you do most of your furharvesting in 2020-21? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you **TRAP** for furbearers in Kansas during the 2020-21 season? (Questions about HUNTING & RUNNING furbearers will follow. This question is asking only if you TRAPPED.)

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 13.)

4. How many of each did you harvest by **TRAPPING** in Kansas during the 2020-21 season? (Enter "0" for those you tried to harvest but didn't catch any.)

Badger: _____	Coyote: _____	Swift Fox: _____	Otter: _____
Beaver: _____	Gray Fox: _____	Mink: _____	Raccoon: _____
Bobcat: _____	Red Fox: _____	Muskrat: _____	Striped Skunk: _____
		Opossum: _____	Weasel: _____

5. How many total calendar days did you TRAP furbearers or coyotes in Kansas during the 2020-21 season? *The trapping season was 91 days (Nov 18-Feb 15) for all furbearers except beaver and otter, which were 135 days (Nov 18-Mar 31).*

Total days: \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many calendar DAYS did you trap for each species? (Enter "0" if none.) *Count any day you had sets out that were intended or likely to catch that species. For example, if you caught opossums in your raccoon sets, record your raccoon trapping days for opossum also.*

Badger: _____ days	Opossum: _____ days
Bobcat: _____ days	Raccoon: _____ days
Coyote: _____ days	Striped Skunk: _____ days

7. During the time you trapped, how many TRAPS did you have set per day on average for each species? *Count any trap that was intended or likely to catch that species. For example, if you caught opossums in your raccoon sets, record your raccoon trap numbers for opossum also.*

Badger: _____ traps	Opossum: _____ traps
Bobcat: _____ traps	Raccoon: _____ traps
Coyote: _____ traps	Striped Skunk: _____ traps

8. Did you set traps specifically for BEAVER?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 9.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for BEAVER? \_\_\_\_\_ days

b. During this time, how many BEAVER TRAPS did you have set per day on average? \_\_\_\_\_ traps

9. Did you set traps specifically for OTTER?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 10.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for OTTER? \_\_\_\_\_ days

b. During this time, how many OTTER TRAPS did you have set per day on average? \_\_\_\_\_ traps

10. Did you set traps specifically for RED FOX, GRAY FOX, or SWIFT FOX?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 11.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for each FOX species? (Enter "0" if none.) *Count any day you had sets out that were intended or likely to catch that species.*

Red fox: _____ days
Gray fox: _____ days
Swift fox: _____ days

b. During the time you trapped each species, how many TRAPS did you have set per day on average? *Count any trap that was intended or likely to catch that species.*

Red fox: _____ traps
Gray fox: _____ traps
Swift fox: _____ traps

11. Did you set traps specifically for MUSKRAT or MINK?  
 Yes  No (If no, skip to question 12.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for MUSKRAT or MINK? (Enter "0" if none.) *Count any day you had sets out that were intended or likely to catch that species.*

Muskrat: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Mink: \_\_\_\_\_ days

b. During the time you trapped MUSKRAT or MINK, how many TRAPS did you have set per day on average? *Count any trap that was intended or likely to catch that species.*

Muskrat: \_\_\_\_\_ traps

Mink: \_\_\_\_\_ traps

12. Did you set traps specifically for WEASEL?  
 Yes  No (If no, skip to question 13.)

a. How many DAYS did you trap for WEASEL? \_\_\_\_\_ days

b. During this time, how many WEASEL TRAPS did you have set per day on average? \_\_\_\_\_ traps

13. Did you HUNT for furbearers or coyotes in Kansas during the 2020-21 season?  
 Yes  No (If no, skip to question 17.)

14. How many of each did you harvest by HUNTING in Kansas during the 2020-21 season? (Enter "0" for those you hunted but didn't harvest.)

Badger: \_\_\_\_\_ Gray Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Opossum: \_\_\_\_\_

Bobcat: \_\_\_\_\_ Red Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Raccoon: \_\_\_\_\_

Coyote: \_\_\_\_\_ Swift Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Striped Skunk: \_\_\_\_\_

15. How many total calendar days did you HUNT furbearers or coyotes in Kansas during the 2020-21 season? (*maximum 91 days; Nov 18-Feb 15*).

Total days: \_\_\_\_\_

16. How many calendar DAYS did you HUNT for each species? (Enter "0" if none.)

Badger: \_\_\_\_\_ days Gray Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Opossum: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Bobcat: \_\_\_\_\_ days Red Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Raccoon: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Coyote: \_\_\_\_\_ days Swift Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Striped Skunk: \_\_\_\_\_ days

17. Did you RUN furbearers in Kansas during the 2020 running season (Mar 1-Nov 8, 2020)?  
 Yes  No (If no, skip to question 21.)

18. How many of each did you "tree" during the 2020 running season in Kansas? (Enter "0" for those you hunted but didn't tree.)

Bobcat: \_\_\_\_\_ Red Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Raccoon: \_\_\_\_\_

Gray Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ Opossum: \_\_\_\_\_

19. How many total calendar days did you RUN furbearers in Kansas during the 2020 season? (*maximum 253 days; Mar 1-Nov 8*).

Total days: \_\_\_\_\_

20. How many calendar DAYS did you RUN each species? (Enter "0" if none.)

Bobcat: \_\_\_\_\_ days Red Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Raccoon: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Gray Fox: \_\_\_\_\_ days Opossum: \_\_\_\_\_ days

Special Section – Trapping on select Walk-In Hunting Area (WIHA) properties

21. Have you TRAPPED in Kansas within the past 3 years?  
 Yes  No (If no, skip to question 25.)

22. Have you TRAPPED ON PUBLIC LAND in Kansas in February or March within the past 3 years?  
 Yes  No

23. If some Walk-In Hunting Areas (WIHAs) were opened to trapping on Feb. 1 (after the upland bird season), how likely would you be to walk-in and trap those properties?

Extremely Likely  Somewhat Likely  Neither Likely or Unlikely  Somewhat Unlikely  Extremely Unlikely

24. In the same situation as above, how likely would you be to walk-in and trap on a WIHA property in February or March if you had to phone or electronically check-in to do so?

Extremely Likely  Somewhat Likely  Neither Likely or Unlikely  Somewhat Unlikely  Extremely Unlikely

25. If you have an e-mail address and are willing to receive a direct link to surveys such as this in the future, should your name be selected, please include it here: \_\_\_\_\_

26. If you have any comments or suggestions on furbearer management in KS, you can provide them here:

Thank you for your time and interest in Kansas furharvesting.

Appendix 2.

Furharvester Comments from the  
2020-21 Furbearer Harvest Survey

Comments
I HEAR PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO KILL RACCOON YEAR AROUND. DO NOT LET THEM, KILL 1 FEMALE YOU COULD CALL 6 IN ONE SHOT.
24 hour check rule to me brings your catch rate down on coyotes due to being there everyday. Having said that, if you put a 48 hour check in place there would be more trap shy coyotes due to pressure from coyotes being seen caught in traps but in the end more coyotes would be taken with a 48 hour check rule because then you could run more traps and cover a lot more ground. As for the trap shy coyotes there are many different techniques to be able to take them. The longer the check means running more traps which means more coyotes taken.
Allow coon hunting with dogs on public land
ALLOW WALK-IN AREAS TO BE OPEN TO TRAPPING. SHOULD HELP DEER & TURKEY POPULATIONS IN WESTERN KANSAS.
Also caught 11 armadillos in box traps when it warmed up. They are becoming a real nuisance on my food plots especially the clover.
APPRECIATE THE OPPURTUNITY TO NIGHT HUNT COYOTES. I WISH OUT OF STATE PERMITS FOR NIGHT HUNTING COYOTES WERE CONSIDERABLY MORE EXPENSIVE OR NON-EXISTANT. A COUPLE OF NEGATIVE EXPERIENCES DRIVES THIS OPINION. THANKS
BAD HEALTH
Beaver need to be open to trapping year round.
CLOSING SEASON ENDING ON FEB 15 MAKES FOR SHORT TIME DRAGGING TRAPS OUT. I'VE TRAPPED ON PUBLIC LAND AND YOU HAVE TO SET UNDER STANDING THAT SOMEONE COULD BIRD HUNT WITH DOGS. WOULD BE THE SAME ON WIHAS IF SEASON RAN NOV. 18-FEB15.
COLLECT A BOUNTY ON RACCOON TO HELP UPLAND BIRD POPULATIONS
CONSIDER CONDUCTING A NEST PREDATOR BOUNTY PROGRAM LIKE SOUTH DAKOTA RUNS. OUR STATES TURKEY, UPLAND BIRDS & EVEN WATERFOWL COULD BENEFIT IMMENSELY. IT COULD ALSO BRING NEW INTEREST INTO TRAPPING BOTH YOUTH AND ADULTS. PLUS SELL MORE LICENSES. (GFP.SD.GOV/BOUNTY-PROGRAM/) PERHAPS YOU COULD INVOLVE THE KANSASFURHARVESTERSASSOCIATION.COM AND STATEWIDE FOR BUYERS.
Consider eliminating the season for raccoons, opossums and skunks-nest raiders.
COON KILL SEASON SHOULD BE ALL YEAR LONG. THEY ARE DOING ALOT OF DAMAGE. THE OUTFITTERS WANT THEM KILLED. AND WOULD WELCOME HUNTERS IN THE OFF SEASON
Could extend the raccoon season
Covid 19 interfered with my trapping and also bow hunting deer
Coyote population seems to be way down in Greenwood county the last 5 or 6 years. Last springs rain didn't seem to help for I seen no young dogs last year, may have all drowned in dens. But personally I think running dogs is the main reason why
CURRENTLY GET MORE COMPLAINTS FROM FARMERS & RANCHERS ABOUT COMING TO TRAP THEM. BUT IT'S NOT MUCH FUN IF THEY AREN'T WORTH ANYTHING. DON'T WANT TO MAKE MONEY AT IT. JUST COVER GAS. DON'T LIKE TRAPPING THEM & NOT DO SOMETHING WITH THEM.
Damage control, catching a couple beavers chewing down our trees in the campground at Milford Lake was all the trapping I did this year.
Different method of tagging bobcats. It should be able to be tagged on wrist and zip tightened.
DO NOT HAVE A BREAK BETWEEN THE REGULAR DEER SEASON AND THE EXTENDED DOE SEASON. I AM A LANDOWNER AND THIS WILL CUT DOWN ON THE BUCKS BEING KILLED THAT HAVE DROPPED ANTLERS.
DO NOT LIKE THE IDEA OF COYOTE HUNTING AFTER DARK! OPENS THE DOOR FOR POACHING. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!
Do not understand the rationale for "no artificial light when "running cats, coyotes and coons" during the "run" season To retrieve a dog from the woods or field for any number of reasons(injury, entanglement, lost etc) should we use a natural lighted torch as aid to navigate?
Enjoyed my stay and the courtesy that i got from the local Ranchers and Farmers. I would like to trap in Kansas again some day, but I would go to the western part rather than the eastern part. The fur quality is better out there. Live and learn. I have been living for 80 years and have trapped for 70 of those years and am still learning.
EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T WATER TRAP THIS YEAR I THINK YOU MIGHT WANT TO CONSIDER RAISING THE OTTER QUOTA. LOTS OF OTTER IN MY AREA ARE BEING SHOT BY LANDOWNERS IN THEIR PONDS TO REDUCE FISH PREDATION. THIS IS JUST A WASTE OF A RESOURCE THAT COULD BE HARVESTED AND UTILIZED. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. THANK YOU.
Extend Muskrat season till the end of Beaver season. Manage one of the man made marshes at Perry and Clinton by not draining at end of duck season. Would benefit muskrat and mink. I know, damn cattaits.
Extend the bobcat season till the end of February. Even if it means shorting it on the front end, such as Dec.15-Feb.28.
FROM A NADC POINT OF VIEW- INCREASE ALLOWED NUMBER OF OTTERS TO BE TAKEN- AS THEY ARE OVER POPULATING. TX
FUR PRICES ARE NOT GOOD
Fur prices are still bad. Main reason for not trapping. Why do people have to buy furharvester licences if they are over 65?
Fur prices are the biggest reason why I did not trap and for many many others. Allowing trapping on WIHA land is a bad idea and will not work well.i can see traps stolen, animals stolen from others traps or dogs or people getting into traps that go in WIHA outside of the bird season.
Furbearer season for coons, possums and skunk needs to either be year round or extend. There's no fur market for there pelts and in my opinion they are over populated and are having a serious impact on the Turkey, qual, pheasant and prairie chicken populations!!!!!!!
FURS ARE NOT WORTH MUCH, WHICH LEAVES ALOT OF EGG EATERS OUT THERE.
Get a bounty on coon ears or tail's so more people will trap coons, they are overrunning everything here, 10\$ would get more harvest and help quail, pheasant, turkey egg survival rates
Get rid of night hunting for coyotes. All it has done is increase the poaching of deer and trespassing.
Get the feds to open land to coonhound and make it harder for all these non residents to get deer tag ks duck stamps and turkey permits its becoming a out of state paradise and its going to lead to nothing for ks kids to get involved in Not even going to talk about quail and pheasants they are gone. The best thing about coonhunting is its catch and release now that being said season should be shorter or a quantity on animal's taken no need to kill any coons really or anything furs are not worth anything just a thought as you know if you need any help (phone # withheld)
Glad to help.
Good job and thank you for all you did for night hunting. I think a lot of guys learned that it isn't the slam dunk they thought it would be and that there is a new learning curve to enjoy.
Good job folks!!!!
Got my license but didn't trap
had very little time to trap so don't have much to comment
Hard to find places to hunt or trap 95 percent of the land is leased out to out of staters then the rest family hunts on to easy for nonresidents to get deer tags when all they do is cut horns off throw rest away and bring more friends next year then you made night hunting legal for coyotes working people have jobs during the week while the others trespass on places I save for weekends with the night hunting taking a big buck on land is really hard to pass up when a person still has a tag in there

pocket talking a kid hunting or fishing is all I hear from u but land is hard to come by anymore unless u have deep pockets it's getting unsafe in the timber in the light and definitely dark DEER NUMBERS are down around my spots unless u count fawns and does cause u know a out of stater didn't drive several hours just to shoot a doe and yes I took a doe this year cause I eat the meat maybe the late season for does should only be taken on Corp ground that might save a few more bucks that lost horns early
Have a list of farmers needing help. Some asked me to help but was too busy
Health issues prevented me from trapping last season.
Heart problems , so I did not get to go out much !!!
Hunted primarily within the north half of Riley County. Using reed calls and custom built bolt action rifles @ .223 Rem, 6mm PPC and 244 calibers. We noted that the coyote population had increased for 2020-2021. Our hunting was 98% private and exclusive ground. Usually near cattle operations. Oddly we haven't seen a bobcat in the last 3 years. Our kills were about 50/50 male - female coyotes. Only two of the coyotes had evidence of mange or other skin-hair issues.
I also took the night vision equipment survey and based on some of the questions it sounded like they are questioning if they should proceed with that season or not. I want to point out that people including myself that took part in that new season have invested a lot of money on equipment to partake. I'm talking \$10,000 between scanners and scopes and it would be a shame if that season were just up and canceled. Just wanted to get my two cents in on that as I forgot to make that comment during that survey... Thank you keep for all you do. Hunting, fishing, and the outdoors is what I live for!!!
I AM TOTALLY DISABLED AND WILL NOT BE TRAPPING OR HUNTING FURBEARERS. I ONLY BUY THE LICENSE INCASE PREDATORS ARE ON MY PROPERTY DOING DAMAGE.
I BELIEVE THAT COONS SHOULD BE TREATED AS COYOTES IN KS. YEAR ROUND SEASON SO THESES WHO MANAGE BIRDS FOR THEIR PROPERTY CAN THEM. I THINK THAT'S A BIG PART OF THE TURKEY & PHEASANT DECLINE IN CENTRAL KS. OUT OF THE 98+ COON I TOOK THIS YR. NONE WERE IN NORMAL COON AREAS.
I bought a fur harvester license case I went to calling with my friends and I didn't have time to do any of it because I was working and I'm going to purchase another one but it just depends on if I go calling or not I purchases to keep the wild life going in Kansas for the future
I carry a rifle with me doing cattle etc through the winter. Didn't know how to answer so just put down 30 days. I did call a few times but the damn ecallers lets everyone have access and don't know the first thing about using mouth calls. By the first of the year you cannot even walk in to a stand without coyotes running out the other end of the section. Thanks Phil
I could not get out to hunt this past season. I hope you allow the night hunting for coyotes this year again. Hope to go this fall.
I did appreciate the after dark coyote hunting with artificial lights 🇺🇸
I did not participate in any Furharvesters activities last year.
I disagree and oppose 1000% on allowing night time hunting with lights and night vision for coyotes. You are allowing 365 days a year and 24 hours a day for hunting coyotes with silencers, digital callers and now lights and night vision. Every animal needs a break. Nothing else have a season. Do you really believe bobcats are not killed with lights and night vision when they show. Lets show some respect to this wonder predator that roams this great state.
I disagree with night hunting coyotes. There is plenty of trespassing going on and this makes it a free for all.
I do appreciate as a farmer letting hunters use thermals for coyotes. Good call. Thanks.
I DON'T NIGHT HUNTING COYOTES AT NIGHT WITH LIGHT. TO EASY TO POACH.
I don't really keep track of numbers. All of the above are estimates.
I feel like the number of furbearers in my area is nearing an all time high with no end in site. It also appears to me that many of the land owners are willing to allow trapping and hunting on their land outside of deer seasons. The problem is less people are hunting / trapping furbearers because their isn't enough incentive to trap them. With fur prices so low it's not worth anyone's time to trap. My suggestion is a state wide bounty on nest raiding furbearers paid through the local fur buyers. I suspect a dollar or 2 per animal would go a long way towards helping upland bird populations.
I have been randomly selected 3 years in a row for furbearer and deer surveys. If I fill one of these out at a restaurant I at least get a drink or sandwich how about a little incentive for taking the time to do this every year!
I have no suggestions at this time.
I have not had the opportunity to trap for quite a few years now as a result of living in the city. Thanks, (name withheld)
I HUNT COYOTES WITH MY GREYHOUNDS. YOUR CRIMINAL HUNTING STATUTE IS B.S. I DIDN'T APPRECIATE HOW I WAS TREATED LAST YEAR I DIDN'T EVEN GET OFF THE COUNTY ROAD!!
i HUNTED WITH THERMALS THIS PAST WINTER FOR COYOTES. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING THIS SEASON TO HAPPEN. WE HAVE A COYOTE PROBLEM AND IT WAS GREAT TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE FARMERS AND LIVESTOCK PEOPLE.
I just buy a permit in case a bobcat gives me an opportunity while I am bow hunting deer.
I JUST ENJOY HUNTING THANKS.
I JUST TRAP ON MY OWN GROUND. I HAVE 160 ACRES
I like the idea of electronic check in on wiha, for trapping. If it limits the number of people allowed at one time to one person. And limit the number of properties that you can sign into.
I only got my fur bearer license because my farm (~600 acres, non-contiguous) had many raccoons. I used to see them often. My neighbours brought in a professional trapper during the summer and he caught over 80 raccoons (or so he told them). I rarely see raccoons now. My plan was to take them opportunistically while hunting deer, but I never saw any (0). I specifically hunted for raccoons 1 day with a call, but saw 0. I put out the 4 traps I also bought and got 1 raccoon in about 6 days/nights. I caught some opossums but let them go. The same neighbors have already agreed to bring back the professional trapper this year asking him to next catch the opossums, coyotes and any raccoons he can. Sadly, I don't know if I will try next year.
I only harvested maybe 3 coons last year.
I only purchase the fur bearer license to allow me to take a fur bearer while bird hunting, should I come across one that can be legally harvested.
I only trap to get rid of nest predators. There needs to be a bounty like South Dakota to kill coons and help our turkey numbers.
I plan each year to trap, but life gets in the way. Maybe next year.
I predominantly hunt waterfowl but felt as a fellow conservationists it was my responsibility to try and help maintain the predator population. With that said I was very surprised to see the large numbers of coyotes and bobcats that I saw in the few days I targeted them....
I PURCHASE A FURHARVESTER LICENSE EVERY YEAR IN CASE I DECIDE TO TRAP, BUT HAVEN'T FOR SEVERAL YEARS. I LIKE TO THINK EVEN THOUGH I HAVEN'T TRAPPED FOR AWHILE IT STILL HELPS THE KS DEPT WILDLIFE & PARKS INSURE THAT FUTURE GENERATIONS ARE ABLE TO ENJOY HUNTING, FISHING & TRAPPING LIKE WE ALL HAVE
I really loved the night hunting aspect this year and hope that it stays!
I set one live trap in my yard for the sole purpose of relocating the species that created a home under my shed.
I should have recognized the bobcat trapping requirement for only catching one. It would have saved me some money since I didn't catch anything. I did see a bobcat by Lawrence on the way home in the road ditch.

I THINK THE LIMETIME LICENSE SHOULD BE CHEAPER SINCE TRAPPING IS A DYING BREED. THANKS
I think you should be able to shoot furbearers with a shotgun at night. No dog, just using a caller. Would have a lot more success.
I trap for the recreation and exercise part of it but it would be nice if you could get the fur prices up!!! HA HA!!!!
I TRAPPED EARLIER IN MY LIFE BUT NOW ONLY BUY A FURHARVESTER PERMIT IN CASE I PREDATOR CALL A BOBCAT. HEALTH ISSUES PREVENTED ME FROM HUNTING THIS YEAR.
I TRAPPED FUR PREDATOR CONTROL. COYOTES & RACCOONS. COYOTES WERE EATING WATERMELONS, RACCOONS IN SWEET CORN OF FRIENDS GARDEN WHO HAS A SUMMER PRODUCE STAND. STARTED TRAPPING 2 YEARS AGO AFTER COYOTE FOUND MY HARVESTED WHITETAIL BEFORE I DID. (1 HR)
I unfortunately didn't have very long of a trapping season. My brother passed away and with him not having a will set in place, the land temporarily went to the state and I was told to stay off of it till his son was able to claim it in court. So next season should be better
I USUALLY GET FUR HUNTING LICENSE WHEN I GET MY HUNTING LICENSE, BUT DID NOT HUNT THAT YEAR!
I want to thank you guys for doing a great job have a good day 😊
I wish the bobcat season could be lengthened another 2 weeks at least. Thank you!!
I wish there was a market for raccoon..possum..skunk. Either for fur or dogfood. The population of these species is very very high. The turkey numbers have plummeted in this area over the last 10 to 15 years. I believe at least some of the reason is because of nest predation by these species.
I would have trapped the 20-21 season but I was hampered with knee and back problems, looking forward for next season
I WOULD LIKE GREATER ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND WALK IN HUNTING AREAS (WIHA)
I would like to see a year round coon hunting season. The hides are worthless, and the coons are a destructive pest. Other states have this. Would be nice to know if its working for them. Besides the farmers would be very happy, and the hunter training a young dog would sure appreciate it.
I would like to see some changes in the handing of green fur. For instance in our area a dealer might only come through every other week, and that makes it hard for a lot of people to keep their fur in good condition. Where as like myself I have the means to skin, and store a lot of pelts. A lot of people that is not the case, but yet it is still illegal for me to purchase furs from a friend or neighbor. Guess my point is I see a lot of good animals go to waste and hate seeing it.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT OTTER TRAPPING HELD OFF A LITTLE LONGER TO GET THE POPULATION AROUND KANSAS A LITTLE HIGHER.
I would like to see the bird season end on January 9th on State and WIHA land and give Trappers a three week period to trap these areas after the regular bird season. This would also boost the bird populations because more birds would survive the winter, plus getting rid of some of these predators would help tremendously!!! Coyotes and Coons hides are going down hill fast in February and would be about worthless. Bobcats, Muskrats, and Beavers hides would be okay in February and March.
I would like to see the bobcat trapping season cut down to from mid December to end of January.
I would like to see the night season for coyotes stay around! I think it's a good thing! The population of them seems to be high.
I would once again like to thank you guys for working so hard to win the vote for artificial light to be used. It is such an effective and safe way to pursue predators. I had a healthy mix of daylight and nighttime calling, both in which I was successful. Several people (myself included) invested a substantial amount of money to pursue these animals, i hope that with the results you get from this survey, and a slight sway of public opinion we are able to have this season in place for a long time. I have done my best to stay up to date with KDWPT news, as far as i can tell, the fears that opposing voters had never came to fruition, specifically, increased levels of crime and poaching. This was a huge step for Kansas, Thanks for keeping an open mind and listening to the people's opinion before casting your votes!
I WOULD SUGGEST LESS RESTRICTIONS ON CONTROLLING BEAVER AND OTTER THAT ARE DAMAGING OUR PONDS/LAKES AND WIPING OUT THE FISH. SUCH AS SHOOTING THEM, OR NO SEASON, ETC... (OTTER HAS REALLY TAKEN OFF AROUND HERE)
I would be able to hunt furbearer with air rifles. They are quiet and I can find ammo easier. I have air rifles that would take game out to 50 yards or better easily. If it would be allowed in Kansas.
I'd like to see the night vision season extended and not exclude the WIHA!
I'm for getting rid of the legal use of light at night for coyotes. Too much trespassing during the night time hours. Thanks for all you do.
I'LL BE 78 DURING NEXT SEASON SO I DOUBT IF I SKIN ANY ESPECIALLY WITH THE LOW PRICES. I DIDN'T SKIN ANY LAST SEASON, THE ONLY ONES I SHOT OR TRAPPED WERE IN MY CAT'S FOOD OR CORN I PUT OUT FOR DEER & TURKEYS. I USED DOG PROOF TRAPS.. ( MY ONLY EMAIL IS MY CELL PHONE HARD TO DO SURVEYS ON)
I'M 69 YEARS OLD & STILL HAVE A COUPLE OF DOGS I HAVE HAD WITH KNEES REPLACED SO I DON'T WALK AS MUCH ANYMORE. MY HUNTING PARTNER IS (name withheld). HE ALSO DOES A LOT OF TRAPPING, I DON'T DO ANY TRAPPING. (not really sure how good this data is and what is his and his buddies?)
I'm after bobcats who come in on harvested deer remains. So far it's Bobcats 10, me 0. Also, whenever I deer hunt I would go after a coyote if opportunity presents itself. Hasn't happened though. Thanks
I'M GETTING TO OLD TO TRAP HAVING TO CHECK TRAPS EVER DAY NO MATTER THE WEATHER. SO I HAVE SWITCHED TO CALLING IN THE PAST I CALL LOTS OF COON AND SEVERAL CATS & COYOTES SO NOW I CAN GO WHEN I FEEL RIGHT. I REALLY ENJOY THE RIGHT TO DO SO AND WILL CONTINUE WITH CALLING WHICH I LOVE TO DO. BYE 79 YEARS OLD, SEE YOU NEXT YEAR.
Increase number of otter allowed to harvest. Change laws to allow to trap under county and state bridges without landowner permission. State and county taxes pay for county roads, bridges, and ditches. People paying the taxes should be allowed to access these areas to trap
Increase the number of otters allowed to be taken in the Eastern part of the State. They are everywhere.
Increase the otter limit. They have destroyed the fish in our ponds and that is the only reason I started trapping. We have almost no bass, sunfish, or crappie thanks to the otters, even though we stock the pond with fish yearly.
IT DOES NOT WORK THE LINK, TRIED EVERY YEAR I TRAPPED
It is important to inform local authorities on trapping law. Most police officers think it is illegal when it is perfectly fine. I have been shook down quite a few times for no reason.
It would be nice if the state would allow calling raccoons at night with hand calls and or electronic calls with the aid of artificial light and or the use of night hunting scopes etc. I'm disabled and have to have help to hunt or even get around. Calling furbearers or coyotes from a vehicle during the day light hours works sometimes but at night I think would improve your odds of calling something in.
I've been very happy with Kansas. A 48-hour check is more practical but happy to have what we have.
Just didn't have time to go this past year.
Just moved back to KS this past May and bought our own place where I plan on trapping/hunting fur this year
Just to let u know i got a fox and badger on the road after hit by a car they were dead. I plan to have the hides tanned.
Keep wanting to start trapping. Just don't get past buying license
Keep WIHA trap free!
LEAVE BOBCAT AND BADGER OPEN 2 WEEKS LONGER
LET'S MAKE ALL CRP LAND PUBLIC HUNTING! MOVE PHEASANT SEASON TO DEC 1ST. SHORTEN DEER SEASON 2 DEER FOR ONE PRICE!
LIVED HERE FOR 34 YEARS AND NEVER SEEN A WEASEL. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK.

Longer hunting season
Lots of Coons. Way too many. Saw numerous different Bobcats this year. Did not trap or shoot at any. Actually saw a bobcat kill a squirrel and eat it during archery season. Then he set down caught another one and buried it. Very cool
LOTS OF COYOTES ENJOYED TRAPPING THEM!
Love the new coyote nighttime illumination law. Planned a couple of times to go hunting with it but the plans fell through. Hope it stays, as I will use it next year.
Loved the opportunity to night hunt Coyotes.
MAINLY GOT THE LICENSE, IN CASE AN OPPORTUNITY AROSE.
MAKE HUNTING REGULATIONS FOR "NEST ROBBERS"- IE RACCOONS, POSSUMS, ETC THE SAME AS COYOTE REGULATIONS ARE NOW. WE HAVE ALMOST NO PHEASANTS OR TURKEY LEFT.
Make it against the law to shoot coyotes and leave them lay. Also close all out of state coyote and bobcat hunting.
Make night season longer!
You're doing a great job. I'd like to throw something out there, what would you think about taking raccoons and opossums off of the furbearer list in Kansas? Year-round harvest of those two species might help the turkey recruitment out a little bit. Just a thought. (name withheld)
I hit the wrong button. I hit I wanted to unsubscribe. Keep me in the loop. Also, I think the night hunting is bad. Seen deer dead 100 yards off the roads in the January season and people/truck tracks pulling in fields that they had no permission to hunt or trap. But after dark with night vision. You have a driver and a spotter looking while driving down a road. Just my thought. As for WIHA. I can't trap all the places I have. I'm LUCKY to be that way. Thanks. (name withheld)
NEED TO HUNT AT NIGHT TO REDUCE COON & OPOSSUM POPULATION. THEY ARE EATING WILD TURKEY EGGS.
My activity this year was adversely affected by coronavirus.
My kids and I had a great time trapping. Plenty of fur to catch. Would like to do it more. I just have a hard time making time for it with work and stuff.
My personal thought is you need to have the coyote chases register the pickup they do it in. And the grey hound guys register their dogs. Get some money out of the guys who have no morals or ethics. Those type of guys give black eyes to the guys who call coyotes. Running through fences and chasing cows through fences. Or driving on planted crops. Just my thought.
My trapping was done on my property, trying to prevent damage to my property with no success. I have no interest as a fur harvester, just the removal of some beavers. After purchasing a permit i heard it wasn't needed and i can trap them at any time. (But can't keep them)
NEED MORE NIGHTS FOR COYOTE HUNTING WITH THERMAL NIGHT VISION
NEED SOME TYPE OF COYOTE CONTROL IN KS. I RUN 300 HEAD GOATS
NEED TO FIND A WAY TO REGULATE CHASING COYOTES WITH SNOW MOBILES- ATV. PICKUPS MAINLY TO KEEP FROM TRESPASSING ON GROWING CROPS
NEED TO HAVE SOME SORT OF A FUR MARKET
Need to kill raccoons year-round same as coyotes . Which I and 1000s of people have said repeatedly.
Need to start the trapping season earlier
Neighbors hired a professional trapper out of season to trap coons. They trapped over 80 coons. Now he is coming for coyotes...doesn't seem right or fair. They have already hired him for the end of summer again. How is this legal?
NIGHT HUNTING COYOTES SHOULD BE DROPPED- A LOT OF DEER GET SHOT!!
NO INTERNET, FORCE DEER HUNTERS TO LEAVE OUR TRAPS AND CATCHES ALONE. SHORTER DEER BOW HUNTING SEASON BYE AT LEAST HALF!
Only comment is I have just started trapping the past 2 seasons. I have always been interested and the landowner where we deer and turkey hunt asked if we would trap, especially for raccoons. He said he has a lot of them hanging around. So I bought some traps and started. It is a challenge.
OPEN THE SEASON ON DEC 1ST. MOST FURBEARERS ARE NOT PRIME ON NOV. 15TH.
OPEN WIHA FOR TRAPPING COYOTES AND CAN I GET NOTIFIED IF YOU DO?
Opening trapping on walk-in hunting would greatly be appreciated.
out of state hunters solely managing for whitetail deer and not allowing hunting of furbearers (mainly coons) is destroying the ecosystem. More of them means less ground nesting birds and they continually gobble up land and allow zero management. I don't even care about the deer or hunting during there season, but if they'd let us run dogs to get coons I'll kill everyone my dog trees. I have no want to trap coons to throw them in the ditch. 0 skill.
planned to trap this year but a job change took me out of town a few days a week so choose not to set and pull weekly. hopefully next year. Thank you for all you do.
Please continue the night hunting for coyote and start after firearms deer season ends.
please extend the night hunting for coyotes to year-round!
Please keep the night season with night vision equipment next year
Please keep the night vision hunting for coyotes going.
Please open the season for night hunting to coons and longer on the yotes
PLEASE OPEN WIHA FOR TRAPPING!
Please re- consider ending the night hunting season for coyote, as a rural resident we feel unsafe in the country with these guys running around with spotlights and rifles. Not to mention with the temptation to illegally harvest non target species.
Plenty of animals, but no market to sell. That kept me out of the field this year.
put me in the other 50% next year
Really only buy the permit in case I see something while deer hunting
Recently read an article about another state doing a bounty program to promote trapping and predator control. I think this would be a valuable way to get people into furharvesting. In my opinion predator control is a big need and very underutilized. Perhaps a bounty program or some sort of system where you get entries into a prize drawing per predator harvested could benefit our state with increase in interest into the sport. It is hard to keep interest when the price of fur is all but nonexistent, need another solution.
Residents over 65 should get a reduced rate lifetime furbearer lic.
Seen 3 River otter south of Fall River in Elk county
Seriously wish we had a longer trapping season on some of the furbearers that can be very destructive, like raccoons and beavers. We need to control them on our farm, and more time would help.
Shoot coons at night with a shotgun.
Snares were the method of take; there were no leghold traps used.
Some answers were a rough estimate of days hunted.
Something has to be done about the number of raccoons. They are overpopulated terribly.
Still believe chasing coyotes with grey hounds should not be allowed.....extremely unethical and damaged fur so bad they are unable to sell the furs
STOP ALLOWING PEOPLE TO USE INFERED SCOPES TO HUNT COYOTES, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO WIPE THE POPULATION OUT LIKE IT WAS IN



THE 90'S
STOP NIGHT HUNTING COYOTE
Strongly disagree with night hunting coyotes!
Thank you
THANK YOU
Thank you for allowing hunting and trapping!
The lack of a market is really the biggest factor for not trapping this year. Will continue when there are actually auctions taking place again.
THE LAST 3 YEARS WE HAVE HAD A POPULATION EXPLOSION OF RACCOONS AND ITS BECAUSE OF THE BUSINESSES OF CRITTER CONTROL THEY DUMP THEM OUT IN THE COUNTRY THEN WE THE FARMERS HAVE TO DEAL WITH THEM. SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE OF THIS PROBLEM.
The night time season sucked.
the only reason I buy a fur-harvester lic is so I can harvest a bob cat while I am bow hunting deer and coyote calling coyotes after bow season . You now have for some time offered a bobcat trophy lic. for non res.deer hunters at a reduced price. Why not do the same thing for all res. hunters . I think you would sell a lot of these at say 10\$ I think you would generate a lot of dollars with out adding appreciatively to the bob cat harvest.
THE USE OF LIGHTS AT NIGHT FOR FOX, BOBCAT, HUNTING AT NIGHT
There are way to many racoons. I think they are the major cause of the turkey numbers being low. I think they should be hunted year round to manage numbers there is an overabundance of furbearers because of the lack of price of furs. It appears to be harming the nesting birds, turkeys, quail, prairie chickens, pheasants etc. Perhaps a small bounty on such animals would help the birds.
THERE IS NO MARKET FOR RACCOON FUR - MARKET CLOSED.. THANKS TO PETA
there needs to be a bounty on predators like there was years ago to get more people to hunt and trap . it would help the other wildlife if we could get rid of more predators.
THEY NEED SOMETHING DONE TO FIGURE OUT WHY TURKEY POPULATION IS SO LOW.
THIS LAST TRAPPING SEASON WAS MY FIRST SEASON EVER TRAPPING
TO MANY RESTRICTIONS, IT SEEMS THEIR MORE CONCERNED ABOUT RESTRICTIONS MORE THAN THEY ARE ABOUT HUNTING AND GAME. WE'VE LOST OUR YOUNG HUNTERS, I'VE HAVE NOT SEEN ANY HUNTERS UNDER 16 IN TEN YEARS.
TRAPPED FOR 68 YEARS, NOW I HAVE TO QUIT. I WAS TERRIBLE SICK & IN THE HOSPITAL FOR ALOT OF THE SEASON.
Trapping on walk in land is a good idea. Only thing that might keep people from trapping is the possibility of thievery of traps due to higher foot traffic
Trapping on walk-in would be great for beaver and muskrat, it would be great if there was walk-in for trapping, especially for coyotes and badger.
Trapping should be allowed in more places, everybody I come across agrees that coyotes are a problem. Also there's no shortage in birds of prey and I personally believe they're over populated. I have chickens and lost 20-30 last year from retail hawks alone, I can deal with coyotes but can't deal with birds of prey because of the laws. It'd be nice to have some sort of permit available to be able to kill hawks that are harming your livestock, I also think allowing people to keep the population in check would allow native gamebirds like quail and prairie chickens to come back. I know the laws when it comes to birds of prey are federal but I strongly feel it's a problem that nobody talks about besides the old timers who were around when small game populations were huge and birds of prey were controlled.
Upland bird numbers in Kansas are not good at all. Turkey numbers have crashed! South Dakota has a bounty on nest predators. I am a 64 yo lifelong Kansas resident. The past 4 years all my upland bird hunting revenue has gone to South Dakota. We have an epidemic of nest predators in Kansas. We need a year round season on coons, opossums and skunks like we have on coyotes. Many states do. Fur prices go down.. upland bird populations crash. Wake up Kansas and acknowledge the problem! (reducing turkey tags on bearded birds in my unit by 50% is not the answer).
Walk in trapping would be okay, but having to check in daily would discourage me from doing it since you don't have to to hunt walk in. Finding places to trap is definitely a lot easier than finding places to hunt but over half if not more of the ground I trap I can not access until after deer season and or bird season so it doesn't leave much of season. By this time pelts are already getting iffy so its more about managing so why not extend season on certain animals to help nesting birds like coyotes, skunks, opossums, and raccoons and even badgers until the end of beaver season. Bobcats, mink and such I understand where the populations are more fickle should not be targeted and released but extending the season would help bird populations. Or try and figure out how to do a bounty on raccoons, opossums, and skunks to help out the bird populations since interest in harvest is down on them due to prices and other issues
Was not able to hunt or trap this season.
We need a furbearer 'campaign' or incentive to get more youth and older guys like me coon hunting and fur harvesting again. The rising number of coons in our area is having a huge impact on our quail & Turkey numbers. (Along with a couple poor hatch years now) but I don't know if I've ever seen so many, it's nothing to see 10-15+ coons in our trench in the winter and 6-8 from a tree stand sit.
Weather too warm, fur prices too low, so no traps set in 20-21 season
What happened to the turkeys? They are really down.
With COVID restrictions/safety measures it was more difficult to get afield this winter.
With fur prices so low there isn't much of an incentive.
With no fur market and the damage being do to bird nest why is Kansas not looking at some form of bounty like other states have?
WOULD IT BE A GOOD IDEA TO SHOOT ONE COON A WEEK DURING RUNNING SEASON? BECAUSE I TRAIN COONHOUNDS DURING THE SUMMER! THANX
Would like to see the night hunting for coyote season start a little earlier, like the day after normal deer rifle season ends.
Would trap more if prices were up
Wow, good of you guys to allow lights and night vision at night. But really, it isn't allowed on public hunting land. It should be legal everywhere, or nowhere. Ive been asking to use this equipment for years, and now that I could, I would have to find a landowner that would allow me to hunt rather than on the public wildlife land that I enjoy hunting on now. Shameful. Post a danger disclaimer on public land if you're worried about lawsuits. Revise the decision to limit areas for lights and night vision, extend the period to the entire season. Thanks.
XTEND BOBCAT SEASON TO MARCH 1
Yes, I would like to see your phone app. keep our furbearer license on when it expires, so if we are not trapping in the new year and need a cite tag for the previous year we still have that license to show we had it.
Yote population is very mangey
you need to make your laws less complicated! i would recommend being able to harvest / hunt coyotes with light - but not from a moving vehicle. i would recommend being able to harvest / hunt coyotes with thermal.
YOU WOULD HAVE BE PRIMARILY TRAPPING BEAVER OR OTTER TO SET UP A NEW AREA AS LATE AS FEB. 1ST AS PROPOSED ABOVE. WE'RE STARTING TO WIND DOWN BY THEN.