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2016-17 Furbearer Harvest Survey

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The Furbearer Harvest Survey (FHS) is conducted at the end of trapping season. Most years since 2001, 60-70% of the furharvester license holders from each of nine physiographic provinces in Kansas have been surveyed. This year, we surveyed 60% from each physiographic province. Recipient names were 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 in an attempt 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, Parks and Tourism (KDWP) began using SurveyMonkey™ to conduct web-based surveys. Not everyone is equipped for online surveys, so a traditional paper survey option has also been made available.

There were 6943 furharvester licenses sold in 2016, including 6696 general resident licenses, 161 junior resident licenses, and 86 nonresident licenses. A sample of 4699 license holders (67.7%) was selected, which was 60% of total 2016 and 2017 unique license holders (n=7837). The online database contained e-mails for 1695 (36%) of these individuals, but 103 (6%) had opted out of SurveyMonkey™ surveys and 96 (6%) were invalid. An initial e-mail was sent to the remaining 1496 on March 29, 2017 containing a request for participation and a link to the survey. A reminder e-mail was sent to nonrespondents on April 4.

A single mailing consisting of a 2-page, 8.5"x11" paper survey (Appendix 1) was sent out on April 13, 2017 to e-mail nonrespondents and furharvesters without a deliverable e-mail on file (n=4236). The survey directed recipients online to a survey link, but could also be completed and returned in an enclosed postage paid envelope. 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 have one. Respondents provided 95 new and 30 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-one percent of respondents indicated they participated in furharvesting activities during the 2016-17 season (i.e. were active). This is similar to 60% and 64% which were reported for the last two 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 162,222 user days in pursuit of furbearers, including 84,809 days trapping, 56,088 days hunting, and 21,325 days running. These figures represent a 7.4% decrease in combined user days from the previous season. Average days afield by trappers, hunters, and runners was similar to last season, changing from 34, 18 and 38 last season to 34, 18 and 50 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 2016 Small Game Hunter Activity Survey estimated harvest by these individuals at 39,945 coyotes. Combined with the harvest estimates from this survey, total coyote harvest in the state was 76,214. Hunters accounted for 73% of the total estimated coyote harvest (n=55,929).

Historical furbearer harvest in Kansas based on the Furbearer Harvest Survey can be found in Table 6. This year’s total harvest (117,120) was the lowest since the 2009-10 season and the third lowest harvest since 2000. This was a 21% decrease from last season and a 47% decrease from the 5-year average. Most notably, raccoon harvest fell to its lowest total since 1992 and no gray fox harvest was detected by this year’s survey.

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.

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	1695	199	489	32.7
Paper survey	4236 ^a	54	1104	26.1
Total	4699	54	1595	34.3

^a Sent to those without e-mails and e-mail nonrespondents.

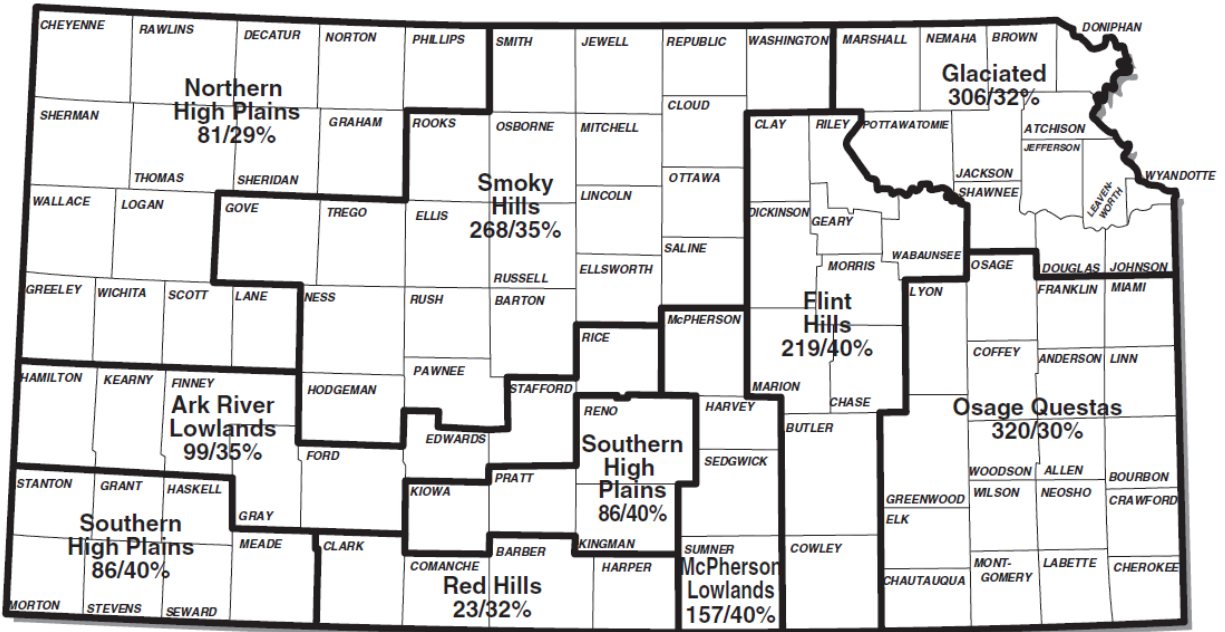


Figure 1. The number of survey respondents (number) and the response rate of furharvesters (percent) within each physiographic province in Kansas.

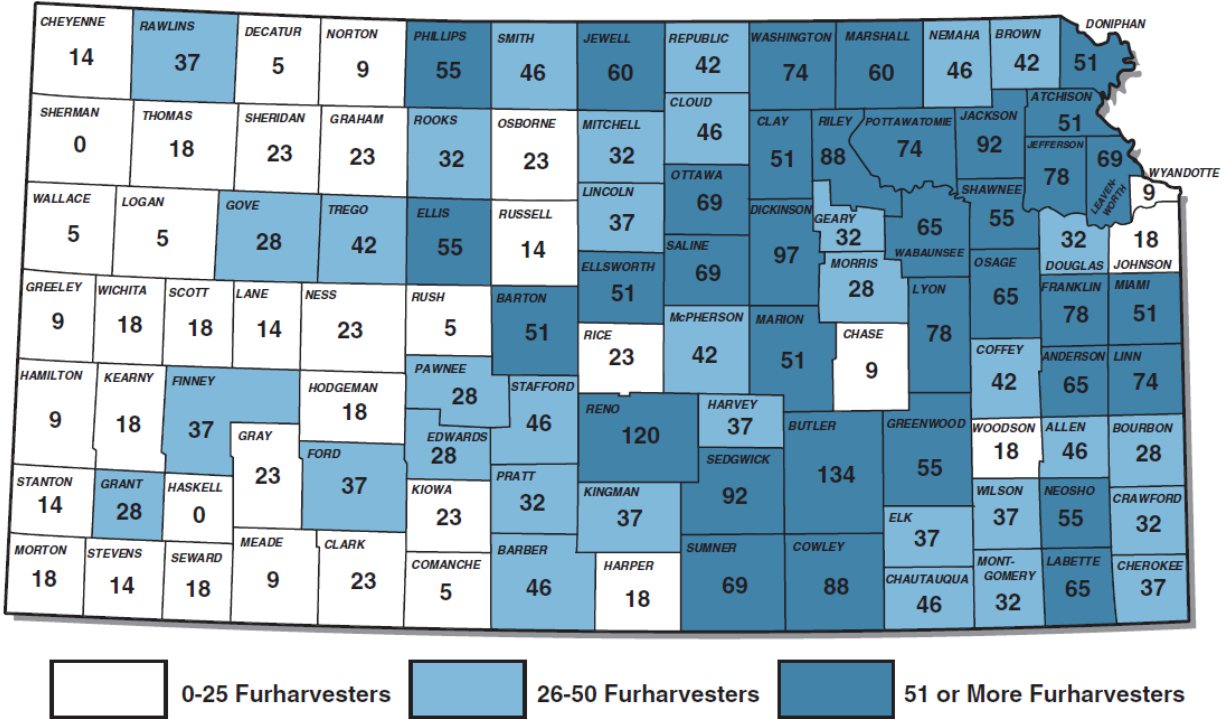


Figure 2. Estimated furharvester distribution in Kansas based on the county in which active survey respondents conducted most of their furharvesting activities.

Table 2. Estimated number and percent of furharvesters who participated in various furharvesting activities, and total estimated participation in trapping, hunting and running by furharvesters in 2016-17.

Activity	Number of Furharvesters	Percent of Furharvesters
Inactive	2715	39.1
Trap only	1196	28.3
Hunt only	1420	33.6
Run only	35	0.8
Trap and hunt	1165	27.6
Trap and run	4	0.1
Hunt and run	263	6.2
Trap, hunt and run	145	3.4
Total Participation		
Total trappers	2511	36.2
Total hunters	2992	43.1
Total runners	447	6.4

Table 3. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trappers in Kansas during the 2016-17 harvest season.

Species	Number of Trappers Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Harvest	Total Days Traps Set	Ave Traps/Day	Captures/100 Trap Days	Maximum Harvest	Ave Harvest/Trapper
Badger	129	866	3,620	30	8.2	16	1.5
Beaver	150	3,957	2,801	20	11.7	61	6.1
Bobcat	278	2,768	9,769	34	2.0	30	2.3
Coyote	347	20,198	11,700	34	3.6	240	13.4
Red Fox	50	374	1,194	33	5.0	7	1.7
Gray Fox	2	0	122	31	0.0	0	0
Swift Fox	8	61	54	14	12.5	4	1.8
Mink	21	91	496	19	7.3	7	1
Muskrat	82	5,507	1,319	19	18.1	255	15.4
Opossum	319	18,256	9,166	31	7.6	250	13.1
Otter	19	187	243	22	6.3	18	2.3
Raccoon	437	26,901	11,727	31	9.3	153	14.1
Skunk	212	5,589	6,485	33	4.1	86	6.1
Weasel	2	0	40	20	0	0	0

Table 4. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for hunters in Kansas during the 2016-17 harvest season.

Species	Number of Hunters Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Harvest	Harvest/100 Days	Maximum Harvest	Ave Harvest/Hunter
Badger	37	148	14.6	3	0.9
Bobcat	271	710	10.7	12	0.6
Coyote	569	15,762	49.9	116	6.4
Red Fox	33	17	6.7	2	0.1
Gray Fox	15	0	0.0	0	0.0
Swift Fox	11	44	18.2	10	0.9
Opossum	66	1,563	135.0	38	5.4
Raccoon	217	12,524	108.0	112	13.3
Skunk	27	340	87.5	15	2.9

Table 5. Treeing success, participation, and activity levels for furharvesters in Kansas during the 2016-17 running season.

Species	Number of Runners Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Take*	Take/100 Days*	Maximum Take*	Ave Take/Runner*
Bobcat	9	61	8.8	4	1.6
Red Fox	0	0	0	0	0.0
Gray Fox	0	0	0	0	0.0
Opossum	12	279	25.7	20	5.3
Raccoon	94	18,888	116.4	204	46.2

*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	Sw ift Fox Tagging *	Sw ift Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Otter Tagging*	Otter	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Weasel
1969-70	311	8583		373	9758	81	193			2189	43773	10452			63004	2466	28
1970-71																	
1971-72																	
1972-73	305	5178		458	13385	102	508			1508	27828	11421			46101	3174	
1973-74																	
1974-75																	
1975-76	1202	6484		1454	30150	539	638			1875	51083	45994			102760	8703	
1976-77																	
1977-78	4054	5826		1705	35138	141	703			1764	38167	45625			74731	9824	
1978-79	4530	5315	825	1705	50195	193	533			2192	36639	51156			101450	15184	
1979-80	5882	19140	1050	1955	51380	245	888			3378	75962	56937			133311	23297	
1980-81	2501	14939	1027	1966	35238	274	645			3304	59063	49741			94754	16495	
1981-82	2673	5440	882	1730	32310	171	672			2342	30703	59916			93823	15917	
1982-83	3708	7653	1014	1686	36526	247	795		1000	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

* Bobcat, otter and sw ift fox "tagging" values are based on pelt tagging records

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 inquired about furbearer hunting participation and opinions on a hound hunting season proposal brought to the Department by representatives from the Kansas Federation of Houndsmen.

The estimated number of furharvesters participating in various furbearer hunting activities in 2016 is provided in Figure 3. Respondents could select more than one activity. Predator calling for coyotes was the most popular hunting activity with an estimated 57% of 6943 total license holders participating. An estimate of just under 10% of all license holders indicated they hunt raccoons with hounds.

Respondents were also asked whether they supported or opposed a potential Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 season allowing the harvest of raccoons by houndsmen for the purpose of dog training. The results of this question for three different user groups (all furharvesters, those who indicated they hunt with hounds, and those who trapped) is provided in Figure 4 below.

A mean score for each group was calculated by assigning a value of 1-5 to each category (1=strongly oppose, 3=neutral, 5=strongly support). In general, the “all furharvesters” group was neutral to slightly favorable towards the season with a mean score of 3.1. Houndsmen were supportive of the season, with almost half the respondents indicating strong support. Their mean score was 3.9. As a group, trappers viewed the proposal least favorably. With a mean score of 2.9, trappers were neutral to slightly opposed to the season.

The opinions of furharvesters are just one of the factors the Department takes into account when considering season dates. Furbearer abundance and impact on other species, the role of similar existing seasons in other states, changes in furharvester actions and opinions that may occur with changing pelt prices, alternative season options, and the opinion of other user groups (i.e. fur dealers, landowners, general public) may also be taken into consideration. In a different survey, only 3 of 23 furdealers responded favorably towards the season, and their mean score was less than 2.

Another consideration is that the Department’s philosophy towards the furbearer species has been that they are a valuable resource aesthetically and economically, and are worthy of the protection of seasons, regulations promoting fair chase and humane harvest, and conservation efforts. Conversely, some view furbearers and maybe even particularly raccoons more negatively, calling for a year-round open season to allow a kill-on-site approach as is allowed with coyotes, armadillos and prairie dogs. From a conservation perspective, the case can be made that many furbearer species would do just fine without the protection of seasons, just as coyotes do. But the open season on coyotes is established by the state legislature, not the Department. For the Department to sanction a season for a furbearer during months when the fur has no value would require a major shift in philosophy towards furbearers. Though some

additional review is planned, preliminary discussions indicate the Department is unlikely to support this season.

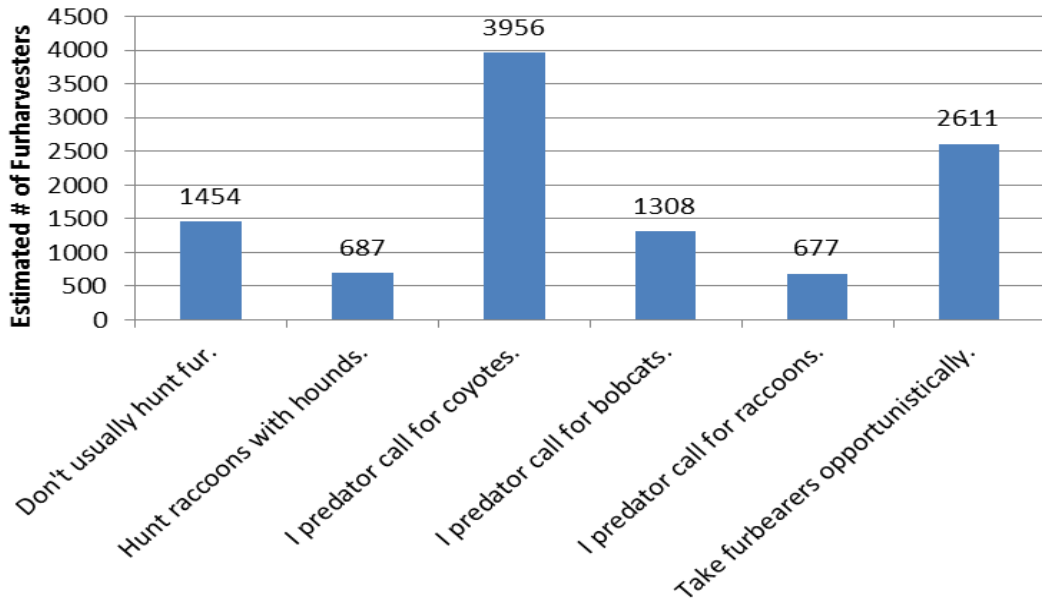


Figure 3. Estimated number of furharvesters participating in various furbearer hunting activities in 2016.

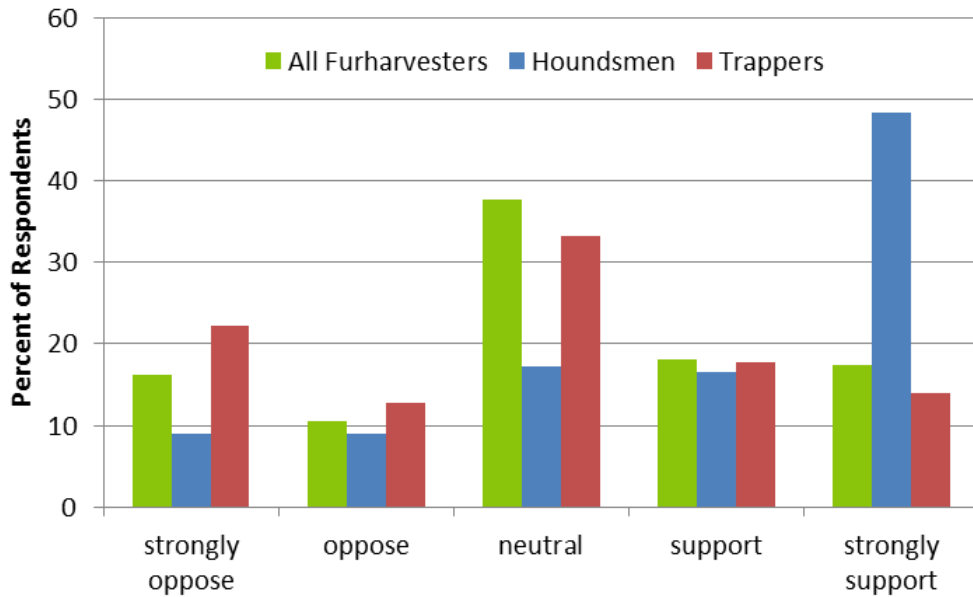


Figure 4. Opinion of three different groups of survey respondents towards a potential Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 raccoon hunting season.

Appendix 1.

Paper Version of the
2016-17 Furbearer Harvest Survey

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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 2016 or 2017. 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, we would prefer you completed this survey online at: <https://www.research.net/r/Fur16>.

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

Matt Peek, KDWPT 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 during the 2016-17 season, or did you run furbearers with dogs during the running season in 2016?

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

2. In which county did you do most of your furharvesting in 2016-17? _____

3. Did you **TRAP** for furbearers in Kansas during the 2016-17 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 2016-17 season? (Enter "0" for those you trapped for but didn't harvest.)

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

5. How many total calendar days did you TRAP furbearers or coyotes in Kansas during the 2016-17 season? *The trapping season was 92 days (Nov 16-Feb 15) for all furbearers except beaver and otter, which were 136 days (Nov 16-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 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. 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 2016-17 season?

Yes No (If no, skip to question 17.)

14. How many of each did you harvest by HUNTING in Kansas during the 2016-17 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 2016-17 season? *The furbearer hunting season was 92 days (Nov 16-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 2016 running season (Mar 1-Nov 8, 2016)?

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

18. How many of each did you "tree" during the 2016 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 2016 season? *The furbearer running season was 253 days (Mar1-Nov8).*

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 – Furbearer Hunting Season

21. Which of the following best describes your furbearer hunting activity? (check all that apply)

- I don't usually hunt furbearers,
- I hunt raccoons with hounds.
- I predator call for coyotes.
- I predator call specifically for bobcats.
- I predator call specifically for raccoons.
- I don't specifically hunt furbearers, but will opportunistically take a bobcat or other furbearer if I get the chance - like while hunting deer or predator calling coyotes.
- Other: (please specify): _____

22. Some raccoon houndsmen have asked the Department to allow raccoon to be harvested during a Sept 1 – Oct 31 raccoon hunting season for the purpose of dog training. How strongly do you support or oppose this "early raccoon hunting season?"

Strongly oppose Oppose Neutral Support Strongly support

23. 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: _____

24. 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
2016-17 Furbearer Harvest Survey

Comments
2016-2017 WAS NOT A GOOD YEAR FOR COONS AS SEEN. WE CAUGHT A LOT OF SKUNKS AND 1 RACCOON, NOT SURE WHAT HAPPENED AFTER BUYING LICENSE, UNABLE TO HUNT OR TRAP. WAY TOO MANY RACCOONS, WHILE DEER HUNTING HAD AS MANY AS 15 IN 1 SHOT ON TRAIL CAMERA ON CORN PILES
all seems to be going well for me
ALLOW NIGHT TIME PREDATOR CALLING FOR COYOTES
Allow beaver hunting
ALLOW FURBEARER RUNNING OF HOUNDS ON FLINT HILLS NATIONAL REFUGE
ALLOW LASER SIGHTS ON 22 LR FOR MORE EFFICIENT HARVEST FOR OLDER HUNTER WITH BAD EYESIGHT
allow more otter harvested. They are decimating the fish in my ponds & streams.
ALLOW NITE VISION OR THERMAL FOR COYOTES
Allow predator hunting at night. By my personal experiences it would appear the population can support it.
Allow the use of artificial light for coyotes. About every state allows it. Kansas needs to get with the times.
ALLOW THE USE OF SPOTLIGHT & THERMAL NIGHT VISION TO HARVEST COYOTES/FUR BEARERS
Allowing the use of white light &/or IR light when night hunting coyotes would be much safer than current Ks. law. People that will use the light illegally already do so, and changing the law will not persuade legal honest people to poach non target animals. That's the wardens duty to enforce law on violaters not blanket punish everyone with an unsafe no light law.
An individual needs to have a right to go retrieve their hound, beagle, pointer, etc., if they happen to stray onto private ground. All the deer hunters and lease holders in our great state should read this article http://www.mossyoak.com/our-obsession/blogs/small-game/2014/02/21/coonhunters-a-dying-breed
APPRECIATE THE KDWPT AND THE WORK YOU DO FOR THE PEOPLE OF KS. THANKS
are you going to let me hunt pheasant & shoot them before season to train my dog?
as a non-resident, I believe it's prohibitive to pay for a furbearer permit when trapping coyotes- non-furbearer. I grew up & went to college in Ks. These prices are extraordinary.
Be able to train coonhounds all year with drags or trapped live coon, not actually running coons
BEING ABLE TO USE A SPOTLIGHT WHILE CALLING PREDATORS & FURBEARERS. onLY AFTER DEER SEASON IS OVER 22 CAL. OR SMALLER
BOUGHT LICENSE BUT DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO DO ANY FURBEARER OR COYOTE HUNTING
BOUNTY FOR COYOTES, TOO MANY
CHANGE IT SO IF YOU HAVE A DEER TAG YOU DON'T NEED TO BUY A FURHARVESTER LICENSE TO SHOOT A BOBCAT
Change the law so we can trap ditches & under bridges without landowner permission.
close upland game seasons at end of year
Consider allowing lights for varmint hunting with the use of rimfire cartridges.
Consider coyote/predator hunting in special hunt areas if other seasons are closed. Consider making lights legal for night time predator hunting.
COONS NOT PRIME UNTIL MIDDLE NOV. LIST COONS, OPOSSUMS & SKUNKS AS VARMET OR PREDATOR SO POPULATION CAN BE REDUCED OUTSIDE TRAPPING SEASON. OPEN OTTERS UP IN EASTERN 1/3 OF KS
corn piles for deer are killing the coon every year in this area. I find sick coon at deer cam- all died! bobcat numbers still very low in Sumner-cowley area.
COYOTES ARE CLEANING UP ON FARMS AND SMALL DEER. RACCOONS ARE ONLY WORTH \$1-2 NOT HARDLY WORTH EFFORT TO SKIN AND SELL HIDE MAYBE OFFER BOUNTY FOR COYOTES
didn't do any furharvesting in 2016-17 season. Thank you for exceptional regulations and opportunities allowed in Kansas. Keep up the good work!
DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO TRAP THIS YEAR DUE TO BABY
DIDN'T HUNT THIS YEAR
Do away with outfitters out of state.
DO NOT SHUT RUNNING SEASON DOWN DURING NOVEMBER
DON'T HUNT DOGS MUCH DURING FUR SEASON BECAUSE OF TOO MANY TRAPS. MAKES IT HARD TO TRAIN PUPS. CONIBEARERS NEED TO BE OUTLAWED. TRAPPERS NEED MORE REGULATIONS.
DON'T KNOW MANY THAT HUNT COONS WITH DOGS ANYMORE. MAY SPARK INTEREST WITH YOUNGER GUYS BEFORE IT GETS COLD. THERE ARE PLENTY OF COONS OUT THERE.
DUE TO FUR MARKET & TIME AVAILABLE, I DIDN'T TRAVEL TO KANSAS DURING THE 15/16 SEASON
DURING RUNNING SEASON CAN I CARRY A REVOLVER OR RIFLE .22 LR FOR MY PROTECTION
Earlier season starts for trapping
end deer seasons by Dec.31 would help trappers alot. Raccoon population is very high and deer hunters complain about there feeder
every deer hunter i know is begging me to kill all raccons. They are over run with them. We need to kill them year round most true hunters wouldn't kill every one they tree. because they love to hunt them but they do need to train young dogs
Extend bobcat season to the end of February.
EXTEND THE MUSKRAT& MINK SEASON ALONG WITH BEAVER AND OTTER
Fall River Hunting area has 2-3 bridges that need to be replaced. As much money as the state gets it should fix them, now it takes 1/2 hour to drive to other side of river/ or creeks to get to the other side to hunt.
farmers should be able to sell coyote and coon without buying a furharvester license
Figure out how to bring the fur market back. My family has been trapping for 30 years taking in over 1000 Coons a year but due to low fur prices it's not feasible.
FUR IS NO GOOD THEN SO IT IS A WASTE. WHY ARE OTTER AND BOBCAT STILL BEING TAGGED THERE ARE PLENTY OF BOTH & WHY IS THERE A LIMIT ON OTTER? NO NEED FOR THIS.
FUR IS NOT PRIME IN SEPT, OCT, IT WILL ALL BE WASTED

FUR PRICES ARE VERY LOW. BOBCATS & BADGERS PRIME LATE. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE FURBEARERES SEASON TO START ONE WEEK LATER AND END ONE WEEK LATER. ALL OTHER FURBEARS ARE WORTH ALMOST NOTHING. THEY ARE VERY FEW FUR BUYERS AROUND. LOWER THE FEE 1/2 FOR FURBUYERS SUPPORT PRESIDENT TRUMP.
FUR PRICES WERE LOW AND NO PROFITABLE
FUR QUALITY DOES NOT EVEN START GETTING PRIME UNTIL NOVEMBER. AS A FORMER HOUNDSMAN THIS IS WRONG BECAUSE ITS NOTHING BUT A WASTE OF ANIMAL FUR &MEAT BECAUSE IT IS USUALLY TO HOT TO STORE MEAT IN TRUCK. ALSO HOUNDS DO NOT HAVE TO HAVE COONS SHOT OUT TO TRAIN THEM TO TREE. TREEING IS NATURAL KILLING A WOUNDED COON IS NOT NECESSARY TO MAKE A GOOD HOUND FROM A PUP.
GET MORE CREEK OR RIVER WALK IN HUNTING LAND ENROLLED
great place to trap coyotes
Harvest of coons for dog training is great idea. Poachers for hides are low & spot light hunters & trappers are not harvesting much. Us hound hunters work hard with our dogs & it would be great help as well as it will help maintain populations better.
Have a problem with beavers, what can i do?
HAVE HEARD COMMENTS ON DOING AWAY WITH THE LIMIT OF 2 OFFER PER PERSON. i STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS. DO NOT SEE A PROBLEM WITH RAISING THE LIMIT A LITTLE, BUT NEEDS TO BE SOME RESTRICTION.
HAVE MUCH FUN TRAPPING GETS ME OUT FOR GOOD EXERCISE. I CHECK ALL TRAPS BY WALKING THEM. VERY ENJOYABLE FOR A RETIRED FELLOW LIKE ME
HAVE PROBLEM WITH COON DOGS AND GREYHOUNDS RUNNING LOOSE NOV. MAKE FUR HARVESTER LICENSE GOOD FOR FULL TRAP SEASON. JUST LIKE HIP AND WATERFOWL STAMP JUN 2016-JUNE2017. MIGHT SEE MORE YOUTH AND ADULTS TRAPPING.
HOPEFULLY HEALTH IS BETTER SO I CAN HELP WITH THE COYOTE PROBLEM
Hound hunters don't need an early season ahead of trappers. Both should have equal opportunities at the resource. They've got a longer running season to train dogs, if that is indeed what they're truly after. And I don't trap for money as they imply "all" trappers do, but rather for the enjoyment of the challenge and time spent outdoors with friends and family. I trap when prices are high or low for the simple enjoyment of it.
HOUNDSMEN MAY AS WELL TAKE COON IF THEY WANT, RATHER THAN BE FLAT ON HIGHWAYS
HOW ABOUT ALLOWING ONE COON PER NIGHT ALL YEAR AROUND. MIGHT ELIMINATE SOME PEST RACCOONS AROUND MY FARM, I SEE QUITE A FEW SICK ONES
HOW MUCH WILL EARLY RACCOON SEASON AFFECT DEER ARCHERY HUNTERS
Hunting coyotes at night w/ spotlights/night vision should be legal. Coyotes are less scared of humans. Have been killing livestock & domestic animals. We need to thin hawks - heavily populated and getting game birds. Maybe have hunters buy license to do so.
HUNTING WITH HOUNDS IS AN AMERICAN TRADITION THAT IS BEING LOST TO TECHNOLOGY KEEP IT LEGAL FOR US THAT STILL LOVE THE SOUND OF THE HOUND, THEY ARE FAMILY TOO.
HUNTING WITH MY FAMILY THE LAST FEW YEARS HAS BEEN FUN, BUT RACCOONS HAVE BEEN FEW & FAR BETWEEN AROUND OUR AREA. I THINK IF YOU OPEN AN EARLIER KILL SEASON WILL ONLY HELP IN THE DECLINE OF RACCOONS
I agree with the running season, but not the harvesting. They are not harvesting during this time, just killing. There should not be killing an animal when it has no value
I AM 69 AND FIRST YEAR HAVEN'T TRAPPED IN ALMOST 40 YRS, ONLY BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T WANT THEM
I AM A TRAPPER AND HAVE RUN HOUNDS IN THE PAST BUT FUR ISN'T WORTH TRAPPING. I GOT 2.00 FOR PRIME DARK COON & 20.00 FOR A TOP END BOBCAT THAT ISN'T WORTH KILLING THEM. WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT OR WE WILL BE OVER RUN BY FUR.
I AM SUPRISED THERE IS NOT A SEASON FOR RATS
I BELIEVE TRAPPING SHOULD BE ALLOWED WITH NO RESTRICTIONS IN WIHA PROPERTY JUST LIKE IN PUBLIC HUNTING AREAS AROUND LAKES
I DISAGREE WITH THE EARLY RACCOON SEASON HIGHLY, AS I AM AN AVID BOW HUNTER. EARLY SEASON WOULD CAUSE WAY TO MUCH CONFLICT BETWEEN HUNTERS
I do not support the use of hounds to "hunt" coyotes. They make the pelts unusable and can interfere with cattle operations. They also have run deer off property that I hunt while I am in the field. These also make a popular target for animal rights activists and does not reflect well on sportsman in general.
I DON'T RUN HOUNDS BUT FOR TRAINING A COON HUNTER SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE 1 A NIGHT DURING RUNNING SEASON FOR POPULATION CONTROL
I feel that bobcat trapping/hunting ought to be extended for another 15-20 days, because their fur really doesn't get primed until about Jan 1 to Jan 15 & that's only giving a 30 day window of opportunity. Granted you can trap earlier but getting docked on quality of fur.
I feel very blessed and fortunate to hunt, trap and fish in God's country; Kansas
I go to another state during the summer to train pups because i can't live trap or harvest a raccoon in the state of Kansas during the summer when i'm training pups. I'd like to see a longer harvest season. Several states have year round harvest season and they still have plenty of raccoons.
I harvested fur this year to teach my 16 yr old & spend quality time with her was amazing. thanks for allowing my child this experience
I have a request to be allowed to spotlight raccoons from October 1-31 before the prime trapping season begins.
I HAVE ENOUGH TROUBLE WITH COON HUNTERS AND THERE DOGS TRESSPASSING ON MY DEER HUNTING LEASES. DEFINATELY DO NOT WANT AN EARLY SEASON
I HAVE OBSERVED TO A MANY SMALL HALF GROWN COONS THAT WOULD BE KILLED BY THE DOGS IN RUNNING THEM DURING THESE MONTHS WHILE ARCHERY HUNTING.
I love to trap but the recent prices have made it difficult for me on a fixed income.
I'M VERY UNHAPPY WITH WILDLIFE & PARKS FOR SPENDING THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TAGGING BOBCATS WHEN FUYBUYERS COULD DO IT. BUT KEEP RAISING THE PERMIT PRICES UNTIL YOU'VE ALMOST PRICED YOURSELVES OUT OF MY BUDGET. FORMER WILDLIFE AMBASSIDOR
I ONLY COME UP AND HUNT WITH FRIEND ABOUT 10-15 TIMES A YEAR JUST FOR FUN AND RUN DOGS. CAN THERE BE A CHEAPER LICENSE. I DON'T WANT A TICKET SO I PAY HILGH DOLLAR FOR LICENSE.
I personally think you should open raccoon up all year around they are thick. and they are not worth anything. raccoons do more for damage to crops than deer

do.
I REALIZE COON FUR ISN'T TOO VALUABLE RIGHT NOW BUT IT LOOKS LIKE A WASTE TO HARVEST COONS WHEN THE FUR IS WORTH NOTHING BEFORE IT PRIMES UP
I SAW PLENTY OF ANIMALS THIS YEAR. JUST DIDN'T HAVE AS MUCH TIME TO TRAP AS I WANTED.
I stopped trapping early since hides weren't worth anything and don't know when I will trap again. I like to control predators but would be nice to get something in return.
I strongly oppose raccoon houndsmen being allowed to harvest raccoon during a Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 season for dog training. If that logic is allowed, then there may as well be a special hunting season prior to upland bird hunting season to allow upland bird dogs to be trained, and a special duck season prior to duck hunting season to keep duck dogs trained. Raccoon houndsmen have nearly year round training opportunities because of running season as it is.
I SUPPORT FOR TRAINING BUT PUT A LIMIT ON IT, I AGREE WITH QUESTION 23 BUT BELIEVE CERTAIN AMT SHOULD BE LIMITED
I SUPPOSE ONE OF THESE YEARS I HOPE TO GET THE CHANCE TO HUNT BEFORE I RETIRE SO THANK YOU ALL FOR DOING WHAT YOU DO AND GOD BLESS YOU.
I THINK A HOUNDSMAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO KEEP A RACCOON DURING RUNNING SEASON FOR TRAINING PURPOSES ONLY AND SHOULD RELEASE PRIOR TO KILL SEASON DUE THEY HAVE A PROPER CAGE.
I think conibear trap should be banned on public hunting.
I think coyote hunting with vehicles should be prohibited, they have ruined my calling several times and have no respect for others in the field. Several of them run together and it becomes like a pack with a pack mentality.
I think it would be a good idea to have the guys training their dogs to take raccoons there are way to many of them now
i THINK MUSKRAT SHOULD BE ALDUD TO BE TAKEN DURING BEAVER SPRING SEASON
i think night vision equipment should be allowed in Kansas. the coyotes are wise to hunting then in the day time. There are a lot of them in our area and farmers want them taken care of.
I think opening day starting at noon is silly, I would recommend sunrise
I think running coyotes with dogs should be prohibited. My neighbors and ourselves post our ground and the guys that run dogs keep trespassing. I have talked to them before and nothing ever changes
I THINK THE FURBEARER BIOLOGIST IS DOING A WONDERFULJOB. I HAVE SEEN UP TO 15% MORE FURBEARERS THIS YEAR THAN 2014
I think you are doing a good job please continue.
I THINK YOU GUYS DO A GOOD JOB WITH EVERYTHING YOU HAVE TO DO AND WORK WITH
I was sorry to see the tag price increase, I did not trap coyotes because of this
I WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CALL COYOTES IN THE FLINT HILLS TO HELP WITH THE PRONGHORN POPULATION
i wonder about the limits on harvesting coon for training purposes.
I WOULD JUST LIKE TO TELL YOU THAT I SKINNED 35 COON THIS SEASON AND ONLY 6-7 WERE FEMALES
I would like the ability to call coyotes at night with hunting green lights
I WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO CALL COYOTES AT NIGHT USING A SPOTLIGHT AND A RIFLE LARGER THAN .22 OR .17 CALIBER OR A SHOTGUN
I would like to be able to coyote hunt at night with artificial light and calling
I would like to see a 48 hour check especially if the animal has drowned. Thank you for your work.
I would like to see a separate hound and trapping kill season so I don't have to worry about dogs getting in traps
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE COON HUNTING OPEN ALL YEAR LIKE THE COYOTE SEASON. I WOULD NOT BE OPPOSED TO BUYING A SPECIAL PERMIT TO DO SO AND THINK IT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY. ALSO THROUGH SALE OF PERMITS, AMMO, FEED SALES, HUNTING SUPPLIES
I would like to see Kansas allow hunting at night for coyotes using artificial light.
I would like to see more involvement with law enforcement to keep coon hunters from poaching our young coon so that we can have a better harvest for those of us that follow the hunting season rules. It is a shame when during running season you find little kit coon dead laying next to the tree because someone thinks there dog needs one.
i would like to see predator callin for raccoons at night with the aid of a light using .22 or .17 rim fire only. IT could be for a selected time during fur harvest season. For a few weeks or a month the fur price needs to get better.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE PRICE COME BACK SO YOU COULD AT LEAST PAY FOR GAS TO HUNT
I would like to see the raccoon trapping season run longer, it currently ends on Feb 15. Reason for the extension of the season is to reduce the increasing raccoon population in order to decrease predation on some game species. Also some properties we can not trap until after the upland game bird and waterfowl season closes because of potential conflicts with dogs and traps. Otherwise I am pleased with what we currently have in place on other furbearers.
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE SEASON OPEN AT LEAST ONE WEEK OR MAYBE 2 WEEKS LATER IN ORDER TO HARVEST MORE TRULY PRIME PELTS
I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE STATE ALLOW PREDATOR HUNTING AT NIGHT WITH LIGHTS
I WOULD SUPPORT NIGHT TIME CALLING FOR PREDATORS WITH ARTIFICIAL LIGHT. KDWPT HAS DEPLETED OUR DEER HERD IN SOME UNITS. WHY ARENT OUTFITTERS REQUIRED TO BE LICENSED, CHANGE THEM NON-RESIDENT TAGS NEED TO BE LIMITED, YOU ARE MAKING IT REALLY HARD FOR RESIDENTS TO FIND A PLACE TO HUNT. KWPT SEPT OCT 15 ISSUE, CAN'T BELIEVE YOU PUBLISHED "WILDLIFE IS A PUBLIC TRUST" YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T BELIVE THIS, HUNDREDS MAYBE THOUSANDS OF DEER ARE HARVESTED EVERY YEAR WITH ONLY THE HEADS LEAVING THE STATE AND MEAT GOES TO WASTE
I, being an avid fisherman my whole life think that the limit on otters should be removed because they are cleaning our farm ponds out. The southeast corner of the state has a strong population of otters and needs to be kept under control.
I'd like to see the season start on the first day of November and end the last day of the month in February.
If dog hunters get there way, there are 2 things that should also happen. (1) Trapping season should open at 12 midnight instead of noon. This was changed to give dog hunters an equal chance and (2) Bob Cat season should extend to the end of Feb., because the arguemnet was that a lot of rubbed coons would also be taken along with cats. So if we are not worried about killing unprime coons in Sept and Oct., why should we worry about killing rubbed coon in late Feb. Also would like to see 2 day check on body grip and drown sets for beaver.

IF RACCOON PRICES RECOVER AND THEY BECOME HIGHER AGAIN, I WOULD NOT BE IN SUPPORT OF A SEPT TO OCT HUNTING SEASON
If we have new game warden. He should do a meet & greet & share info. on area poaching criminal activity & spotlighting so we can work together to eradicate the problem
IN A SEPT 1- OCT 31 SEASON, RACCOON FUR WOULD NOT BE PRIME. IT WOULD BASICALLY WASTE THE FUR.
In short I only trapped the last 4 days of the season & tagged 1 bobcat and 1 raccoon
Increase the take on raccoons and possums that raid quail nests.
Isn't it about time that we get away from tagging bobcats? They are about the farthest thing from being an endangered species. They are plentiful and the KDWLP knows this. It is a super inconvenience for hunters, and I've yet to see a biologist or a game warden that was excited to perform this task. Most make sure its known that their schedule is busy and they have many other things to do.
IT IS BECOMING MORE AND MORE DIFFICULT TO FIND AND TO CALL COYOTES AND BOBCATS, CAN'T AFFORD TO LEASE
IT IS GETTING TO BE MORE DIFFICULT TO GET PERMISSION TO COONHUNT. BECAUSE LANDOWNERS HOLD THEIR GROUND FOR DEER HUNTERS MONEY
it would be nice to be able to keep a live racoon for training hounds
It's good training for nite hunts. Tree and leave. Helps build the population
it's hard to find trapping land & is it legal to trap in walk in areas
KDWPT needs to wake up and allow residents to harvest any and all mountain lions they can without any additional permits needed. If some permit is needed to help pay for some research, maybe allow anyone possessing a valid deer tag to harvest a mountain lion or 2. Are we trying to reintroduce the things to Kansas? Why don't we stock grizzly bears again, too? (additional comment removed)
keep trapping hunting available in kansas
Keep up the good work MP!
LAND OWNERS HAVE TO LET HUNTERS HUNT 2 SEASONS IF NOT IT DOES NO GOOD
LEGAL PROVISIONS EXPANDING FURBEARER PURSUIT AT NIGHT WOULD BE APPRECIATED
LET NIGHT HUNTING FOR ALL PREDATORS ALLOWED IN KS LIKE OTHER STATES. YES WE NEED MORE LIBERAL HUNTING AND TRAPPING ON PREDATORS FURBEARERS AND SUCH. WAY OVER POPULATED AND KILLING ALL OF OUR WILDLIFE. HARDLY ANYONE TRAPS ANYMORE AND HAS PROOF THAT PREDATORS ARE THE PROBLEMS WHY OTHER WILDLIFE POPULATIONS SUFFER. GO BACK TO THE OLD DAYS TO KILL THEM YEAR AROUND.
LET THEM TAKE RACCOONS.HARD TIME KEEPING COONS OUT OF CHICKENS.
LICENSE FOR FUR HARVESTERS FREE FOR PERSONS OVER 65
license to high
Limit on how many can be killed in the Sep 1 to Oct 31 season to 1 per night
LOW FUR PRICES REDUCE INTEREST IN FUR HARVESTING. DON'T LIKE IDEA OF WASTING A RESOURCE
lower cost
MAKE PREDATOR CALLING AT NIGHT LEGAL WITH A LIGHT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY
MATT GOOD TALKING TO YOU THIS WINTER, HOPE TO SEE YOU AGAIN SOON
Maybe put a guide on the website with furbearer tracks & pics.
More places to buy license
more public access for calling using rifle or center fire instead of shot gun
muskrat season should run the same as beaver season.
MY 2016-2017 BEAVER TRAPPING WAS DAMAGE CONTROL FOR A LOCAL LANDOWNER THAT HAD WATER BACKED UP IN A CORN FIELD. THEY WERE ALL CAUGHT WITHIN A 1/4 MILE STRETCH OF CREEK ABOVE A WATER SHED LAKE.
MY FRIENDS DOWN SOUTH HUNT LIKE THEY DID BECAUSE FUR RACCOON HAVE NO MARKET. PETA IS SHUTTING DOWN THE MARKET
My job kept me out of the field this year
MY ONLY OBJECTION TO THE EARLY RACCOON SEASON QUESTION 22 IS THAT IT MAY DISRUPT HUNTS BY MUZZLELOADER AND FOR BOW HUNTERS
Need a bounty on beaver and coon. With no value they will soon be a big problem
need a list of fur buyers, if there are any
NEED A NEW LAW TO ALLOW COYOTE HUNTING AT NIGHT W/ THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT. JUST ABOUT EVERY STATE AROUND US ALLOWS IT. NIGHT HUNTING WOULD GREATLY INCREASE THE HARVEST OF COYOTES FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS
need farmers to stop habitat ruination for all huntable and trapable wildlife.
NEED LONGER SEASON, FUR DOESN'T PRIME UP UNTIL MID DECEMBER
NEED STRONGER PRICING TO TRAP
Need to reduce the license fees - I'm on a reduced income since farming isn't profitable lately
No early running seasons for dogs, it creates problems for bowhunters durring deer season.
non res trapping price is too high for coyote trappers. non res should be able to harvest 2 bobcats.Its tough to let them loose without getting tore up by them.
NOT REALLY I AM 82 AND SIMPLY LIKE TO SPEND SOME AFIELD IN FALL AND WINTER AND ATTEND THE KFHA CONVENTION IN EARLY OCTOBER
ON Q22. IF WORDING IS CHANGED TO CAPTURE AND RELEASE THAT I WOULD SUPPORT
ON QUESTION 22 I DON'T APPROVE OF KILLING RACCOONS WHEN THERE IS NO VALUE IN THE PELT. BUT ON A LIMITED BASIS FOR TRAINING IS OKAY. FOR EXAMPLE I FEEL THERE IS NO NEED TO KILL A COON A NIGHT FOR TRAINING BUT OKAY FOR ONE
On the early houndsman kill season, I feel that it will be welcomed until fur prices recover. It will benefit other wild life from the removal of coon not being harvested during regular trapping season due to lack of trapper effort during times of low fur prices. I also would like to see a reintroduction of otter into our Central Kansas Rivers like the Republican, Smoky, and Saline before Fur prices rebound. Thank you for allowing for a place for my input in this survey. I like this Format of a Survey!

Only trapping coons because I don't like them on our property because of quail and pheasant nest.
OPEN BOBCAT SEASON LATER & CLOSE LATER
OPEN KILL SEASON ALL YEAR
OPEN SEASON ON RACCOONS ALL YEAR, ITS WITY WE DON'T HAVE ANY UPLAND BIRDS ANYMORE
Otter numbers are much higher than harvest indicates and the harvest number could be raised at anytime. I had 7 locations to trap otter but caught my limit on the 1st spot set in 10 days with a couple of misses too.
OUTLAW CONABEAR TRAPS ON DRYLAND. POSTSIGNS WHEN TRAPS ARE SET. TO MANY GOOD DOGS ARE KILLED BY CONIBEAR ON 5 GAL BUCKETS WITH CAT FOOD IN BACK ON DRY LAND. DOG KILLER.
Please make the bobcat season longer
please send results of question #22 to me
PRICES ARE SO LOW ONLY HUNT AND TRAP FOR PEOPLE THAT ARE HAVING PROBLEMS WITH FURBEARERS AND OR PREDATORS.
QUESTION 22 THE ONLY REASON I OPPOSE IT IS BECAUSE IF THEY HAD TO KILL ONE, THE COONS AREN'T PRIMED YET. THEREFORE ITS A WASTE. THEIR SKIN WOULD STILL BE BLUE. CAN'T SELL TO BUYERS.
quit raising prices on licenses
RACCOON FUR IS NOT PRIME BEFORE OCT 31 THUS NO NEED TO HUNT EARLY. EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT WORTH MUCH, IT WOULD BE A WASTE.
RACCOON POPLULATION IS OUT OF CONTROL
RACCOONS ARE EGG EATERS & CARRY DISTEMPER IN LARGE POPULATIONS & SHOULD BE KEPT IN CHECK & WE NEED SPORT PERSONS IN THE FIELD THAT WILL CREATE A CONTAGIOUS SENSE OF THE GREAT OUTDOORS THROUGH THE HARVEST AND CONTROL UNLIKE THE MULE DEER DISASTER.
raccoons are hunted or run all but 22 days a year, the running season starting at the beginning of birthing. We all know we can't kill them but to what extent do we have control over our dogs . I would think it would behoove us not to harrass them during that time in order to perpetuate the sport. Lets face it, the last bout of canine distemper put a hurt on the population.
Regulations for hunting coyotes post-deer season with artificial light should be considered. I moved from the East coast where we were able to hunt yotes with "non-laser" artificial lights in Penn. Night yotes hunting was more productive for me than day hunting. Please consider relaxing regulations post-deer season.
season dates for all furbearers are just fine; regulations also fine
Seeing more bobcats than ever before. LOTS more cats than yotes even on one particular property. Trail cam pics with several in one pic etc. Coons are out of control. Seriously affecting bird populations in some areas IMO
several surrounding states allow predator night hunting with the aid of ultraviolet light. Kansas needs to get with the program and repeal this prohibition.
SHORTEN RUNNING SEASON OF RACCOONS, 1ST JUNE TO 31 AUG ONLY, PLEASE OUTLAW TRAPPING
SOME OF THE HOUND HUNTERS ALREADY KILLING COON YEAR ROUND. WHY WOULD WE LEGALLY GIVE THEM 2 MORE MONTHS TO CONTINUE THIS WANT AND WASTE
special season would open young coons up to slaughter. we had more coon when there was no season. Opening a season would prompt people to go kill crazy.
START ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT DEER POACHING. MY ANTLER HARVEST- SAD, STIFFER FINES
START FURBEARERS SEASON DEC 1 THRU MAR1. NOV WEATHER IS STILL TOO WARM FOR PRIME FURS. THIS WOULD ALLOW CATS TO BE TAKEN IN PEAK PRIMNESS
still would like to see a spring rat season
stop all out of state deer hunters from shooting bobcats and coyotes
Strongly believe KS should allow predator hunting at night with lights and firearms on private land.
Survey is good and should be helpful to indicate harvest numbers. Should be mandatory & should include upland, turkey and deer surveys.
THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU PEOPLE DO AT KDWPT! GOD BLESS!
THANK YOU FOR DOING A GREAT JOB
THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST
Thanks for everything Kansas!
Thanks for seeking information/data to better manage furbearers.
The cost of a non resident trapping license is criminal. It should cost \$10. I sold 42 coyotes I put up myself and didn't make enough to cover fuel and my \$250 non resident license. I live here all winter and own and farm 303 acres. You should have a cheaper trapping license for guys like me.
The early coon season would be great. our old dog died and we are trying to get two young males started. What a pain! My daughter and I each buy a fur harvester permit. During season the trappers scare me with the young dog. Trailing condition can be brutal in western KS (wind) you just don't get enough good nights to hunt. Mostly too dry, too hot, then it breaks off in to to cold and they are not running. So any extra night a person could train a young dog on a good track would be great. The true hound hunter will not hurt the population. But his best pup or dog will end up in a leg hold trap over a \$2.50 coon. I hope the price of furs never come back.
THE FURBEARERS NUMBER ARE WAY DOWN DUE TO ALL THE TREES & GRASS BEING TAKEN OUT. DEER DON'T HELP EITHER
THE IMPACT RACCOONS HAVE ON GROUND NESTING BIRDS AND THE NUMBERS OUT THERE. THE SEASON ON THEM SHOULD BE EXTENDED, COULD NOT FIND SURVEY ONLINE
THERE ARE PLENTY OF RACCOONS IN RENO CO. KILLING A FEW EXTRA WILL NOT HURT. I TREAED SOME DURING KILL SEASON I LEFT. I DO NOT KILL EVERY COON I TREE! THE PRICE OF FURS IS DOWN. I'D RATHER LEAVE SOME TO TREE AGAIN.
THERE ARE TOO MANY RACCOONS BECAUSE OF THE LOW FUR PRICE AND EATING TOO MANY BIRD EGGS
There are way too many raccoons, skunks, and opossum due to the fur market which is hurting the bird population.
THERE WERE SEVERAL SICK RACCOONS AROUND RICHMOND AREA, WILDLIFE & PARKS WERE NOTIFIED SEVERAL TIMES THAT I KNOW OF. SEEMS TO ME YOU PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT TO BE TROUBLED WITH IT. SHOULD HAVE BEEN LOOKED INTO ALOT FASTER. WILDLIFE IS VERY IMPORTANT!
THEY CAN TRAIN WITH A PELT. PUT A LIMIT ON BOBCATS I'VE SEEN ALSO 4-5 THIS YEAR. I WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TO SEE THEM IN THE AREA

THINK RACCOON SEASON SHOULD BE OPEN AROUND NOV. 5 OR SO. HAVE SUGGESTED IT A NUMBER OF YEARS BUT IT HAS NEVER CHANGED. THIS WOULD GIVE HUNTERS MORE OPPORTUNITY TO HARVEST COONS DURING DECENT WEATHER. THERE ARE TOO MANY COONS ANYWAY. BUT I ALSO THINK IT IS RIDICULOUS TO KILL THEM IN SEPT. OCT.
THIS IS POINTLESS BECAUSE IT WOULD BE SENSELESS TO KILL THE "GREEN COON". THEY CAN HUNT WHEN WE TRAPPERS ARE ALLOWED TO. MAYBE ALLOW NIGHT TIME HUNTING FOR COYOTES WITH COLORED ARTIFICIAL LIGHT, SIMILAR TO TEXAS LAWS
This was an interesting year trapping/hunting in the warm/cold 2016-17 season. I did have fun & will continue to hunt/trap in Kansas. Keep up the good work.
TILL FUR PRICES GO UP THERE IS NO REASON TO HUNT. THEN ISN'T WORTH THE GAS AND TIME. UNLESS WE WOULD BE ABLE TO TAN AND KEEP THE HIDES FOR OWN USE OR TO SELL AT FLEA MARKETS TO CRAFTSMEN. ON ANOTHER NOTE STOP THE LATE SEASON DOE HUNT
Too many out of state hunters that allow no hunting. furbearer populations are at an all time high!
TOO MANY RACCOON, NO MARKET FOR FURS, NEED TO KILL ALL YEAR ON ACCOUNT OF PREDATION OF GAME BIRDS, CROPS, ETC.
TRAINING MY DOGS EARLY WOULD KEEP THEM FROM GETTING IN A TRAP
Trapping should start at daylight on opening day not noon. Most of the animals trapped for would not be caught until late afternoon or evening giving trappers time to get sets in before dark, especially water trappers
TRIED SEVERAL TIMES EVEN DIFFERENT WAYS AND NEVER GOT YOUR LINK ACTIVATED
WASN'T ABLE TO HUNT BUT DO SUPPORT THIS SURVEY BEING DONE
Way too many coyotes and they are now hurting the turkey population
WE HAD TROUBLE FINDING SPECIFIC INFO ON WEBSITE ABOUT SEALING/TAGGING BOBCATS & SWIFT FOX. WEBSITE NEEDS TAB WITH THAT INFO AND EACH COUNTIES' CONTACT INFO FOR TAGGING.
WE HAVE TOO MANY RACCOONS. GET THE PRICE OF RACCOON FUR UP SO MORE PEOPLE WILL HUNT AND TRAP THEM. we DON'T WANT THEM TO EAT OUR BABY QUAIL & PHEASANTS.
WE NEED MORE FLEXIBILITY AS PER HARVESTING RACCOONS FOR POPULATION CONTROL
We should not allow 220 body grips to be used on land within 1/4 of an occupied house unless you own the property. Too many dogs and cats get caught.
WHEN UPDATING A SYSTEM DON'T HAVE IT DOWN FOREVER, AND PROCRASTINATE ON THE UPDATE
Why aren't bobcats & badgers not allowed to be taken to mid-March? they are still in very good prime
WILL CHANGE DEER HABITS CHANGES FOR ARCHERY HUNTERS
WISH THE STATE SPONSORED AN ADVANCED CLASSROOM HANDS ON CLASS/PROGRAM TO LEARN TO TRAP
with fur prices down its hard to pay for gas from fur. A lot more coons in the country. The Houndsman can't take enough to make any difference by killing them during dog training. Last winter watched over fields 6-8 times to see if I could shoot a coyote but didn't even call
With the fur prices so low I think coons are a real threat to ground nesting birds but other than crows I don't like to shoot things I won't use.
with weather patterns different it would be nice to trap longer so that the furs we are trying to catch are fully prime to allow us to get top dollar for the fur that you do catch
WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO USE LIGHTS TO CALL COYOTES AND BOBCATS AFTER DEER SEASON TILL END FUR SEASON FOR BOBCATS COYOTE YEAR AROUND EXCEPT DEER SEASON. MANY STATES DO THIS
WOULD LIKE TO HAVE BOBCAT SEASON CONTINUAL TO THE END OF FEB. WOULD HAVE BETTER FUR
WOULD LIKE TO HUNT COYOTES AT NIGHT LIKE TEXAS DOES WITH USE OF LIGHT
Would like to see coyote hunting with night vision ok
would like to see more opportunity for trapping or hunting coyote like special hunts
Would like to see walk in hunting land be able to trap on also in future. Even if it is just live trapping.
Would really like to see the state allow the use of an artificial hand held light at night when calling coyotes only.
WOULD REALLY SUPPORT YEAR ROUND KILLING OF RACCOONS. LETS MAKE OUR DECISIONS ON SCIENCE NOT POLITICS. ALSO NEED TO REVISIT WHY WE CAN'T USE THE LASER SIGHTING DEVICE FOR SHOOTING RACCOONS. MAKES ABSOLUTELY NO SENSE.
yes I would like to have a sept-1-oct 31 season
You should have a cheaper license for people over 65
you should let houndsmen kill all they want as they have little fur value at this time. and will die of distemper or rabies because of over population. You would not hurt the population statewide to add raccoons & opossum to open year round.
Youth programs needed to teach furharvesting