

# ***2019-20 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. 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, Parks and Tourism (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 impact 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 13, 2018 to March 31, 2020 would have been valid during the season. There were 7506 of these licenses sold, and from them a sample of 4503 (60%) was selected. The online database contained valid e-mails for 2468 (55%) of these individuals. An initial e-mail was sent on March 20, 2020 containing a request for participation (though it asked beaver and otter trappers to wait till the end of the month) and a link to the survey. A reminder e-mail was sent to nonrespondents on April 3.

A single mailing consisting of a 2-page, 8.5"x11" paper survey (Appendix 1) was sent out between April 20 and April 27, 2020 to e-mail nonrespondents and furharvesters without a deliverable e-mail on file (n=3642). 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 had one. Respondents provided 14 new and 16 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-four percent of respondents indicated they participated in furharvesting activities during the 2019-20 season (i.e. were active). This is consistent with the 60-64% who were active over the previous four 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 188,422 user days in pursuit of furbearers, including 104,623 days trapping, 66,498 days hunting, and 17,301 days running. These figures represent a 15.7% increase in combined user days from the previous season. Average days afield by trappers, hunters, and runners was similar to last season, changing from 35, 18 and 47 last season to 37, 19 and 42 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 2019 Small Game Hunter Activity Survey estimated total harvest by coyote hunters (including those with a furharvester license) at 141,735. Combined with the trapper harvest estimates from this survey, total coyote harvest in the state was 179,029. Hunters (33,407) accounted for 79% of the total estimated coyote harvest. Trappers (2056) 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 (151,878) was up 9% from last season. Most notably, coyote harvest was up 18% (almost 10,000 coyotes) from last season, which was the previous record high (since 1969).

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. This year, the most common comments were in reference to night hunting with lights, night vision and thermal imaging equipment, which was also the subject of the Special Section of this survey. The controversial nature of this subject was apparent as conflicting viewpoints were prevalent.

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       | 2591              | 123              | 909           | 36.8    |
| Paper survey | 3642 <sup>a</sup> | 58               | 993           | 27.7    |
| Total        | 4503              | 58               | 1902          | 42.8    |

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

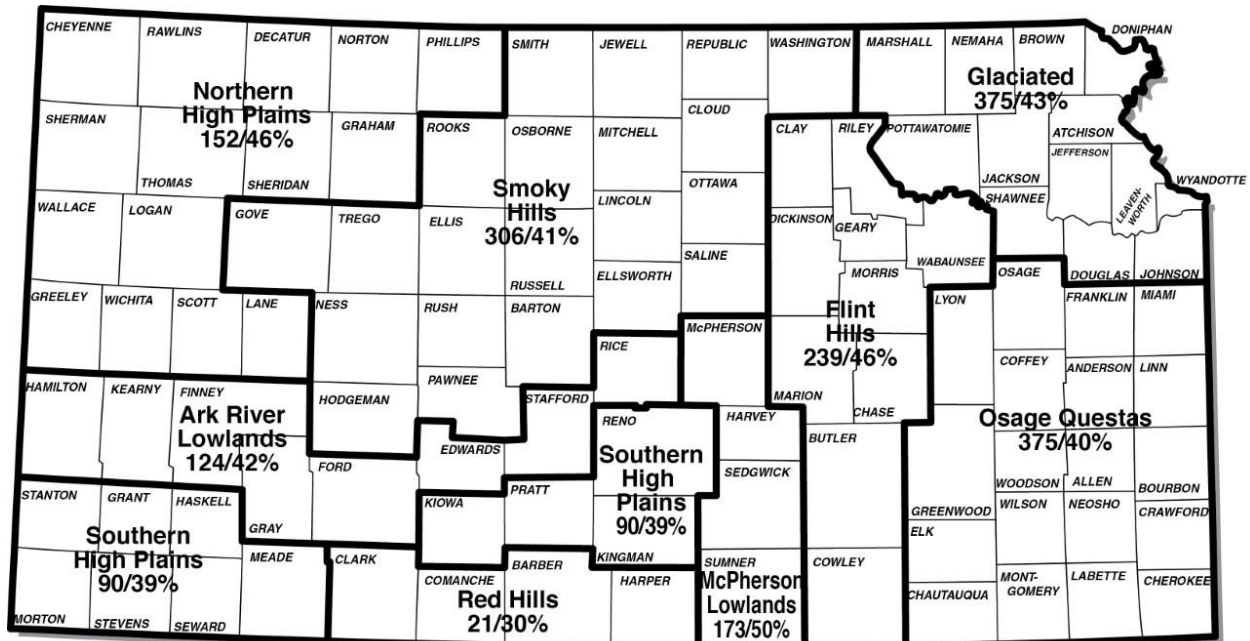


Figure 1. The number of survey respondents (number) and the response rate of furharvesters (percent) living within each physiographic province in Kansas. In addition, 47 nonresidents responded resulting in a 46% response rate that group.

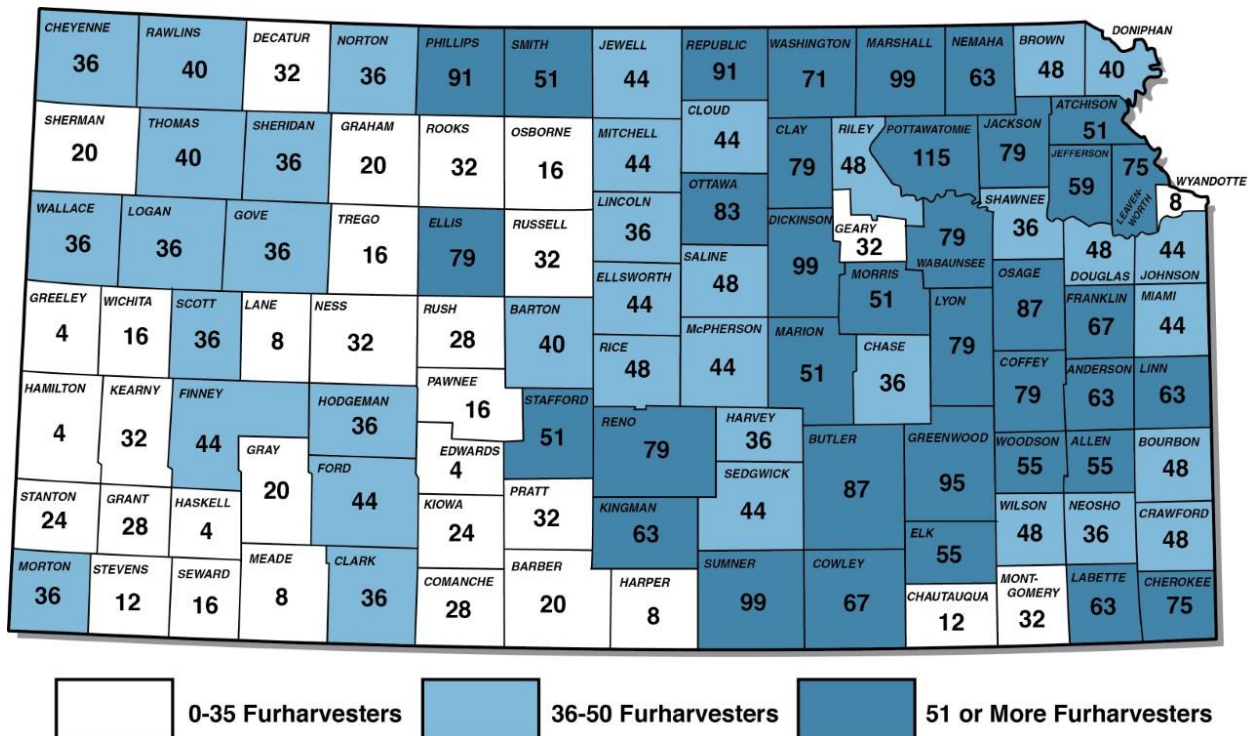


Figure 2. Estimated furharvester distribution in Kansas based on the county in which active survey respondents conducted most of their furharvesting activities.

Table 2. Estimated number and percent of 2019-20 season furharvester license holders (n=7506) who participated in various furharvesting activities.

| Activity                   | Number of Furharvesters | Percent of Furharvesters |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Inactive                   | 2727                    | 36.3                     |
| Trap only                  | 1231                    | 16.4                     |
| Hunt only                  | 1622                    | 21.6                     |
| Run only                   | 16                      | 0.2                      |
| Trap and hunt              | 1500                    | 20.0                     |
| Trap and run               | 16                      | 0.2                      |
| Hunt and run               | 288                     | 3.8                      |
| Trap, hunt and run         | 107                     | 1.4                      |
| <b>Total Participation</b> |                         |                          |
| Total trappers             | 2853                    | 38                       |
| Total hunters              | 3516                    | 47                       |
| Total runners              | 426                     | 6                        |

Table 3. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trappers in Kansas during the 2019-20 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    | 170                                | 1,422             | 24                        | 15.9          | 5.0                    | 17              | 2.1                 |
| Beaver    | 218                                | 5,627             | 30                        | 5.06          | 9.9                    | 73              | 6.6                 |
| Bobcat    | 367                                | 3,491             | 51                        | 11.7          | 1.6                    | 25              | 2.4                 |
| Coyote    | 523                                | 37,294            | 73                        | 16.3          | 4.9                    | 467             | 18.1                |
| Red Fox   | 70                                 | 457               | 10                        | 7.95          | 4.9                    | 10              | 1.7                 |
| Gray Fox  | 8                                  | 12                | 1                         | 12            | 0.0                    | 1               | 0.4                 |
| Swift Fox | 25                                 | 402               | 3                         | 8.44          | 3.2                    | 20              | 4.1                 |
| Mink      | 13                                 | 39                | 2                         | 17.7          | 0.1                    | 4               | 0.8                 |
| Muskrat   | 86                                 | 3,586             | 12                        | 8.97          | 14.1                   | 193             | 10.6                |
| Opossum   | 384                                | 14,240            | 53                        | 12.6          | 5.5                    | 89              | 9.4                 |
| Otter     | 40                                 | 296               | 6                         | 4.36          | 4.5                    | 6               | 1.9                 |
| Raccoon   | 561                                | 37,037            | 78                        | 12.6          | 10.9                   | 270             | 16.8                |
| Skunk     | 278                                | 6,214             | 39                        | 9.89          | 5.0                    | 50              | 5.7                 |
| Weasel    | 0                                  | 0                 | 0                         | 0             | 0                      | 0               | 0                   |

Table 4. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for hunters in Kansas during the 2019-20 harvest season.

| Species   | Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n) | Estimated Harvest | % of Hunters Who Pursued | Harvest/100 Days | Maximum Harvest | Ave Harvest/Hunter |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Badger    | 39                                 | 197               | 4                        | 22.395           | 6               | 1.28               |
| Bobcat    | 345                                | 1,107             | 39                       | 10.436           | 16              | 0.81               |
| Coyote    | 789                                | 26,147            | 89                       | 58.537           | 200             | 8.41               |
| Red Fox   | 30                                 | 114               | 3                        | 17.308           | 20              | 0.97               |
| Gray Fox  | 5                                  | 0                 | 1                        | 0                | 0               | 0                  |
| Swift Fox | 8                                  | 8                 | 1                        | 6.75             | 1               | 0.25               |
| Opossum   | 59                                 | 1,237             | 7                        | 65.355           | 60              | 5.32               |
| Raccoon   | 258                                | 12,612            | 29                       | 112.959          | 100             | 12.41              |
| Skunk     | 30                                 | 339               | 3                        | 76.176           | 10              | 2.87               |

Table 5. Treeing success, participation, and activity levels for furharvesters in Kansas during the 2019-20 running season.

| Species  | Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n) | Estimated Take* | % of Runners Who Pursued | Take/100 Days* | Maximum Take* | Ave Take/Runner* |
|----------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Bobcat   | 4                                  | 8               | 4                        | 3.3            | 1             | .5               |
| Red Fox  | 0                                  | 0               | 0                        | 0              | 0             | 0                |
| Gray Fox | 0                                  | 0               | 0                        | 0              | 0             | 0                |
| Opossum  | 9                                  | 244             | 8                        | 90             | 24            | 7.8              |
| Raccoon  | 96                                 | 13,842          | 92                       | 189.3          | 215           | 36.6             |

\*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<br>Tagging * | Bobcat | Coyote | Gray<br>Fox | Red<br>Fox | Swift Fox<br>Tagging * | Swift<br>Fox | Mink | Muskrat | Opossum | Otter<br>Tagging* | Otter | Raccoon | Striped<br>Skunk | Weasel |
|---------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|-------------|------------|------------------------|--------------|------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------|---------|------------------|--------|
| 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      |

## 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 furharvester support and potential participation in night hunting for coyotes with lights, night vision and thermal imaging equipment.

Coyotes can currently be hunted at night, but the use of lights, night vision and thermal imaging equipment is prohibited. This is an issue the KDWP Commission has been considering, and we wanted to assess the potential interest by furharvesters in their use in Kansas.

In general, there was strong support for the legalization of this equipment (Figure 3). Seventy-two percent of respondents were supportive compared to just 19% who opposed. Almost 70% also said they would probably or definitely use this equipment if it were legal (Figure 4). These first two questions were asked of all survey participants. An additional series of questions assessing specific aspects being considered were asked only of online participants (Figure 5; These were excluded due to space on the paper survey.). Respondents were generally supportive of most of these options except for “weapon restrictions such as shotgun only” which over 65% opposed, and “limited season dates of Jan 1-Mar 31” which was supported by 37% and opposed by 38%.

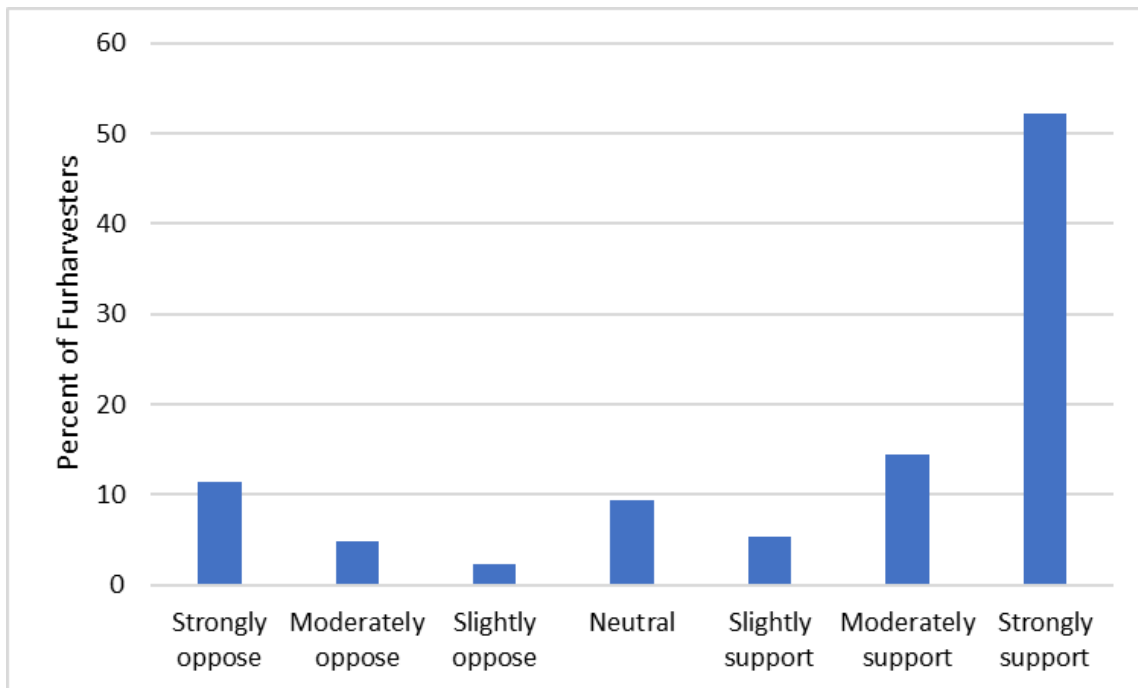


Figure 3. Kansas furharvester opinions on the legalization of lights, night vision and thermal imaging equipment to hunt coyotes at night in Kansas (n=1170).

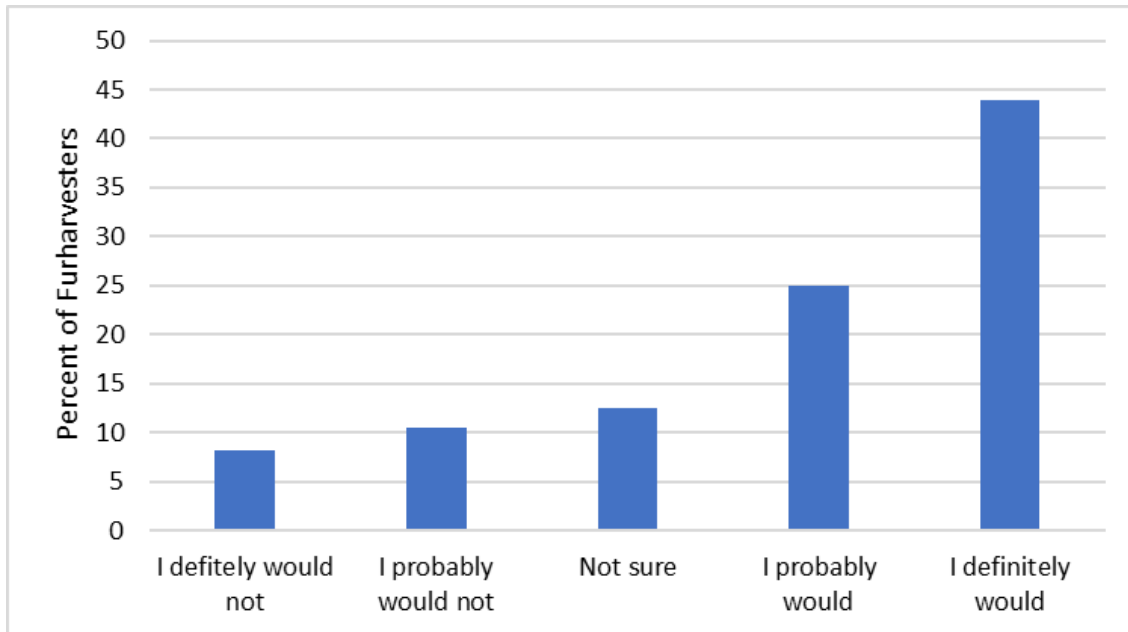


Figure 4. Likelihood by Kansas furharvesters to hunt at night with lights, night vision and thermal imaging equipment, if it were legalized (n=1170).

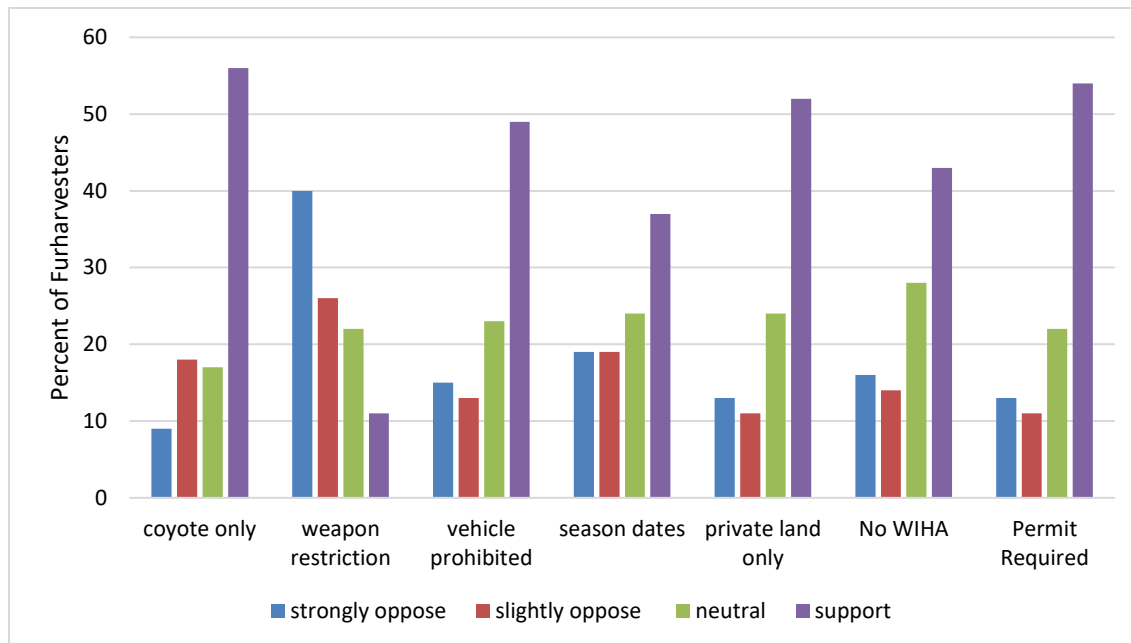


Figure 5. Opinion by Kansas furharvesters on potential restrictions to night hunting in Kansas with lights, night vision and thermal imaging equipment.



Appendix 1.

Paper Version of the  
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### 2019-20 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\\_2idFNrixriAFyqp](https://ksoutdoors.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2idFNrixriAFyqp).

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 in Kansas during the 2019-20 season, or did you run furbearers with dogs during the running season in 2019?

Yes  No (If no, skip to question 24.)

2. In which county did you do most of your furharvesting in 2019-20? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Did you **TRAP** for furbearers in Kansas during the 2019-20 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 2019-20 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 2019-20 season? *The trapping season was 96 days (Nov 13-Feb 15) for all furbearers except beaver and otter, which were 140 days (Nov 13-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 2019-20 season?  
 Yes  No (If no, skip to question 17.)

14. How many of each did you harvest by HUNTING in Kansas during the 2019-20 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 2019-20 season? (*maximum 96 days; Nov 13-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 2019 running season (Mar 1-Nov 8, 2019)?  
 Yes  No (If no, skip to question 21.)

18. How many of each did you "tree" during the 2019 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 2019 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 – Night Hunting with Lights**

Many of you have responded in the comments section of this survey in recent years that you would like to be able to hunt coyotes at night with lights. We hear you, and recognize there is a lot of interest in this subject. The KDWP Commission is moving this issue forward for a vote and has asked us to collect some information on this subject from you.

21. How do you feel about the legalization of lights, night vision and thermal imaging equipment to hunt coyotes at night in Kansas?

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| Strongly Oppose       | Moderately Oppose     | Slightly Oppose       | Neutral               | Slightly Support      | Moderately Support    | Strongly Support      |
| <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

22. If legalized, how likely would you be to hunt at night with this equipment?

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| I definitely would not | I probably would not  | Not sure              | I probably would      | I definitely would    |
| <input type="radio"/>  | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/> |

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  
2019-20 Furbearer Harvest Survey

| Comments   |
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| #21 Good excuse for potential deer poachers!   |
| #21. I think they should be a class they take! An a list -inform game & fish + sheriff prior to hunt. Otherwise anybody could abuse & poach deer!  |
| 1- I kinda support night coyote hunting but how are you going to protect deer? Lots of guys won't be able to help themselves when they shine a big buck while coyote hunting.<br>2- FYI- I don't trap mink and have never seen one until about 3 weeks ago. I found a dead one on the north bank of the Ninescah. Good size male. No sign of trauma. Not sure what killed it   |
| 1) I WOULD RATHER HAVE GUYS HUNTING AT NIGHT INSTEAD OF DOG HUNTERS RUNNING THROUGH MY FENCES DURING THE DAY. 2) TAGGING CATS IS A WASTE OF MY TIME AND THE WARDENS!! 3) THANKS 4) IS LOVE TO SEEE OTTER IN THE CREEKS OF WESTERN KANSAS   |
| 1. Raise permit prices to hunt public land.<br>2. Don't allow night hunting on public land.  |
| 1. would appreciate more education opportunities on trapping by experience trappers for predators.<br>2. I question how safe people will be hunting coyotes at night with highpower rifles. Suggest limiting calibers between 223 to 17 hmr as a compromise. Shotguns would be safer, but most will likely not be good enough to lure them in close enough.  |
| 72 hour checks for western counties.   |
| A HIGH DEER POPULATION, AND DEER HUNTING AGENDAS HAS MADE IT ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO PROPERLY HUNT COYOTES WITH HOUNDS. A PERSON CAN'T RUN DOGS OR CALL COYOTES WITHOUT STEPPING ON THE RIGHTS OF A DEER HUNTER. A PORTION OF LAND IN MY AREA HAS BEEN LEASED FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DEER HUNTING. MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO PAY FOR THESE LEASE HUNTS, DO NOT LIVE IN THE AREA. THEY DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE PROBLEMS CAUSED BY COYOTES, AND DEER ON A DAILY BASIS. A STEP AWAY FROM THE BIG MONEY DEER HUNTING, AND SOME SUPPORT FOR ALL WHOM WANT, AND NEED TO KEEP COYOTES IN CHECK WOULD BE MUCH APPRECIATED. PEOPLE WHO HUNT FOR ANTLERS, AND PAY TO DO SO, ARE NOT LIKELY TO CARE ABOUT THE POPULATION OF COYOTES WHERE THEY HUNT. THEY HUNT WHERE I LIVE, EVERYDAY. |
| a lot of the guys I know who call coyotes have a cooler full of beer beside them. Add that to night hunting and see what happens -cattle, pets other furbearers.   |
| A spring rat season to coincide with beaver would be nice. Could get some rat glands. They are hard to find and pricey.  |
| Add pigs to night hunting  |
| ALL NIGHT HUNTING IS GOING TO DO TO CAUSE MORE POACHING OF DEER SOME OF THE PEOPLE THAT WANT THIS DON'T OBEY THE LAWS WE HAVE NOW. I KNOW FOR A FACT THAT SOME PEOPLE THAT GOT THE THERMAL SCOPES DON'T JUST HUNT WHERE THEY HAVE CATTLE   |
| Allow night time coyote hunting and calling.   |
| allow night vision and calling for coons/coyotes   |
| Allow the Use of spot lights hunting raccoon at night without running dogs. Must be hand held or head worn. No mounted lighting from vehicle.  |
| Allow trapping on walk in properties/ please open trapping season Nov 1 or at least Nov 1 for disabled trappers/ Please allow night hunting for coyotes, fox and bobcats.  |
| Allowing hunting at night with lights or infrared would help control some of the predators that we have problems with and affect bird populations. Such predators bobcats, coyotes, and coons maybe better controlled. Many other states allow this type of hunting with good success from hunters.  |
| ALTHOUGH I AM FOR COYOTE NIGHT HUNTING BECAUSE THEY COME IN OUR YARD AT NIGHT. THE LAW MUST BE - NOT FROM VEHICLES- NOT FROM ROAD- PERMISSION NEEDED ETC FOR KEEPING DOWN POACHING- WE HAVE ENOUGH ALREADY IN MY NECK OF WOODS   |
| APPRECIATE THE TIME AND EFFORT THE GAME AND FISH PUT IN.   |
| AS A FARMER, LIVESTOCK PRODUCER AND TRAPPER AND HUNTER. I FEEL AS THOUGH NIGHT HUNTING IS A MUST ALONG WITH TRAPPING IS THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP A CONTROL ON THE COYOTE POPULATION BECAUSE CONVENTIONAL CALLING NO LONGER WORKING.  |
| As a former Furharvester instructor, I strongly oppose the now on line course, with no mentoring instruction. This is why I no longer give classes no one will show up . Just my thoughts. I was an instructor for many years & hated to quit. Thank you. RS   |
| AS A LARGE LIVESTOCK PRODUCER NIGHT HUNTING IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. WAY TOO MANY INEXPERIENCED, IDIOTS WITH GUNS TO CONTROL. COST OF ENFORCEMENT WOULD BE EXTREMELY HIGH. CAN'T BELIEVE ITS BEING CONSIDERED.  |
| As a rancher I am seeing a lot of damage done by dog hunters they are driving through fences and property they are not allowed on.<br>A shorter season for the dog hunters would be nice.  |
| As a rancher these coyotes are a real problem I feel it should be legal to kill these critters by any means possible.  |
| AS BEING AN AVID HUNTER AN OUTDOORSMAN IT HAS COME TO ME IN A WAY COYOTES ARE PUTTING A DAMPER IN THE TURKEY POPULATION. AS I'VE NOTICED NUMEROUS COYOTES STALKING TURKEYS WHILE HUNTING TURKEYS AN NEEDS ATTENDED TO.   |
| As far as bobcat hunting goes, I'd like to see some consideration for rigging for bobcats, the use of ATVs, UTVs, etc to look haul hounds while looking for tracks and sign. It is common practice in other states and the way the laws are written, I fear it would be interpreted as pursuit with a motor vehicle. A person can cover a lot of area looking for sign and this is a big help in the effort.   |
| AS FAR AS HUNTING COYOTES AT NIGHT IS CONCERNED. THERE ARE TIMES WHEN COYOTES BECAME A PARTICULAR PROBLEM AND HUNTING THEM AT NIGHT COULD DEFINELY BE HELPFUL TYPICALLY THIS WOULD INVOLVE FARM LIVESTOCK OR POSSIBLY PETS?  |
| AS FOR QUESTION 21 I STRONGLY, OPOSE BECAUSE OF SAFACT ASPECT OF IT.   |
| Badger season year round   |
| BADGERS ARE OUT OF CONTROL IN OUR NO TILL FARMING  |
| Bobcat need to stay open 2 more weeks at end of season.  |
| bobcat population is down  |
| BOBCAT SEASON SHOULD START LATER. DEC 15TH - JAN 1ST.  |

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| BOUNTY ON COYOTES   |
| Communication between CO's and other wildlife personnel is poor in areas and regulation of fur and wildlife hunting could be enforced better in western Ks.   |
| Concerning #21, the coyote hunters in my area are known to hunt where they specifically do NOT have permission. They drive at high speeds across unfamiliar fields. This would be a DISASTER at night! The only way I would support night hunting is if vehicles may NOT be use, such as calling coyotes, still hunting. I am a farmer/landowner, not really a furharvester. Due to extreme carelessness by the local coyote hunter. I have banned him from my land.                    |
| CONSIDER HAVING SIGNS TO POST FOR TRAPPING ACTIVITIES ON PUBLIC GROUND  |
| Considering staggering the dates for bobcats might be considered. Like January through February or even mid-March to take advantage of the prime fur.   |
| Coons are out of control and causing drastic impact on Turkey in My area this is due in large by feeding deer corn, all baiting deer with corn does is raise coon numbers and educate mature deer they are being pursued. we have very few turkey left and more coons than we should ever had. Baiting deer with corn piles needs to stop and coon numbers need to be thinned out. this is a state wide problem and needs serious work. Thanks  |
| Coyote hunting at night should be opened year round to coyotes but the other fur bearing animals night hunting should only be open during the trapping season.  |
| COYOTES ARE A SERIOUS PROBLEM FOR COW/ CALF PRODUCERS   |
| Coyotes are becoming a problem for cattelman in the area, trapping fur prices aren't enough to keep people interested and night hunting is more effective.  |
| Coyotes have become thick where I live and I have noticed a steady decrease in our wildlife population since fur prices have dropped. The use of light while coyote hunting would greatly benefit coyote population control.  |
| Coyotes in my area are reclusive during the day, hunting pressure has made them become almost completely nocturnal. I believe being able to hunt at night would've increased my success exponentially. I was unsuccessful calling any coyotes in during daylight hours, after dusk I had would have dozens within a mile of my location. Typically in 3-6 groups. I enjoy hunting/trapping but my primary reason to pursue coyotes is to protect my livestock and that of my neighbors. |
| Coyotes year around, and furbearers Nov1 thru Mar31 would be my preference  |
| CURRENTLY I DON'T HAVE A LOT OF TIME TO HUNT PREDATOR WISE, I TRY TO HUNT WATERFOWL PRIMARILY. I BUY THE LICENSE TO STAY LEGAL IN CASE I DECIDE TO... I DEFINATELY WOULD UTILIZE NIGHT OPTIONS IF AVAILABLE. I WATCH IT ON TV HUNTING SHOWS ONLY. HA  |
| DEER HUNTER'S (OUT OF STATE) RUN TRAPPERS AND HOUNDSMEN OUT OF THEIR "LEASED" DEER LAND. THEY AREN'T EVEN RESIDENTS! WE NEED HELP!!!!   |
| DEER POACHER WOULD USE THIS AS AN EXCUSE  |
| Deer will be hunted illegally   |
| definitely oppose this- will lead to major deer poaching & trespassing- already have problems don't add to it & we don't have enough officers in our county (Summer)!   |
| DID NOT HUNT OR TRAP THIS YEAR. WORKING TO MANY HOURS.  |
| DID NOT TRAP FURBEARERS. JUST HUNTED COYOTES.   |
| DO NOT LIKE DOGS MUTILATING COYOTES SHOOT THEM PLEASE.  |
| Doing a good job  |
| Don't have night predator hunting from November 1 to December 15. This should help limit deer poaching during rut.  |
| DON'T LIKE THE MOUNTAIN LIONS TURNED LOOSE.   |
| DUE TO ILLNESS DID NOT HUNT OR TRAP   |
| EPSTEIN DIDN'T HANG HIMSELF!  |
| EVERY YEAR FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS, I HAVE CAUGHT COYOTES AROUND FEB. 1ST. I USUALLY CATCH 2-4 AND EVERY SINGLE ONE HAS BARE SPOTS AND/OR PATCHES OF FUR MISSING. IT'S NOT MAINGE, BUT I ALWAYS QUIT 2 WEEKS EARLY BECAUSE THE COYOTES ARE IN BAD SHAPE AND NOT WORTH ANYTHING TO SELL. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!  |
| Excited about this potential, just didn't have time this past winter to hunt as I thought I would and typically do.   |
| EXTEND THE BOBCAT SEASON OR BETTER YET BE ABLE TO HUNT THEM YEAR ROUND. THERE IS WAY TO MANY AND HAVING DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS ON SEVERAL GAME SPECIES.  |
| extend the season LONGER  |
| EXTEND THE TRAPPING SEASON A WEEK AS BOBCATS AND BADGER DON'T PRIME UNTIL JANUARY.  |
| Extend the trapping season, start earlier   |
| Farmers and ranchers are sick of out of state hunters. coyotes are taking over Eastern Ks. They are becoming very difficult to hunt in day time. Road hunters have made them very aware. Night hunting needs more attention. Lights and thermal vision. Out of state hunters have completely destroyed Ks. hunting. Road hunting is out of control . Trespassing is killing local hunters. Out of state hunters have more freedom.  |
| Farmers will have cows shot. I here that hunters are killing coon and leaving them in the woods training dogs because there no fur market. 1 dollar coon.   |
| FERAL HOGS AS WELL FOR #21.   |
| FOR QUESTION 21. I BELIEVE THERE SHOULD BE NIGHT SEASON BUT THERE SHOULD BE LIMITATIONS. 15 DAY SEASON AFTER DEER SASON IS WHAT I WOULD APPROVE. FEB. MARCH. THANKS   |
| Fox and bobcats should also be legal to hunt with the aid of a light at night.  |
| Free Fur harvester license if you have a Senior Lifetime Pass. Pay a bounty on coyotes.   |
| get non resident deer hunters cut down  |
| Give me lights for raccoons also ALL PUBLIC ACCESS GATE'S SHOULD BE UNLOCKED  |
| Go ahead & put coon on varmit list to harvest year round like Oklahoma did  |
| God gave dominion over the animals etc to mankind, not government. Forefathers were inspired by God Almighty in the holy name of Jesus Christ, to have free republic dedicated to God Almighty. God detests over-reaching government. May we all follow God and His will in Jesus Christ's holy name. There were no fishing or hunting license til over reaching government. God gave us right to hunt and fish.  |

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| good job  |
| <b>GREAT HUNTING</b>  |
| Have a bounty on raccoons. Raccoons are a major predator to turkey, quail and pheasant. With fur prices so low nobody wants to hunt or trap them and they are getting very overpopulated. I still have 25-30 furs in my freezer bc buyers didn't want to buy any. It wouldn't have to be a huge bounty but just something to help a little to help with gas, traps and license fees and make it worth it to get out and trap. I think if the kdwp and the hunter can work together we can combat the raccoon and other predators. Most people would rather hunt Turkey, quail and pheasant and with higher populations that would increase the amount of licenses being bought which would help with bounty. Higher upland game and turkey numbers will also bring in more out of state hunters and more money coming into the state with hotels, food, gas and etc.  |
| How far north have the otters gotten? I trap near Mill Creek in Alma Ks and have never seen sign yet. I heard they are in emporia though. My only concern with night coyote hunters in deer poaching.   |
| How you going to know if the night hunters aren't poaching deer?  |
| Hunting coons at night with shotguns only, is bad idea. It would do too much damage to the hide. Rim fire rifles are the best way to harvest them.  |
| Hunting coyotes at night with lights would be a fun addition to Kansas hunting.   |
| <b>HUNTING COYOTES AT NIGHT WOULD HELP SLOW DOWN THEIR #'S</b>  |
| Hunting with lights and night vision would greatly help me with my hunting, and would greatly help me and other ranchers out  |
| Hunting with lights is not a necessity or in my opinion fair chase. People will use any excuse at all to get what they want and they are doing it for greed. Yes night lights work but so does baiting corn for ducks but we do not allow that. Lights would work on deer but we don't allow that. The people that want this are not hunters. They are blood thirsty and in it solely for the killing. Not everyone has 200 head of cattle and have a coyote problem. We legalize this then what is next? Know what is beyond your target, isn't that what we teach in hunter ed?   |
| I am all about hunting @ night with thermal scopes or lights. Coyote trapping and hunting in Ks. is a blast. Thanks   |
| I am definitely for the idea of night hunting (lights AND night vision) for coyotes ONLY. I like that this survey used dates outside of normal deer seasons—allowing this during normal deer seasons would be foolish in my opinion. Keep it illegal to spotlight from a vehicle, however night vision from a vehicle would be fine.  |
| Thank you for offering a survey and allowing opinions. I think KDWPT does a great job   |
| I am handicapped now and hunt with a handicap license so not sure how this would affect me as I need to hunt from some mode of transportation.  |
| <b>I AM HOPING TO DO MORE THIS YEAR 2020. DIDN'T GET TO RUN DUE TO WORK</b>   |
| I am open to night hunting for coyotes. Also can KDWPT consider opening temporary/seasonal game warden positions during the hunting season to specifically target poachers?   |
| <b>I AM VERY INTERESTED IN USING LIGHTS TO HUNT PREDATORS AT NIGHT. I AM HOWEVER VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE EFFECTS OF POACHING, THAT WILL NO DOUBT FOLLOW. PLEASE USE CAUTION IN ALLOWING ONLY CERTAIN CALIBERS OF CENTER FIRE RIFLES AND BULLETS FOR THIS PURPOSE, AS TOO LARGE CALIBER WOULD ENDANGER LIVESTOCK AND UNINTENDED TARGETS</b>   |
| I appreciate the liberal regulations I enjoy as a lifetime resident of Kansas.<br>I do pay to much in taxes though.   |
| I believe being able to call at night for coyotes would be beneficial because of the increased population, I see 50% more coyotes at night than day while hunting coon and would like to see it legalized. Thank you  |
| I believe hunting at night is dangerous. You cannot see what's in the background of your shot as taught in hunter safety!   |
| I believe hunting furbearers with thermal vision a terrible idea for Kansas wildlife management. I believe thermal vision hunting will lead to the illegal take of other wildlife species. If thermal vision is approved for hunting furbearers then white light should also be approved. I only hunt coyotes with dogs, if hunters are able to hunt coyotes at night with thermal vision then I should be able to hunt coyotes at night with white light.  |
| I believe if night hunting was allowed there would be an increase in deer poaching. At least in our area.   |
| <b>I BELIEVE LEGALIZING NIGHT HUNTING WITH ARTIFICIAL LIGHT WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO OUR DEER HERD IN KANSAS. IT WOULD PUT MORE EYES AND EARS IN THE FIELD AND IN MY OPINION, WOULD SLOW DOWN POACHING.</b>   |
| I believe our furbearer population is just fine the way it is. There are already a lot of people who call coyotes, and I believe that allowing thermal scopes would not make much of a difference. I have hunted hogs in Texas with thermal imaging, and while it is "neat", I fear it would not be good for Kansas and our typical smaller parcel sizes. I live in the country and own a small piece of land. I don't really want people driving around at night shooting coyotes. I understand that is not what is supposed to happen, but we all know it will. It will have bad effects on where deer hang out at night and feel safe. If you have enough money to own your own large piece of hunting land, or can afford to lease a chunk of land, you will be fine. For the rest of us, those of us who have to compete with several others on our hunting areas and areas that aren't great hunting to start with, people shooting at night would have a negative impact on our hunting. I understand that technology changes and there's always the new great thing, I am one of the few that believes that some things are better left simple. I don't agree with having to do what is the most hi tech or what will produce the most money. |
| I believe the Kansas Furbearer program is just right as presented in the annual hunting guide. Not much if anything needs to be changed. The night hunting of coyotes will have to be carefully defined and policed. There will be a lot of temptation on the parts of a few to shoot protected game, and there will probably be some frivolous hunting that could turn dangerous, hence the restriction for shotgun only hunting. You folks at KDWPT are doing a good job overall.   |
| I bought the license in early February because I saw 2 bobcats while bowhunting in Unit 19 in the January season. S after bow season closed I was going to try calling in the bobcats or coyotes but was unsuccessful.  |
| I couldn't figure out how to go back a screen and I miscalculated the raccoon harvest. Two more pelts should be added to the count.   |
| I currently hunt/manage coyotes on large ranches/farms, legalizing would be more effective for management. Many arguments may be made, QDMA research shows deer/fawns are a majority of a coyotes diet. I hunt coyotes heavily on my deer property and have seen an increase in fawn survival rate as a result. I would love to discuss this with somebody, if they could contact me. Thank you (phone number on file)  |
| I did not comment on hunting with lights since I think it should include fur bearers as well as coyotes. This inclusion would be bobcats, foxes, and badger. Additionally, I think firearms restrictions should be the same as daytime restrictions and hunting at night with lights should be limited to private land with appropriate permission.   |
| I did not get a chance to doing any calling this year hope to next year.  |
| I did not hunt as much this year. I ran coyotes with dogs when I did go.  |

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| I did very minimal trapping during the past season in an effort to reduce nearby coyote population. I was unsuccessful in trapping any animal, but have expanded my knowledge. I look forward to possibly having more traps farther away from my home acreage. I hesitated to trap on available public lands due to lack of information. Trapping seems to be very much an "in or out" type of activity. You're an expert and know what you're about or you are an outside amateur and need to stay away. I would enjoy more state led/sponsored resources or training sessions (in Western Kansas) that would allow me to get more involved. |
| I DIDN'T HUNT DURING 2019-20. I WAS MY WIFES HEALTHCARE GIVER. 56 YEARS OF MARRIAGE. SHE PASSED AWAY FEB. 24,2020 I WILL BE GETTING BACK INTO IT NEXT MO. I HAVEN'T HAD A COMPUTER FOR 5 YEARS. SORRY, I COULDN'T GIVE YOU MUCH INFO. BUT THE NEXT FEW YEARS I WILL BE ABLE TO.   |
| I do not support hunting at night with lights, the animals are stupefied, you can see it on TV, its not hunting, its killing. Its entirely possible to hunt at night, using moon illumination and proper back drop and appropriate objective lenses on scopes, I do this all the time. It is hunting. With snow you can do it with near zero illumination. The coyotes are hunted and shot at relentlessly by bird hunters and others, let them have their period where they can take care of themselves without being harassed. If there is a population problem, well then I can maybe see a need.  |
| I do see possible problems with this, my biggest complaint would be not able to hunt bobcats and coons and foxes with use of the lights..<br>Would this allow hunting feral pigs with lights??  |
| I don't care for the cheap price to hunt at night. I would make it at least \$50 to help protect our lands as it will certainly raise the amount of calls and it will cause the department to have to deploy more people to check on the legal taking of game and I see it may even raise the poaching of deer and other animals at the same time.  |
| I DON'T THINK WE NEED NIGHT HUNTING. WE'VE BEEN MAKING HUNTING TO EASY. AFTER ALL IT IS (HUNTING)   |
| I entered 2 bobcats taken by mistake, I did shoot 2 but only 1 of them was recovered. Survey would not let me go back to correct this to 1.   |
| I feel that getting a warden to tag a bobcat is stupid I could have answered the same questions over the phone. If I was going to do something illegal I would not have called him anyway it wasted 3 hours of hunting with a guide to get it tagged.   |
| i feel that if you made it legal to hunt coyotes at night with a light it would carry over into Bobcats, coon and Poaching Deer...<br>If it were going to be legal it would only make sense to allow it after all legal deer season were closed even doe season....   |
| I FEEL THE CURRENT COYOTE POPULATION IS INCREDIBLY HIGH, I HAD TO THROW OUT MANY DOGS BECAUSE OF MANGE AND IF THERE WAS A LEGAL WAY TO USE NIGHT VISION I DEFINATELY WOULD TO KEEP THESE ANIMALS HEALTHY.   |
| I feel the state is not supporting trapping, I have greatly cut back account of the theft of my traps and the KDWPs offices lack of interest in following up on my report. I enjoy trapping Beavers under highways and areas that beavers are placing at high risk for damage, I have been told to not trap these areas by the KDWP officer as the state has their own trapper for these area. I do it for free and safely. :(  |
| I feel very strong for night hunting of coyotes at night here in Geary county. I for one manage a property for a farmer with livestock all year round. I would like it to be open for shotgun or 22 long rifle at least. No high powers needed. I wouldn't mind spending 25 dollars for a special permit and to add the property i hunt so the KDWPT would know exactly where i will be hunting at all times. Thank you   |
| I fully support night hunting coyotes and furbearers and would support small permit fee for it. This would help get rid of some problem predators that are call smart on the properties I have permission on.   |
| I generally only take furbearer animals during my use of the NADC permit at this time.  |
| I GOT HURT AND WAS UNABLE TO HUNT BACK SURGERIE.  |
| I have a 7E pest control license so I get calls for nuisance coyotes and I would like to get approved to hunt them with thermal vision. how do I get approved for this. Thanks  |
| I have a animal damage permit and trap longer than 96 days and my numbers reflect this. I started to trap coyotes and that is my main animal I trap for. All animals except beaver are caught in coyote sets.   |
| I HAVE BEEN CALLED SEVERAL TIMES BY FARMERS/RANCHERS TO SPECIFICALLY HUNT COYOTES AS SOME HAVE BEEN LOSING CALVES TO THEM IN THIS AREA. ANY OTHER WAY TO HUNT THESE PREDATORS WOULD BE GREAT. BUT ITS HARD TO JUSTIFY IT WITH IRRESPONSIBLE PEOPLE. SO, OTHER THAN THAT HUNTING THESE ANIMALS AT NIGHT WOULD HELP CONTROL THE NUMBER OF COYOTES. HOPE THIS HELPS.   |
| I have been reading, with interest, about this. The thing stopping me is legality.  |
| I have been wanting Kansas to be able to use lights to hunt/call coyotes for a long time. I personally think the population is getting out of control and could use other hunting techniques to help lower the population.  |
| I have coon hunted my entire life with hounds at night. I have never spot lighted deer or shot coyotes or anything of this nature. I feel that this would be if legal a lot of fun to go predator hunting at night but also feel would do more harm than good. So many deer would be poached it's not even funny. There's no way the over worked game wardens can go night & day. It's creating a monster! I recently took up trapping last year & have ran hounds many years. The predators can be controlled without having to let people roam the nights with spotlight! Just my two cents!  |
| I have hunted coyotes & pigs with thermal vision at night with great success. I have found that if you want to harvest these critters, hunt at night with thermal. They are nocturnal so that is the best time to be out there hunting.   |
| I have hunted coyotes in other states with lights and with thermals. It is like anything else it is safe as long as you make that way. Thank you for trying to get this into law. I am a experienced caller and have had trouble managing coyotes on our property and think this would help With that.  |
| I hope that all of the information I have given is correct, i don't fully remember how many bobcats I got this season but hope that I am close.   |
| I HOPE THAT NIGHT HUNTING GETS LEGALIZED. I WOULD LIKE IT TO BE LEGAL TO HUNT COONS AND CATS AT NIGHT ALSO NOT JUST COYOTES.  |
| I HUNT ONLY WITH HOUNDS- COYOTE & COON  |
| I hunt with hounds. The coyote numbers are down.  |
| I hunted w dogs, but only coyote. Was a little unsure how to answer a few of the questions pertaining to that.  |
| I just completed this training and licensing in March. Not long enough to have any real suggestions, save one. The links to the training, as well as instructions regarding the steps to become licensed should be more clear and readily accessible.   |
| I just set a few traps. I'm disabled and can't hunt or trap like I used to. Furbearer management is pretty good. I would like to see night hunting legalized. Hal Kina is a good officer.   |
| I kept 6 traps set for coyotes for 21 days  |



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| I know deer are not furbearer, but it should be illegal to bait them or use trail cameras to hunt them. Thanks for everything you are trying to accomplish very much. It getting to the point that it's not hunting anymore.  |
| I know it's a federal law, but I would like to see it where you don't have to get your bobcats tagged. It's extra time out of an already busy schedule that I anyway always have to miss work to get by the office in time to get a tag. Is there any way that the states could push back on the federal government?  |
| I like the idea of having the option to hunt at night with night vision and thermal. But we all know too well that the poaching will get even worse maby running a license like migratory bird stamp for night hunts will help keep the honest.   |
| I like the idea of night hunting for coyotes, but it absolutely should be AFTER all deer hunts are done in any given unit/area; i.e. AFTER even the January Doe seasons.  |
| I love the idea of allowing night time hunting with lights for, would strongly support this decision moving forward and ideally would like to see it go into affect following deer season ending. Would defiantly support the cost of a permit to participate this and would anticipate that this would increase my nights afield thanks!!  |
| I 'M A BEGINNER THIS IS MY 2ND YEAR TRAPPING.   |
| I once thought it would be great to hunt at night with lights or special scopes, but as many people that are hunting now, with the higher prices I'm worried there would be a lot more trespassing and other violations. The conservation officers need their sleep and so do I It won't take the coyotes long to get educated to night hunting and be harder to call at any time.  |
| I own land in Kansas, and I feel it would open up to poaching and would be hard to control. Thanks  |
| I personally feel like they should legalize silencers for hunting.<br>My personal experience over the last 2 years coyotes has taken a huge hit. You used to be able to drive around and see some early morning or late afternoon. I don't think the populations is very high anymore. Maybe we should put limits on coyotes and bobcats or take a break for a year and let the population rebuild.   |
| I really just trap anymore to get rid of unwanted critters around the ranch.  |
| I really think the otter limit should be lifted in Cherokee County, I have people contact me but I won't take a chance to go over the limit or have to release them. They are a bad problem for pond owners here. I also don't understand why there is such a short time limit on getting cats and otters tagged, why couldn't it be longer? What is the reason? Sometimes with cats the people are gone to LE training and the closest office is closed making me drive a lot farther to get them tagged. My buddy in Missouri can tag his a month after season with no problem, why can't we?                                   |
| In reference to hunting coyotes at night, my neighbors don't like my trapping for coyotes because of their pets that they let run all over the place, but yet they want me to get the coyotes that get their pets. Hunting at night seems to be the only option and that's what they suggest, but I've told them that's illegal.  |
| I still wish muskrat season would go along with beaver and otter season.  |
| I strongly support being able to hunt coyotes at night with any means. The coyote population has exploded here in the SE area of the state.<br>I strongly oppose having to purchase yet another permit of any type to hunt coyotes at night no matter what it costs. I would not pay .10 for a permit even though I have to chase the damned things out of my yard.   |
| I strongly support being able to hunt coyotes at night. I own/manage close to 400 calving cows and when checking them at night I see coyotes looking for an easy kill on one of my calves. They are very active at night during calving season and it would greatly effect the way I can manage their population and in return keep my death loss of calves due to coyotes low as possible.   |
| I STRONGLY SUPPORT HANDS ON FURBEARER EDUCATION CLASS EVEN IF ONLINE COURSES ARE USED. I MAY EVEN CONSIDER BEING AN EDUCATER. IF HANDS ON CLASSES ARE USED. DID NOT HUNT OR TRAP DUE TO HEALTH ISSUES AROSE   |
| I STRONGLY SUPPORT NIGHT HUNTING COYOTES AND PREDATORS WITH THE USE OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHTS. I STRONGLY SUPPORT BANNING AR 15 AND NAY CALIBER UNDER 243 FOR DEER, 223 IS TOO SMALL. LIMIT THE NUMBER OF DOE TAGS, 5 DEER TAKEN IS CRAZY!   |
| I strongly support night hunting from vehicle with lights, November 20-February 1, with night vision, thermal or lights with rifle for coyote only.   |
| I strongly support the hunting at night with night vision or lights. I have 8 ranchers that are requesting me to kill predators due to predation on their calf crops.   |
| I strongly support the use of artificial light in the taking of coyote.   |
| I support being able to harvest one Raccoon per night of the running season. I think the running season should be open to this as long as running season remains the same.  |
| I support hunting at night, with lights or night vision on any authorized property in Kansas. Authorized meaning private or public where permission is granted. A limited number of game taken per night is acceptable to me, meaning two or three. Bobcat must be allowed for night hunting as described above. Thank you for the consideration. Sincerely Mr. (name withheld)   |
| I support hunting coyotes at night, but you should drastically change the deer hunting so antlers can't be sold, or this will decimate our deer herd.   |
| I support night hunting for coyote but would 100% support night hunting for raccoon and other furbearer as well. Limiting the season to coyote would allow the overpopulation of prey and smaller predators like fox. My suggestion would be to have shotgun only for raccoon and small caliber rifle or shotgun for coyote. Thank you for taking my opinion into consideration.  |
| I support the idea of night hunting coyotes in Kansas, surrounding states have already legalized this. I think it is a great method of conservation on the rising number of predators/coyotes in our state.   |
| I THINK IF NIGHT HUNTING IS ALLOWED YOU SHOULD TAKE SOME KIND OF SCHOOLING AND PASS A WRITTEN TEST OPEN BOOK IT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY.  |
| I think a nighttime spot light coyote season would be an excellent and popular addition. I grew up in Arkansas where it was legal and it was a really good time. It will also help with population control. Thanks  |
| I think all license should be 1/2 price for everyone below the age of 25 by that time they will be hooked on it. Right now they don't want to pay as much as is charged.  |
| I think an extended kill season should be considered when running coon. With them not being worth too terribly much right now not many people are hunting them and I have noticed a LOT dead on the roads or in fields that to me are most likely dead from distemper as they died during the day. I make this assumption because I wouldn't see them dead on the way to work but I'd see them dead on the way home from work. This year because of some health troubles I didn't get to run my dogs but was talking to friends that have and they seem to agree that the population is having some trouble with over population. |
| I think bobcats, rabbits, coyotes, and furbearer should also be included in night hunting.  |
| I think cost is a big deal with hunting with thermals and if people are going to drop thousands of dollars on a night vision scope I think the permits need to be more expensive than the fur harvesting permit.  |
| I THINK EVERYTHING IS RUN PRETTY WELL   |

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| I THINK HUNTING COYOTES AT NIGHT IS A GREAT THING THE COYOTES AROUND HERE HAVE BEEN HUNTED SO MUCH WITH CALLS DURING THE DAY THEY ARE GETTING VERY SPOOKY WE HAVE A HUGE COYOTE PROBLEM.   |
| I think if there is talk about hunting with night vision then it needs to be limited to thermal only. Can't see antlers with thermal so it wouldn't help out the poachers or opportunistic poachers.   |
| I THINK IF YOU DO THIS MAY HAVE ALOT MORE POACHING GOING ON  |
| I THINK POACHING WILL BE A BIG ISSUE IF ALLOWED TO PURSUE GAME AT NIGHT  |
| I think the legalization of hunting coyotes at night with thermals would be a good move for the state of Kansas. It would allow the coyote population to be better managed.  |
| I think the state needs to inform the overwhelming amount of "out of state" leasers or owners of deer hunting property the importance of trapping raccoons, coyote, and bobcat to keep a healthy population. A lot of out of state leasers or owners do not truly realize the impact that the overpopulation of raccoon can cause outside of their lease or property.  |
| I think the tagging of swift fox should be done away with. I see more of them driving home at night than I do coyotes. Seems like an unnecessary step to harvest.  |
| I think the use of thermal and night vision would be a great addition to our hunting laws. Believe that their should be a law implemented that you are to put a paper or tag of some kind from your mirror while hunting. So any law enforcement could see that their was someone hunting. Would help eliminate confusion.   |
| I think there is getting to be quite a few more coyotes around in the last 5 years or so, at least from what I have personally witnessed. I'm concerned this would have a negative affect on the pheasant & quail population. I don't know of anybody trapping them anymore, so night hunting them would be a good option. Maybe night hunting raccoon would be an option also, seems to be a lot more of them too. Those two would be the only wildlife that I would feel ethical about shooting at night. Thank you.   |
| I think there should be no hunting at night with lights during any big game season. We don't need to give poachers an excuse!  |
| I think we do need to control coyotes population better!!! The older I get the more I hate a leg hold trap. It would help the deer population because the whitetail is low!!!  |
| I THINK WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CALL COYOTES AT NIGHT SO THEY CAN BE THINED OUT   |
| I think we should try to find a way to get the number of furbears under control. Far less trappers now than 15 years ago. From what I see and almost everyone I've talked to, almost all furbear numbers are high, which many believe has a big impact on our turkeys and upland birds. Maybe try something like South Dakota did with paying a person for each furbear they harvested? Wish there was a magic answer. I'm on the fence about using lights for coyotes. I would definitely do it, but I'm concerned with the lack of game wardens around. Poaching is already a problem, and I feel this potentially would add to it. Maybe that is why it would only be legal with shotguns? I'd recommend a higher price like \$100 or more. I'd like to know why the need to keep tagging bobcats? With the lack of game wardens, it has become a pain for both the wardens and hunters to try and schedule times to meet to get tagged. Especially if shooting/trapping multiple bobcats a year. It becomes quite a process. Thank You for what you do and for the survey! |
| I think you are opening an out for poaching light after dark night vision, thermal imaging equipment they rich can afford these pieces of equipment I can't It will bring a lot of people out just looking around  |
| I trap and hunt furbearers primaray because I am a livestock producer. Nighttime harvesting of specifically coyotes would tremendously help our casualty rate among young calves. Even if by special permit.   |
| I truly appreciate the survey over nighthunting. It's very clear to me hunting at night without one is dangerous! Snow or not.   |
| I was building a house for most of the season so only had a short time to hunt/trap. For spot lights my fear if it was only for coyotes then u would have some accidental bobcat and fox shooting just because it might be hard to tell the difference. The gun restraint would be shotgun is safer bit I think u should allow atleast rim fires as well.  |
| I was wondering if it would be a good idea if I could shoot 1 coon the week for my dogs (pups) during running season? Just wondering.  |
| I wasn't able to do much this year but the animals are there so I think management is working.   |
| I wish there was a bounty for coon tails and possums to helpout the turkey nesting and get people back out and trapping again. Night hunting would help with the coyotes. maybe have a class to take befor everone starts doing it. Safty first.   |
| I wish we could hunt on federal managed land for coyotes. Even if it was after January 1st.  |
| I wondred if it would be Possible to have a year round open season with one coon a night limit?  |
| I would be in favor of a relocation program for otters into our river systems-Smoky, Saline, Arkansas. It would be a great time to get some moved with low trapping pressure and low fur prices.   |
| I would be in favor of using night vision for coyotes but I believe this would encourage more deer poaching if allowed to happen   |
| I would hope that night hunting for coyotes would be allowed year round. Also I would like to see night hunting allowed during the fur harvester season for racoon.  |
| I would like more specific information on otters and there range and population. I've been very interested in trapping for them...   |
| I would like the night hunting for the ranchers. That is what I think the permit should be for and the land around the ranchers (with the land owners permission). Thank you for your consideration! (Name withheld)   |
| I would like to be able to call and harvest any fur bearer that I called in during the night with lights and or night vision or thermal. I would be happy to just be able to use artificial light at night.  |
| I would like to be able to hunt coyotes at night using night vision or thermal. That would be interesting. However by not allowing this on public or walk in propertys would make it impossible for hunters such as myself who depends on these properties for a place to hunt. Due to not having private land available.  |
| I would like to hunt all fur at night.i believe this is a better way and should strongly be considered. My family raise sheep and we have had a heck of a time calling and trapping coyotes during the day.at night the coyotes are all over and not as on edge we have alot of hunting and calling pressure around here.it would be nice to be able to harvest a cat or two when the opportunity was available.to me any way to control coyotes is a good thing although fur was up a little for coyotes this year I don't believe prices will remain up and hunting and trapping will decline.it will be important to maintain a suitable level of coyotes   |
| I would like to know why you have to take a bobcat etc to a game warden for tagging, before selling. You should get tags when you purchase trapping license waste of gas to meet game warden.  |

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| I would like to see "Walk in Hunting" areas open to trapping after January 1 and close the bird hunting/small game season/waterfowl season on those properties. That would give Trappers a 31 day season on those properties for "Trapping Only". I would also like to see the bird season/small game season/waterfowl season close on January 15th on all other public lands till the end of the normal trapping season which is February 15th. This would provide Trappers a 31 day season on those properties as well. Also these areas need to be close to people walking dogs during these time frames. These areas are not "Dog Parks" but that is what they are turning into. This would ultimately get more people back into trapping which we desperately need. A lot of people depend on public lands to trap and don't have access to private property. This would give Trappers time to trap on Public Lands and Walk in Hunting areas without confrontation with other people and would be more fair to all people not just a few. I also would not want these areas open to out of state people for trapping. |
| I WOULD LIKE TO SEE A SEASON ON COYOTES, OCT. 1- FEB 28. THESE COYOTES ARE BEING HUNTED RELENTLESSLY 24/7, 365 DAYS A YEAR, WITH PROBABLY HALF OF THEM THROWN IN THE DITCH. I'VE CALLED COYOTES FOR 45 YEARS AND SEEN NUMBERS GONE DOWN. I KNOW THEY HAVE THE ABILITY TO REGULATE LITTER SIZE, ETC, ETC. BUT IT ONLY TOOK 12 YEARS TO WIPE OUT 62 MILLION BUFFALOE. THERE IS ALREADY A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF PEOPLE NIGHT HUNTING, DON'T WANT IT!  |
| I would like to see badger season fun as long as the beaver and otter seasons   |
| I would like to see coon season run year round with a 2 coon per night limit. It would be beneficial to us guys starting hound pups in the summer   |
| I would like to see coons & bobcats included in with coyotes for night hunting  |
| I would like to see hunting at night for coyotes and other furbearers with the use of thermal imaging or lights become legal in Kansas.   |
| I would like to see hunting at night legal with lights, night vision etc. But only from Feb. 1st. through June. By permits only. If I need to explain why my reasoning why I want it this way call me. (phone & e-mail on file.)  |
| I would like to see night hunting for coyotes. I hunt coyotes to help farmers. I agree you have a night hunting season after all deer hunting is done. Thank you for considering night hunting  |
| I WOULD LIKE TO SEE RACCOON HUNTING YEAR AROUND LIKE COYOTE HUNTING. I GET MANY CALLS OF PEOPLE WANTING RACCOONS OUT OF THERE GARDENS, AND OUT OF THERE CORN FIELDS. DOESN'T DO ME MUCH GOOD TO TREE THEM THEN WALK AWAY.   |
| I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE HUNTING SEASON END BY JAN 31ST.   |
| I would like to see the law changed to include hunting beavers, badgers, etc. at night with lights, thermal or night vision that are destructive to personal property.  |
| I WOULD LIKE TO SOMETHING DONE OR TRIED TO STOP COYOTE HUNTERS WHO TRESPASS ON GROWING CROPS- WHEAT, HAY, ETC. MONTANA HAS A LAW ON GROWING CROPS USEING A VEHICAL, USEING COYOTE DOGS  |
| I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST RUN FURBEARERS AND TREE/KILL 1 RACCOON PER NIGHT FOR ENTIRE YEAR. OTHER THAN MARCH 30-JUNE 30 DUE TO BABY SEASON.   |
| I would love for you to legalize night hunting with light and/or night vision.  |
| I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO LEGALLY HUNT COYOTES AT NIGHT USING LIGHTS, NIGHT VISION AND THERMAL IMAGING. MY ONLY CONCERN WOULD BE PEOPLE POACHING DEER AT NIGHT, AND SAYING THEY WERE SHOOTING AT COYOTES IF STOPPED BY A WARDEN.   |
| I would not want to hunt coyote at night during the doe season. I believe that it would have a dramatic effect on the deer hunting during the day. However during the summer months I believe would be more productive.   |
| I would pay extra fees to be able to hunt coyotes and bobcats at night. I would probably hunt on average four to five nights per year is all and definitely on private land.  |
| I would really like to be able to coyote hunt at night with light. Would give a working man alot more time to hunt them. Thanks   |
| I would really like to see the night hunting opened up even if you have to get a tag  |
| I would say make less coyote hunting restrictions. They are overpopulated and cause damage to local wildlife and herd management.   |
| I would strongly support night hunting coyotes and furbearers with lights, thermal and night vision!  |
| I would strongly support night hunting for Bobcats also the same as I would for Coyotes. Seeing more of them all of the time.   |
| I would support night vision hunting but as a landowner I would like a qualifying class to obtain a licence as to not mistake your prey   |
| I would support residents being able to hunt with lights or thermal but not out of state people coming in. I feel to many other animals will be taken.  |
| I would very much like to see lights and night optics used for coyotes allowed in kansas like in other states.  |
| I'm all for night hunting but I think it should be shotguns only. I'd also like the permit to be more along the lines of what the normal fur harvester license cost. Also I'd like for there to be some sort of check-in deal where people fill out where they're going and what times. I think that would keep people more honest if they knew that you guys knew where they were throughout the night. Thank you for finally considering and going forward with this  |
| I'm being overwhelmed with coyotes in the evening and at night, this would help control them for my family, dogs, livestock.  |
| I'm impressed by the limited season to help reduce illegal taking of deer. I don't agree with limiting night hunting to shotguns only. Rifles have there place in coyote hunting. I think landowner/ game enforcement relations should be improved to curb illegal activity and response to landowners call's should be promptly investigated.  |
| I'd like to see the season run from the end of regular firearms deer season through mid March.  |
| If coyotes can be hunted year around why put a season the night hunting! I would like to see longer check period on kill trap such as snares, conibear and drowning water sets. I'm ok with the 24 hour on land sets. I would love to see statistics if there are ever otters in Sedgwick co. I would 100% be after them but I don't feel like there are any.   |
| If I had a concern about legalizing hunting coyotes using lights it would be that it leads to poaching. On the flip side I think coyote population growth is hurting our deer and turkey population so they need to be culled.  |
| If night time hunting is allowed for coyotes, it should be legal for raccoons too. And allow rifles as well. Just during a limited season is a good idea though.  |
| If the division is really interested in increasing predator harvest, how about lowering the nonresident license fee. Tie it to fur prices somehow, when the price of fur comes back up then raise the fee back to where it is.  |
| If the KSDWPT legalize lites it should be for call at a stationary sight on the ground or back of stationary pickup NOT driving around in fields. Use of Eltc. or mouth call only siting still for the sport & fun NOT DRIVING . I love to call coyotes at night.   |
| If they allow coyote hunting at night they need to push the season back after deer shed their antlers or close to end of feb so people don't use this as a time to shoot deer at night. Will be hard to monitor or enforce.   |

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| If they approve night hunting, I definitely favor WIHA ground being allowed. With all the out-of-staters and landowners that lease up/out ground, kinda need the WIHA's.   |
| If we need to check in with the check in application make it so if I lock in at 9pm one day I don't have to check out at 12am and then clock back in because I hunted a little longer.   |
| If you legal night vision to hunt coyotes, there will be more deer killed at night.  |
| If you legalize night hunting your deer poaching is going to increase dramatically in my opinion   |
| <b>IF YOU SHOOT COYOTES AT GROUND LEVEL AT NIGHT YOU ARE LIKELY TO SHOOT COWS LAYING DOWN THAT YOU CAN NOT SEE</b>   |
| I'm a farmer and rancher who trap cyncotes to protect my cows and still lost over 5 baby calves in one pasture because of coyotes that is why I would like to see night hunting legal  |
| I'm all for the coyote hunting at night with lights or night vision but we gotta do something about the guys who chase coyote with grey hounds it's not right and extremely unethical torturing coyotes with 6 grey hounds tearing it apart so much that fur buyers wont even buy them so chasers have no choice to throw coyotes away I would think that would fall under want and waste. I understand coyotes need to be controlled with no other predators for them but come on its wrong and they ruin it for everyone I have been told no to calling coyotes to many times because they chasers drive across ground they aint supposed to   |
| I'm concerned the abuse/potential for abuse of night hunting outweighs the benefits and opportunity.   |
| I'm not sure about your survey. I trapped for a week starting Jan 3, 2019. So I assume my trapping season was 2018-2019. Why did I receive this survey?  |
| I'm not sure what the benefit is of the need to tag bobcats? This will not increase not decrease the amount of cats in general in the state, nor the amount of cat hunters or trappers.  |
| I'm still pushing for 48 hour check law  |
| I'm sure the concern with using night vision is that they will be used for poaching deer. But don't focus on something very few will do and probably do anyway. The vast majority will follow the law and should not be restricted or penalized because of a very few. It is very popular in Texas, although they do have hogs.  |
| In areas where opossum and coons are numerous there are few quails or pheasants. I wished I could shoot them in archery deer season with my .22 short pistol like I do during fur season. In some areas they were thick this year.   |
| In light of data breaches around the world, You really need to improve your authentication mechanism on the kansas outdoors website. Validating a person's identity purely by data that is often compromised (driver license, ssn, etc.) is VERY insecure. You should have at least username and password and preferably multi-factor authentication. Personally identifiable information should ONLY be used for verifications in circumstances like password resets or recovering from losing multi-factor devices. It would be very easy for a malicious person who has compromised information to authenticate on the website and gain access to existing licenses, purchase new ones, etc.  |
| Coyotes are a big problem where I live and I am very concerned about these and other predators affecting my future livestock. They are as big a problem as feral hogs are in TX. Thermal and night vision are by far the most effective and safest tools to use to properly identify a predator species in the dark. Given that coyotes are active nocturnal hunters, the ability to defend and care for my investments in animals is a critical priority for me. If nothing else this should be a given right for land owners of ANY size like myself in rural areas (county).  |
| In regards to hunting at night, right now it's legal for someone to hunt coyotes at night but with no artificial light. There are people that hunt with the moonlight which is not safe. I'd rather they just had a light. Also, this would eliminate problems with ranchers having to ask permission before taking care of predator problems in their herds. This could eliminate some pretty ridiculous laws we have in place for hound hunters. The first year or two may be chaotic for law enforcement but I think in time it would become just another option for our sportsman. The night hunting violators will be there regardless.   |
| In regards to the night hunting on public or WIHA ground, most of what I hunt on is my in-laws to help with predation on calves which they put majority of ground into WIHA back in 14' or 15'. I can see the concern of having a bunch of people coming in the night to call specifically for the reason of not knowing the area. Right now with the current laws they can still go out and do it by moon light, which to me as well as others I know is more likely to cause a problem than if a person is using night vision or artificial lights. My suggestion would be to leave it up to landowner when they are putting the ground into the program or renewing it, if they want night hunting allowed on the ground that they have enrolled. As far as weapons go just using shotguns seems like you would have a lot more wounded animals from people trying to shoot to far or not getting pellets hitting in a fatal area on the coyote/bobcat. Again the current laws do not restrict weapon choice and while there may not be very many people that take advantage of it and it's not possible to go out and do every night using lights or other optics would be much safer than the current laws and hunters would still know that there is a house or other structure or cows beyond or in the sight line of the target animal. I feel there would be a large number of people take advantage of the new law more so with center fire rifles than shotguns and could help in coyote population control better than just day calling or moon light calling. |
| In response to question 21 & 22. I would love the opportunity to hunt at night but would also be just as worried about some people that would use the endeavor to poach deer.  |
| <b>IT IS GETTING HARD TO FIND A PLACE TO COON HUNT IN EASTERN KANSAS. WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE A LIST OF PEOPLE THAT ARE WILLING TO LET SOMEONE HUNT. MAYBE FOR A NUISANCE LIST FOR COON.</b>   |
| It is getting harder to trap if you don't own land. The season should run till the end of March.   |
| <b>IT SPOTLIGHTING IS LEGALIZED I THINK DEER POACHING WOULD GREATLY INCREASE. IT WOULD GIVE THE POACHERS ANOTHER EXCUSE TO GET OUT OF A FINE. POACHING IS BAD ENOUGH NOW.</b>  |
| It would be great if we could hunt coyotes with lights and thermal imaging. Make it happen!  |
| It would be nice to open up the federal ground for coyotes,bobcat, Coon hunting. This would slow down the turkey declines and provide more spots to hunt/trap.   |
| It would be nice to see raccoons added to the list of animals you could hunt at night with a light.  |
| <b>IT WOULD BE NICE TO START TRAPPING EARLIER THAN SEASON STARTS BECAUSE FURBEARS AND COYOTE PESTER AND DESTROY THINGS THAT WE NEED TO RAISE A HEALTHY HERD! THANK YOU!</b>  |
| It's going to increase poaching deer. A local was caught red handed and got a slap on the wrist somebody is going to have to make consequences that matter or this will make it terrible and there will be bad conflicts with land owners.   |
| Item 21-22 Big Cal. guns not used. And you should surport the coonhunter more. Great sport for younger people  |
| I've been a coon hunter with dogs since I was young, just not heathy to hunt but still have one dog left, night lights only for that- Thanks   |
| <b>I'VE HUNTED ON LACYGNE WA, WHEN I CALL IN THEIR PHONES NEVER WORK RIGHT. I CALL THE NEXT MORNING TO GET IT STRAIGHTEND OUT (BAD)</b>  |
| <b>WOULD LIKE TO SEE RACCOON SEASON OPEN TIL LAST FEBRUARY. AS IM OLDER I'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO USE A LASER SIGHT TO SHOOT OUT RACCOONS. THANK YOU.</b>   |

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| I've used a thermal and NV while hunting hogs in Texas, but that type of hunting is needed down there. If Kansas had a hog problem like that, I would definitely support night hunting. I've seen the damage hogs do to crop fields and pastures.   |
| I think our coyote population can be controlled through day hunting. Legal night hunting would increase deer poaching in my opinion. Most deer hunters have had coyotes mess up a hunt, but they do take care of and clean up sick and wounded animals, so they are necessary.  |
| Just a thought on the night coyote hunting, I strongly support hunting of coyotes at night using lights. I know some states that allow it restrict the color of lights used to red or green and I feel that is a good thing. Just something else to consider.   |
| Just did not get going this year for some reason.   |
| Just didn't have the time to do it as much as planned. I only trapped on my personal property this last season.   |
| JUST HOPE THEY ARE TRUE HUNTERS AND ONLY HUNT COYOTES.  |
| Kansas has been doing things right for years and mainly do a lot of upland bird but just recently started predator hunting. Great walk in access and habitat have made it enjoyable to hunt in the state of Kansas. Keep the great cover for years to come. Thanks  |
| Kdwp just asking to get more poaching at night it would get coon hunting a bad rap thanks you for asking  |
| KDWPT needs to implement a part-time law enforcement officer program like many police and sheriff's departments already have to help reduce the strain on our wardens. These dedicated people are stretched thin and in many cases required to work extra hours to attempt to cover their multi-county jurisdictions. Many times our deputies handle wildlife calls because our warden is so overloaded that he can only focus on the worst violations. Part-time or reserve officers would be able to handle the smaller crimes and do more routine patrols and have more exposure for the department. Our local sheriff's department has a great part-time deputy program that has dedicated individuals that work enormous amounts of hours yearly and they do it for free, only getting paid if they are called in by the department. Our wardens deserve some help from people who are dedicated to our fish and wildlife and are willing to dedicate their time and energy. |
| LEGALIZATION OF LIGHTS FOR HUNTING COYOTE'S AT NIGHT. THERE WAY OVER POPULATED & THEY KEEP KILLING ALL MY CHICKENS OFF & I HAVE SEEN MORE COYOTE'S CHASEING DEER AROUND WAY MORE THAN EVER IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.   |
| LEGALIZATION OF NIGHT PREDATORS WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA AND WOULD HELP MYSELF AND MANY OTHERS WHO ALSO PREDATOR CONTROL FOR FARMERS AND RANCHERS.   |
| Legalize night hunting for coyotes w/lights, night vision, or thermal.  |
| Legalize night hunting with lights or night vision  |
| Legalize night hunting with lights, night vision, and thermal imaging; for furbearers and varmints.   |
| Legalize night vision or thermal hunting in Kansas for coyotes!   |
| Legalize nightvision in Ks. charge people yearly for permits, that keeps track of who specifically is using thermal/night vision.   |
| LEGALIZING LIGHTS WOULD BE OK<br>NIGHT VISION AND THERMAL IS CHEATING   |
| LEGALIZING QUESTION 21 WOULD ONLY OPEN DOORS FOR POACHING OTHER WILDLIFE WITH LIGHTS AND NIGHT VISION, BUT USE THE EXCUSE OF ONLY HUNTING COYOTES WHEN CAUGHT.  |
| Let people kill one coon a nite in the summer like Oklahoma to many coons.  |
| LIGHT HUNTING- TOO MANY HUNTER WILL TAKE OTHER SPEC. THAT NOT LEGAL   |
| LIGHTS AND NIGHT VISION IS GOING TO INCREASE POACHING OF OTHER ANIMALS- I.E. DEER.  |
| Limit hunt leases to a single season not for a whole year   |
| Losing a lot of ground due to outfitters  |
| Lower the cost of nonresident fur harvesting permit   |
| Make coon year round they need thinned out. If you got guys out there at night "hunting coyotes" with night vision there's going to be a lot of poachers hitting the woods and killing big bucks. Not a good idea.  |
| Make it illegal for out of state deer hunters to shoot coyotes and bobcats. Many are shooting coyotes for sport and leaving them to rot.  |
| MAKE RACCOON AND OPOSSUM TRAPPING LEGAL DURING TURKEY NESTING SEASON SO RACCOONS AND OPOSSUMS DON'T GET TO AS MANY TURKEY NESTS   |
| Make stealing of the catches and traps have the maximum punishment under the law  |
| More liberal means of taking fur bearers to help increase the population of upland birds  |
| More public land, there is not much private land to be had due to leasing to deer hunters.  |
| My biggest concern with legalizing lights for coyote hunting is making it easier for poachers to shoot deer. That's why I supported not allowing lights while hunting from a vehicle. That is also why I supported a season for that but it seems a little unnecessary to have it closed during archery deer season. I would be super enthused if it was legalized altho I have concerns  |
| My biggest concern would be with the use of centerfire rifles at night. With visibility being low after dark not being able to see as far beyond the target could pose danger to rural homes and familys. And thank you for all your time in managing our wildlife.   |
| My biggest concerns for legalizing night hunting is the animals are very likely going to be harder to hunt even during daytime plus numbers will get drastically reduced. Night hunting i feel like is kinda cheating, but a lot of bow hunters think rifle hunting is cheating too. I'm torn on this subject honestly  |
| MY CONCERN WITH THE NIGHT HUNTING WITH LIGHTS IS THE PROBLEM WITH DEER POACHING. IF HUNTING AT NIGHT IS ALLOWED, IT SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED DURING DEER FIREARMS SEASON FOR SURE. WOULD LIKE TO SEE A POSSIBLE BOUNTY ON COYOTE, COON AND SKUNK TO REDUCE NUMBERS. I KNOW THIS WOULD BE AMMO FOR THE ANIMAL RIGHTS PEOPLE, BUT THERE IS ANOTHER STATE THAT DOES THIS AND I THINK IT WORKS.  |
| MY DEALER SAID I COULD NOT RENEW MY FURHARVESTING LISCENSE BEFORE THE OLD ONE EXPIRED. I DON'T LIKE THAT.....   |
| My only concern is that the deer poaching will increase if this were the become a law!  |
| My only reservation to night hunting of coyotes is that it would increase or make poaching of deer easier, this putting a greater burden on local game wardens & LEO.   |

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| <p>My partner and I called (mouth calls only) and hunted coyotes back in the '70's when only a handful of hunters called. Now everyone and his grandma thinks they are predator callers because they have electronics. Well they have educated a lot of coyotes! It's no wonder my numbers are zero every year. We only use shotguns so that makes it a tad bit tougher, but more exciting. As far as night hunting you see I am conservative. I believe night hunting has it's benefits, but SAFETY has got to be the key. I know how excited night hunting can be, but it can make a guy do dumb careless acts during the moment of excitement. You can easily forget what might be behind your target. Unfortunately many of our younger hunters have not received disciplines in life that help control actions during stress or excitement. I feel I can speak from a position of authority because of my own carelessness and mis-interruption of information (during a low visability day-time hunting event) that resulted in a hunting accident that nearly caused the death of my best friend. This is serious stuff!<br/>I do feel there should perhaps be a provision for using artificial lights for problem pests on your own property ie. rabbits, pack rats etc. Thanks for allowing a spot to document why we chose our answers.</p> |
| <p>My purpose for trapping was to control coyotes. They did a lot of damage to farmers watermelon patch (truck garden) also hampered my deer season. Coyotes found my 1st deer before I did ( 1hour) started eating on rump.</p>  |
| <p>My questions are: I am a landowner and owner of a cow herd and a avid outdoors man. What happens when the wrong species gets killed because of a existed hunter. Bobcat, deer my cows. I am also a head coach and shooting sports instructor at my gun range. We always teach to look beyond target at night you can't see homes. Farm steads ect. I just don't think this is neccessarily a wise thing to do for enjoyment. thanks for you consideration.</p>   |
| <p>Need a bounty on opossum. They are getting out of control.</p>   |
| <p>Need for some one available to buy raw furs to encourage others to harvest fur management of furbearers.</p>   |
| <p>Need more wardens less Park Rangers</p>  |
| <p>Need to open raccoon trapping all year to help bring turkeys back in southeast Kansas</p>  |
| <p>Need to open up the fur market some how</p>  |
| <p>Night hunt for locals only NOT OUTFITTERS- they take too much already. The only good thing about the China virus is NO OUTSTATERS</p>  |
| <p>Night hunting coyote would be a great way to help keep them off the farmers cattle. Just hope it would be closed during deer season. Thanks for all your hard work!</p>  |
| <p>NIGHT HUNTING EQUIPMENT WOULD DEFINITELY HELP WITH PREDATOR CONTROL!</p>   |
| <p>NIGHT HUNTING FOR CALLING COYOTE "YES"</p>   |
| <p>NIGHT HUNTING FOR COYOTES NEEDS TO BE LEGAL, CALVING SEASON WAS ROUGH THIS YEAR.</p>   |
| <p>Night hunting is a move in the wrong direction if made legal. Landowners &amp; public need to be surveyed not just hunters! Keep the current regulations for trapping &amp; hunting furbearers &amp; coyotes the same. They work and are excepted as is- by Kansans. I'm 100% opposed to hunting at night with lights.</p>   |
| <p>Night hunting is a safety problem- other hunters &amp; trappers walking in to hunting areas to set up (duck hunters, trappers) in low light or dark are at risk.</p>   |
| <p>NIGHT HUNTING IS TOO DANGEROUS</p>   |
| <p>NIGHT HUNTING STRONGLY OPPOSE FOR COYOTES, DEFINITELY WOULD FOR COONS. I AM A RACCOON HUNTER!</p>  |
| <p>Night hunting thoughts: I think the term should be predator hunting which would include bobcats. I think it should be the same as fur season. I think any legal firearm should be allowed. I think KDWP worries way to much about illegal deer take with night hunting. Anybody so inclined is doing it already and night hunting is going to change their behavior!!!!!!</p>  |
| <p>Night hunting with lights for coon made legal. There are too many in my area. I do not trap but would hunt them at night.</p>  |
| <p>NIGHT HUNTING WITH LIGHTS FOR COYOTES, ALSO INCLUDE COONS. RACCOON SEASON NEEDS TO BE OPENED YEAR AROUND LIKE COYOTES</p>  |
| <p>Night hunting with lights makes it easy for deer poachers to abuse the law. I strongly oppose this as it's easy enough to control coyotes during daylight hours by hunting or trapping.</p>  |
| <p>NIGHT HUNTING WITH LIGHTS WOULD OPEN THE FLOOD GATES FOR SPOTLIGHTING</p>  |
| <p>NIGHT HUNTING WOULD REALLY HELP TO CONTROL COYOTES. I'VE HUNTED AT NIGHT UNDER FULL MOON HAD CHANCES AT ALOT OF COYOTES BUT VERY DIFFICULT TO KILL DUE TO VISION.</p>  |
| <p>NO LIGHTS FOR NIGHT HUNTING. THE COYOTES IN MY AREA HAVE BEEN HIT HARD BY "HUNTERS" THAT SHOOT THE BRUSH AND SURROUND THEM WITH TRUCKS AND SHOTGUNS. WE DON'T EVEN HEAR COYOTES ANYMORE. PLUS PEOPLE WILL BE SPOTLIGHTING DEER AND ANYTHING ELSE WHILE "NIGHT COYOTE HUNTING" PLEASE DO NOT LEGALIZE IT. I DID NOT NOT HAVE TIME TO TRAP OR HUNT THIS YEAR HOPE TO NEXT YEAR.</p>  |
| <p>No night hunting during any open deer season or during calying season. Road hunters are bad enough during day time hours much less at night.</p>   |
| <p>No night hunting for coyotes, too many reckless hunters that wouldn't care about what is beyond the coyote they are shooting at. I'm a rancher and if I ever have one of my beef killed from an idiot night hunting I will be pissed off and you better be ready to catch em before I do. Nowadays most hunters have semi automatic rifles with 30 round clips and shoot till the rounds are gone or the coyotes dead. They just don't care!</p>   |
| <p>NO NIGHT HUNTING OPEN A BIG CAN OF WORMS</p>   |
| <p>Not a good season in my area, but enjoyed every day. Be trapping for 50 years and you guys have always done an excellent job managing our fur harvester research, and seasons open and close dates.</p>  |
| <p>Not really a Furbearer issue, but we need to eliminate baiting for all game animals in KS. It's not hunting in any sense of the word. Thanks Matt, hope all is well bud!</p>   |
| <p>On night hunting - I'd like to be able to take a bobcat or fox if they came in at night. Why the season Jan 1 thru Mar 31? Other states have allowed this for some time but I am sure that if we get it, the first few years there will be lots of 'poaching' calls until landowners and the public get used to it. I can also see an increase in poaching of deer if we allow this - that concerns me too. There are a few of my friends who would like to be able to hunt/kill coons off deer corn piles at night - I get quite a few comments and pictures about dozens of coons on corn piles cleaning up the deer corn before the deer get a chance but they don't want anyone trapping then for fear of spooking all their big deer. By the time deer season is over, the coons have dispersed by the time we are allowed to trap.</p>   |
| <p>ON THE NIGHT VISION CONCEPT WOULD LIKE TO NOT HAVE IT ALLOWED DURING RIFLE DEER SASON, REGULAR.</p>  |
| <p>On the possibility of hunting with lights at night: please consider fur quality of species allowed. If only coyote, fur quality drastically decreases in the proposed months in the survey of Jan-Mar. I would like to see bobcats also legalized to hunt at night, which would be better suited for the Jan-Mar timeframe.</p>  |
| <p>On the subject of coyote hunting with lights at night...I am strongly opposed to it if it is done before or during the deer firearms season. I operate a hunting business and have enough trouble with poaching as it is. After the first of January I would support it until late spring. We need more help catching poachers and trespassers, including deer and turkey.</p>   |

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| On the subject of hunting coyotes at night with lights, if you do that it opens the door for trouble. We already have trouble with people poaching deer with lights and that would create more trouble. Besides, you can't see where your bullet is going in the dark. A true hunter wants to see his prey coming. A lot of people that support this shoot AR's and just want to kill something we are already short of game wardens and that would make them a lot more work. Thanks!  |
| One of the safety principal for hunting/shooting is know what is beyond your target. This can not be done with the limited view of lights or night vision equipment.  |
| Only time I shot a coyote was during calving season 6 total   |
| OPEN BOBCAT SEASON EARLIER.   |
| open opossum & skunk all year   |
| Open up the season on Otters. And allow the harvesting of raccoons year around.   |
| OTTERS ARE EATING ALL THE FISH ON PRIVATE WATERS. ACTION NEEDS TO BE TAKEN BY THE STATE. PRIVATE CITIZENS SPEND \$ ON STOCKING FISH. STATE INTRODUCES OTTERS WHY. (name/phone # withheld)   |
| OUR FEES ARE RISING. I AM 59 YEARS OLD AND THINK THAT SOME OF THE INCREASE SHOULD HELP MAINTAIN RIVER BOAT RAMPS ON THE MARAIS DES CYGNE WA AND OTHER ACCESS POINTS ON OUR MANY RIVERS  |
| Personally lights for coyotes at night would be fun. BUT professionally it would be a pain.   |
| Please allow a limited amount of raccoon to be harvested year round to train young dogs, etc. They can be eaten, also we are overrun with raccoons,- eating wild turkey, wood duck, & quail eggs. Farmer's chickens etc.  |
| PLEASE COME TO OUR HOUSE AND CATCH THE BADGER DIGGING IN OUR LAWN.  |
| Please consider a no vote on night hunting coyotes, our ever increasing population growth out of city limits is greatly putting the general population at risk. We need no more stray bullets flying through the country.   |
| PLEASE CONSIDER EXTENDING BOBCAT SEASON THROUGH THE END OF FEB. CATS ARE VERY PRIME AT THIS TIME. ALSO CONSIDER NOT OPENING BOBCAT SEASON UNTIL DEC. 1ST.   |
| PLEASE consider lifting season on raccoons, skunks and oppsum. These nest raiders are super detremental to our gamebird populations!  |
| Please do not legalize night hunting with lights for coyotes. Its just asking for deer poaching. I am a furharvester but i am a bowhunter first. Trespassing is a huge issue with coon hunters. Not sure how coon hunting is legal with the trespassing it requires. Thank you.   |
| Please join Kansas Fur Harvesters Association if your trapping or hunting fur. Have a great day.  |
| Please open the beaver season year around like some other states so it's a little easier to control their numbers.  |
| PLEASE WORK ON FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO RISE THE PRICE OF OUR FUR SALES MARKET!!!   |
| POACHING DEER WOULD BE MY ONLY CONCERN WITH NIGHT HUNTING.  |
| Population of otter is rapidly growing. I believe Douglas Jefferson and Johnson County should be included in the five otter limit. It took me four days with four traps to catch my two and while trapping coyotes along (withheld) Creek in Douglas County I saw six more in approx 8 days . That trapping activity was in Leavenworth County on one spot of (withheld) Creek. 2 have been killed on 10 highway in Johnson County in the past year and I've been asked to look at dead fish on one Lake where they owner believed it was otter because he was seeing them daily.   |
| Put a bounty on raccoons, & skunks this will help with depressed fur prices thus helping control population due to increased trapping.  |
| Question #21. As a son of a farmer/rancher hunting coyotes only with the aid of such equipment I agee with  |
| Quit turning loose varmints like otters! They are terrible to ponds and fish!   |
| Raccoons sick! Coyotes mangy!   |
| Ran coyotes with hounds on horseback. Night hunting opens more doors to deer poaching at night & livestock deaths from stray high velocity long range bullets. We ranchers lose enough!   |
| RANCHERS ARE HAVING ISSUES WITH COYOTES AND FOXES KILLING LIVESTOCK- (CALVES, LAMBS, CHICKENS) THE COYOTES ONLY MOVE @ NIGHT!! THEY HAVE BECOME HIGHLY EDUCATED!!!  |
| Ranchers suffer big losses at times from coyotes. Allowing night hunting with good optics and rifle would greatly help . I have trapped as many as 25 coyotes off one small ranch in a week!! There are problem areas that need to be managed and this night hunting would be a great tool to have available. We need to use all methods to protect property. Just one calf if it can survive till Fall is nearly 1000 dollars!! Some ranchers lose as many as a dozen or more from a pair of mated coyotes killing for the pups in spring. Yes night hunting could be done just as safely as coon hunting with rifle at night.   |
| Really appreciate you looking into the thermal night hunts. Would like to see rifle use also. No light but thermal for rifle.   |
| Really appreciate you raising the limit on otters. I will be 65 next year and i wish you had a lifetime trapping license for over 65 like you do for fishing and hunting. Besides that, we have a great state to hunt, fish, and trap. Thanks for all you do. (name withheld)   |
| Really hope to see the night hunting get legalized. Even if it is only for coyotes it would be great.   |
| Regarding night hunting, I would strongly support rimfire firearms and archery equipment included in legal equipment. Strongly support a season after the deer seasons have ended. Strongly support private land only. Strongly support a fee/permit in order to participate. Strongly support an iSportsman style check-in to let law enforcement know what area night hunters would be in and what nights they would be there.  |
| REGARDING QUESTION #21.... i WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS ACTIVITY CLOSED DURING FIREARMS DEER SEASON.  |
| Regarding the hunting at night questions, i regularly, given the correct circumstances for opportunity, hunt coyotes during the night with a full moon and snow on the ground. I strongly feel having a season where it would be legal to use light enhancing scopes, thermal imaging, or spotlights, would be very beneficial to help with predator control. Many states have successfully implemented laws to allow hunters the use of these tools to hunt during the night. I urge you to look closely at the states that currently allow night hunting and gather data that could be used to implement the same laws in Kansas. Thank you.  |
| See entirely too many coyotes already hunted for sport let alone trapped. Seems like such a waste even if it is a nuisance animal. Allowing lighted hunting at night in my opinion will create entirely too many issues created by irresponsible hunters. Most people know little to nothing about the ground they are allowed to hunt coyotes besides there is coyotes there. Livestock, connecting properties, houses, and roadways can be well overlooked when granted permission of hunting coyotes. Another big topic here is dealing with out of staters that very well think they own half the world when they are staying at their deer leases and hear a gunshot at night. Coon hunting with dogs is a long lost cause during deer season anymore because a dog doesnt know where the property line lies. Hope any info i provided helps. Good luck. |
| should not have to buy a special permit to hunt at night if you can hunt them during the day without a permit.  |

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| SORRY I DIDN'T COMPLETE IT ONLINE IN TIME.  |
| Spotlighting coons and coyotes should be considered as we have a huge population destroying crops, decreasing upland birds.   |
| Stop letting people run coyotes before one of us that enjoy calling get killed that would be great Thanks   |
| Strongly feel night hunting coyotes would get my coon hounds shot. This would be a big mistake coyote are not the problem. We have had spring floods always hurts turkey population. Might even get me shot!  |
| Suggestion- legalize .410 or 20 gauge for coon hunting at night the rounds won't go far and is less likely to do damage or hurt or kill someone on the other side of the mile section.  |
| Sure wish we had more opportunity to take out raccoons on private lands, as per longer seasons. (The upland bird biologist) has said nest predation could be one of the reasons turkey numbers are struggling in most units. You've opposed longer seasons because hides aren't prime or worth much. They aren't worth much, anyway.  |
| TAKE OPOSSUM AND SKUNK OFF FUREBEARER LIST AND POSSUBLY EVEN PUT BOUNTY ON THEM. THEY ARE DEVISTATING EGGS  |
| Thank you   |
| Thank you for allowing us from out of state to come enjoy Kansas. CO (name withheld) is a pleasure to deal with getting my cats cited. Thanks again, (name withheld).   |
| Thank you for conducting this survey.   |
| THANK YOU FOR CONSIDERING NIGHT HUNTING   |
| Thank you for letting me participate in this survey.  |
| THANK YOU FOR MAKING IT EASY TO CHECK IN AND PROVIDING INFO WHEN NEEDED.  |
| Thank you for managing our furbearer in a responsible and professional manner.  |
| Thank you for putting out surveys   |
| Thank you for taking the time to survey the population on this. Couple suggestions: Coyotes/Bobcats—Hunting pressure is at an all time high with lower predator numbers across the state. Called 25-30 days this year and shot 35 vs 67 coyotes and 3 bobcats in 2018/19. More guys trapping, calling and chasing with vehicles than ever before, please don't forget that predators are a resource and not a pest and need to have some sort of protection to keep numbers healthy. Suggestion-No night hunting (dangerous and already hunting depleted population). Only allow coyotes to be shot during furharvester season when pelts are worth money. Don't waste the animal. Police the "dog and pickup runners". 3 different times they were caught trespassing on private property and not ticketed/or punished. I have no problem with them running provided they are held to the same laws that I am when calling or trapping. Thanks again! (name withheld)  |
| THANK YOU!  |
| Thanks for asking re: coyotes. It seems better than some of the crazy hunts from years past from vehicles...though perhaps private land. Although I am usually not even able to hunt)due to arthritis/back problems... but one has to have hope, and the KDWPT can use the fees wisely. Thanks!   |
| Thanks for protecting our interests!  |
| Thanks for providing us an opportunity to hunt in Kansas.   |
| Thanks for seeking our input. Very user-friendly format. I trapped this year for the first time in a while due to greatly increased numbers of raccoons and possums. The raccoons especially are very hard on my buildings and equipment. Thanks.   |
| Thanks for the opportunity of this survey, my trapping season was pretty mild just a way to spend more time with the kids outdoors and help out some neighbors with beaver issues, with that being said, beaver meat has become a delicacy in our home friends and family who don't know any better think we're crazy. I wanted to include we only harvested two of the 18 possum's for the pelts I'd listed in the survey above the other 16 we let go due to they supposedly eat venomous snakes and ticks which either of I care for. & The night hunt option for yotes option, would be a fun adventure and rush of calling in predators after dark but, my family & I would be scared to be out after dark if there's no restrictions like shotguns only involved. SE Kan has to many rural homes for highpower rifles to be going off after dark in the hands of some who'd only be out for a killing spree and not seeing! and possibly even not caring what's down range of their position. Hopefully you won't take this as negative feedback and just my concern for safety. Thanks again (name withheld) |
| Thanks for the work. I rarely trap but get the license to support kdwp.   |
| Thankyou for continuing to grant us the opportunity to harvest furbearers. Even though I did not participate this year. I am grateful to have the opportunity to do it if I wish.   |
| The coyote contests are out of control in my area. I think the number should be drastically reduced if not ended all together. If they continue I think game wardens should be in attendance at check in.   |
| The coyote population is getting out of control. We needed to be able to hunt or call them at night   |
| The coyote population seems to be growing faster than anyone can hunt them. It's hard to keep a new born calves alive by the time a chore has tried attacking them.   |
| The coyotes are getting so educated to calling in the day time that it is hard to control coyotes hunting in daytime only.  |
| The coyotes population is high and makes total sence to hunt at night like most state already allow. Kansas is way behind on hunting at night, this would help other wildlife populations.  |
| THE DEPARTMENT IS DOING A GOOD JOB. THEY SHOULD OPEN STATE LAKE PROPERTY FOR SHOTGUN COYOTE HUNTING.  |
| The light subject is long overdue! Thank you!!! I have farm animals and have lost several to the varmits.   |
| The night hunting question on set dares is ludicrous. I know your trying to protect the deer. Let be real if someone going to poach it doesn't matter if it legal, wrong, day, night. They are still going to do it. Don't penalize the honest people because of the unjust. My opinion is this should have been made legal long ago.   |
| THE NUMBERS OF ALL FURBEARER CONTINUE TO GROW. THANK YOU.   |
| THE ONLY COMMENT I HAVE ON HUNTING WITH LIGHTS IS IF IT IS LEGALIZED NEW SAFTY GUIDLINES FOR YOUTH IN HUNTER SAFTY CORSES.  |
| The only drawback to the season suggested is fur will not be as top quality<br>If moved earlier, I do see the problems that could arise from people tempted to take other animals   |
| The only issue I have against hunting at night with night vision or lights of some sort is poaching. It seems as if we already have issues on this subject. I dont want a season because most coyote hunting i do is during the summer months. On a side note. Night vision goggles, scopes, and thermal imagery are extremely expensive. Not everyone would be able to afford night vision anyway so most people would be limited to a light of some sort which would make it difficult to some degree.  |
| The only problem I see with night hunting is the hunters cannot see what is beyound his target at night, cattle, buildings, farm equipment ect.   |
| The only thing I have to say is the prices of raccoon   |



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| THE PROBLEM WITH LEGALIZED HUNTING WITH LIGHTS IS THAT MOST PEOPLE WILL NOT LIMIT THEMSELVES TO JUST COYOTES. THERE IS NO WAY TO CONTROL THAT, ITS JUST HUMAN NATURE. I REALLY SEE THAT OPTION CAUSING MORE ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS.   |
| The reason that I strongly oppose a required permit is that many ranchers have lost calves to coyotes and should not be required to buy a permit to protect their cattle.   |
| The way the law is now that coyotes can be hunted at night with no use of light is highly highly dangerous. With todays technology and the advancements in thermal and night vision it would be beneficial and safer.   |
| The way the survey reads you wouldn't be able to use a light even when using dogs to hunt at night and that is a major issue for me. I would rather not see rifles aloud at night because I use hounds to hunt and don't want to see any accidents because someone thinks my dog looks like a coyote. That being said it's already happening in the state because retailers like bass pro and Cabela's sell thermals and lights and people assume since they can buy it in the state that makes it legal. |
| There are a lot of coyotes coons opossum skunks out their it would be good to get people wanting to harvest some not just when the price of fur is up.  |
| There are a lot of otters showing up all over. I have ponds in several counties that all had otters appear on them this year.   |
| There is a big otter problem in SE Kansas. It has begun to effect fish populations and will get worse.  |
| there is no value in the sell of raccoon fur any more. the only benefit is to train our dogs. I would like for Kansas to move to Oklahoma and Arkansas laws concerning hunting raccoon. All year around we can harvest a coon for dog training purpose. Hunters do not kill every coon that is treed course we want plenty around for dog training.   |
| there needs to be something done to encourage more fur trapping (raccoons ) need to be managed without relying on fur prices alone.   |
| thermal hunting at night would be a great addition to taking coyotes and i feel it could help the overpopulation problems more. if you could hunt them 24 hours a day there would obviously be more time for people to go and possibly take more coyotes. im not saying it would be for everyone but im sure the farmers and ranchers would appreciate it   |
| Thermal lighting only....no white lights for the night hunts  |
| Things are getting expensive and trapping is getting tougher due to anti pressure. Please don't make it harder or more expensive on the sportsman as it's tough enough as is.   |
| Think your doing well it is the fur price that keep everyone but the diehards from trapping. I was still traveling with work and hard to set traps then be gone a couple days a week.   |
| To many coyotes, I lost a cow & newborn calf last March (2019) I don't know if it was a pack of coyotes or a cougar, I think cougar. I marked moderate because some people should not even be alled to hunt in daylight. they need to know lay of the land, what livestock & houses are beyond what they are shooting at, ect...  |
| Too many a-holes will be shooting deer if light hunting were allowed. This already is a big enough problem. I don't know who's brilliant idea it was to allow any centerfire rifle to be used for deer, stupid a- idea.   |
| Too many coyotes. Need to include coons also.   |
| TOO MANY SKUNKS, OPOSSUMS, RACOONS AND ARMADILAS THATS WHY THE TURKEY POPULATION IS GOING DOWN BECAUSE THEY EAT ALL THE EGGS.   |
| Trapped to get rid of predators. Quail killers. Only sold 2 coons & 3 coyotes. Not worth much especially coons. Trashed all other catches opossum, skunk, coon, etc. (Used 220 conabear, #3 Foothold & Live Traps.)   |
| Trump 2020us  |
| Upland bird and turkey populations are down we need a year round open season on coons, skunks & opossum. do a \$5 bounty on nest predators like South Dakota does.  |
| USING ARTIFICIAL LIGHT SHOULD BE LEGAL FOR COYOTES. NOT ENOUGH PEOPLE SUCCESSFULLY HUNT THEM NOW, IT WOULD GET MORE PEOPLE PURSUING THEM AND GIVE US BOZOS ON EDGE :-)  |
| Very interest in hunting coyotes at night Thank you   |
| WANT TO NIGHT HUNT COYOTES  |
| Was wondering why we can't coon hunt on wildlife refuge around Hartford Ks?   |
| WE APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK KDWP TRY TO ENFORCE RULES OF HUNTING AND FISHING, I HAVE ASSISTED WITH HUNTER EDUCATION FOR OVER 20 YEARS AND HAVE A STRONG INTREST IN OUR KANSAS WILDLIFE.   |
| We are overrun with pests(skunks, coons, coyotes, possums etc.) which is what I believe to be the biggest reason our game bird and deer populations are down, I strongly support any measure to curb the critters.  |
| we caught two beaver left off totals i think  |
| We have a poaching problem in my area, and not enough is being done about it, it will only get worse if night vision, lights are legal to use to hunt coyote, stop catering to every special interest group that wants changes our laws are good were there at, thank you.  |
| We have a ranch with about 200 head of cattle. Today march 23 we are about half way thru calving season, we have lost 3 calves and the neighbor has lost 5 to coyotes. I hunt alot and they are very wise this time of year. The legalization of artificial light or night vision/ thermal imaging optics would be a great asset to our herds saftey, if it were legalizied even if only for cattle owners or for the sole purpose of helping those who are.cattle owners. Thank you for listening        |
| WE HAVE PEOPLE HUNTING AT NIGHT NOW. WE DON'T NEED TO LEGALIZED IT. WE DON'T NEED MORE ROAD HUNTERS   |
| We have way too many coyotes out here when they can devour a 250 pound deer overnight there's a problem so hunting coyotes at night would sure help   |
| WE NEED MORE PUBLIC GROUND TO HUNT OUR COON DOGS. JUST TO KEEP DEER HUNTERS HAPPY, ITS REALLY HARD TO KEEP PEACE OUTHERE HUNTING AT NIGHT HUNTING COYOTES AT NITE IS DEFINATLY A NO FOR ME. POACHERS WILL BE LEGAL TO KILL EVERYTHING.  |
| We NEED to be abel to hunt night. Big packs of coyotes chasing deer, hurt our deer season on several occasions running deer. Way out of control. Rabbits are gone. bird hunts sparse Night hunting wood be great!!  |
| WE NEED TO EDUCATE PEPOLE ABOUT SCIENCE & POINT OUT HOW REDICULOUS THESE ANIMALS RIGHTS PEOPLE ARE.   |
| We need to keep the youth involed.  |
| WE NEED TO WORK ON DEER MANAGEMENT.THEY ARE OUT OF CONTROL.   |
| We really need to go reciprocal with Oklahoma. We pay \$500 to go down there, they pay \$250 to come up here. Might as well even it up somehow.   |

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| We really don't have time to hunt in day time even weekends. thats why we tried trapping. We really would like like night hunting because thats when we have the most time to hunt. During the day we work on a farm usually till late.  |
| We should notify adjacent landowners of our night hunting. Less calls to leo   |
| <b>WE SHOULDN'T HAVE TO HAVE A FURBEARER LICENSE TO SHOOT A BOBCAT DURING DEER SEASON.</b>   |
| We use to spotlight coyotes in the late 1960's so it would just be something I use to do years ago they had a \$2 bounty on a pair of ears back then too 🐾   |
| We were only targeting coyotes. Seemed like numbers were down. Still have a good population of cats. Just didn't trap because of prices. Let the female cat we caught go.  |
| We would really support the night hunting for coyotes and bobcats with artificial lights. We go up to Nebraska every now and then to do this (legal there) and it is a real thrill. I'm sure illegals would use this to take deer but they are gonna break the law no matter what. I feel if night hunting with artificial light was allowed....maybe a shorter season would work...like Dec. 10th to Jan. 31st or something similar.  |
| When are going to legalize lion hunting  |
| <b>WHEN I WAS A KID (I AM 68 NOW) YOU COULD HUNT COYOTE AT NIGHT. HAVE YOU EVER CALLED A BOBCAT IN THE DAY.</b>  |
| While I coyote hunt I'm not sure if night hunting them is good or bad. I see where you might have a problem with deer being poached. Also you will have some people that don't respect private/posted property during the day and stay off this ground I think at night it will only be worse. They will think it's ok now cause everyone is asleep.   |
| why are we still required to tag bobcats? I believe there is enough of a population that in Kansas there is no need to get a tag from the game warden after the fact. seems like more of a hassle than anything.   |
| Why can't we hunt other species at night with light (bobcat's) (fox) what caliber of gun makes a difference on question 21 -22   |
| Why in God's name do you not have any questions on what was trapped, conditions of animals weights numbers etc. You ask only about hunting with dogs and using lights for night shooting. What is wrong with you? Dogs running coons on my land is illegal as no one is allowed to trespass. Anyone requesting to use lights is trying to illegally poach. I am extremely disappointed with your efforts to manage and gain information on fur in Kansas. Maybe ask how taking egg eaters out of the population to help bump up Turkey and quail populations. How taking coyotes and bobcats to help recruit fawn populations. You know management items, not the items you put in the survey. Thank you for waisting my time, my money. Never send me a survey again.To think we pay your salary to do this low grade meaningless questions. Do your job. |
| why would you think you need to require a permit to hunt at night? you are over charging us for everything we hunt anyway.   |
| Wildlife & Parks might have to pay bounty on fur bearers that populate fast to slow sickness & disease- And to keep coon possum & skunks from eating bird eggs.  |
| Wish bobcats badger season was lengthened to mid March as they are late priming and still very marketable!   |
| <b>WITH FUR PRICES AT AN ALL TIME LOW, I FEEL LIKE WE NEED A NESTING PROTECTION PROGRAM LIKE SOUTH DAKOTA DID LAST YEAR. PAY LICENSE HOLDERS FOR TAILS OF RACCOONS, OPOSSUMS, AND SKUNKS. BIRD POPULATIONS ARE WAY DOWN DUE TO PREDATORS.</b>  |
| With the night hunting, I would suggest ending it by February 15th. Seems like beyond that date the coyotes start to breed and we as hunters don't want to eliminate them.   |
| Worried about deer taken with lights. No lights or dogs should run loose till deer season over. Dogs are hard on deer season if allowed to run loose.  |
| Worried with coyote thermal imaging other species would be harvested and using high powered rifles at night is not very safe. I would like conibear traps not to be allowed on public or walk in hunting areas. had a coondog killer by one. size 220  |
| would be opposed to any night hunting regulations affecting coon hunting with dogs   |
| Would like to be able to hunt coyotes at night with a light Thanks   |
| <b>WOULD LIKE TO CONTINUE TAKING A LOOK AT HARVESTING SOME RACCOONS DURING THE RUNNING SEASON, THERE ARE ALOT OF RACCOONS, MANY COMPLAINTS AND ALWAYS GETTING CALLS TO TRAP THEM ALL SUMMER LONG, I THINK WITH THE CURRENT SITUATION WITH THE TURKEY POPULATION IT WOULD ALSO BE BENIFICIAL TO THEIR POPULATION AS WELL. WOULD LIKE THE CONSIDERATION OF PUTTING THE 2 WEEKS CLOSED RUNNING SEASON AT THE END OF FEBRUARY ON AS OPEN TO RUNNING.</b>   |
| Would like to see the Muskrat season to run to the last of March ?   |
| Would like to see the night season only until last day of February or mid-March. As a furharvester, I can effectively manage most coyote depredation issues before mid-March. Possibly provide for only with approval from local Conservation Officer on case by case basis.   |
| Would like to see the otter limit increase! I didn't get to trap as much as I normally do but several people contacted me wanting to trap otters, becoming a nuisance as far as cleaning pond out of fish  |
| <b>WOULD LIKE TO TRAP FOR A LANDOWNER TO REMOVE NUISANCE COONS, COYOTES, SKUNKS</b>  |
| Yes I have trapped all my life but carried a full-time job but retirement is coming so I can trap full time. Thanks  |
| You guys do a great job. Better than any other states department of wildlife that I've delt with. Thanks for asking our opinions on major regulation changes.  |
| You guys do great! Thank you very much.  |
| You have a trapper's paradise lots of animals and birds to look at.  |
| You might try this on an older age group and see how this works. I think this would be a reasonable & practical practice.  |
| <b>YOUR CO S ARE THE BEST</b>  |

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