

2023-24 Furbearer Harvest Survey

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The Furbearer Harvest Survey (FHS) is conducted at the end of furharvesting season. Most years since 2001, 50-70% of the furharvester license holders from each of nine physiographic provinces in Kansas have been surveyed. Recipient names are randomly selected from an online database of all furharvester license buyers.

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

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

Beginning in 2018, licenses became valid for 365 days from date of purchase rather than for a calendar year. Furharvester licenses purchased from November 16, 2022 to March 31, 2024 were valid during the season for at least one day. There were 7879 of these licenses sold, and from them a sample of 3940 (50%) was selected. The online database contained e-mails for 3442 (87%) of these individuals. An initial e-mail was sent on April 8, 2024 containing a link to the survey and a request for participation. A reminder e-mail was sent to nonrespondents on April 12.

A single mailing consisting of a 2-page, 8.5"x11" paper survey (Appendix 1) was sent April 8 to furharvesters without an e-mail on file and April 22 to email nonrespondents. 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 46 new or 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.

A few extreme outlier harvest responses are removed from the results most years on the basis that they are likely inaccurate (data entry errors) or unique enough that their extrapolation to the population would inordinately increase harvest estimates. For common species where responses are generally normally distributed, those approximately twice or more than the second highest harvest may be excluded.

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

active). 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 158,171 user days in pursuit of furbearers, including 86,989 days trapping, 57,380 days hunting, and 13,802 days running. These figures represent a 4% increase in combined user days from the previous season. Average days afield by trappers, hunters, and runners was 32, 17 and 44, 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 2023 Small Game Hunter Activity Survey estimates total harvest by coyote hunters without a furharvester license. That data is not yet available, but coyote hunters far outnumber coyote trappers, and hunters account for most of the coyote harvest annually.

Historical furbearer harvest in Kansas based on the Furbearer Harvest Survey can be found in Table 6. This year, total furbearer harvest (157,823) was up 24% from last season.. Most notably, the estimated harvest of coyote, opossum, and skunk increased by over 3,200 each, and estimated raccoon harvest increased by over 18,000.

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. There were a lot of comments this year related to the night vision coyote season – primarily for but also against. (In response to these comments, a variety of complaints have arisen as a result of this season, and KDWP currently has no plans to expand it in any way.) There were also a lot of comments about extending the raccoon harvest season which was done after the completion of this survey. (Raccoon and opossum harvest season is now year-round with some limits on harvest outside the typical general season.). The special section of this survey and associated comments have significantly informed KDWPs regulations recommendations on these and other issues over the years, and we thank those who take the time to complete their survey and leave us their input.

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 | 3443 | 51 | 1017 | 30.0 |
| Paper survey | 2426 ^a | 62 | 582 | 24.6 |
| Total | 3940 | 16 ^b | 1599 | 40.7 |

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

^b Includes only those without a valid e-mail or mailing address.

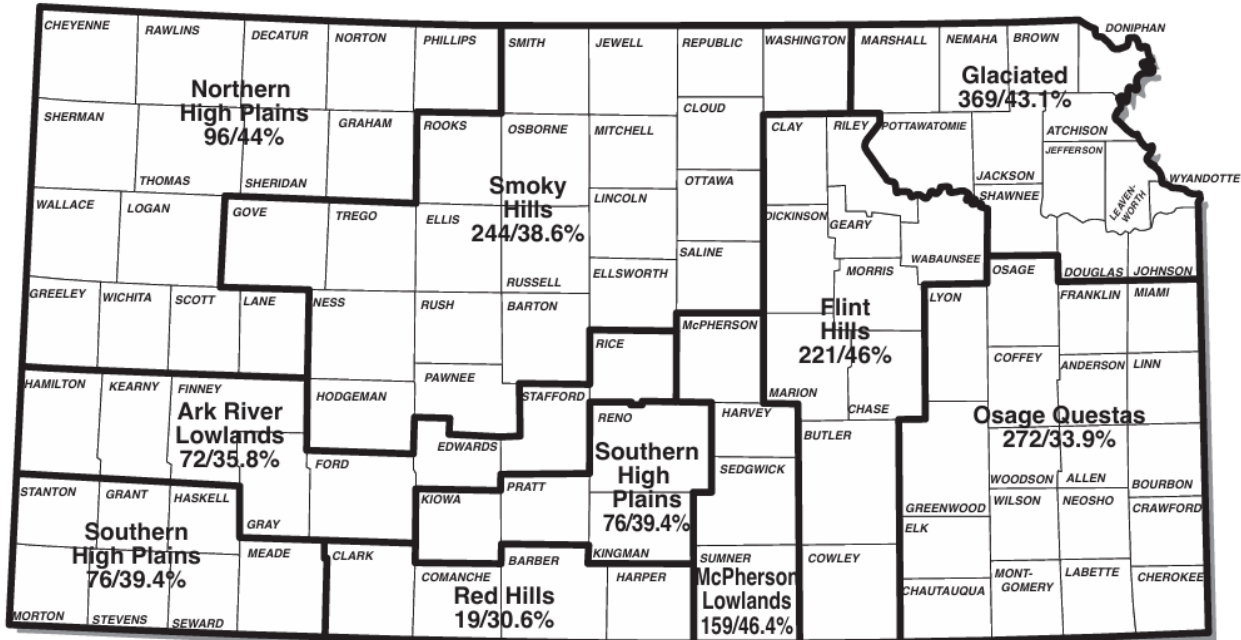


Figure 1. The number of survey respondents (number) and the response rate of furharvesters (percent) living within each physiographic province in Kansas. In addition, 71 nonresidents responded resulting in a 52% response rate that group.

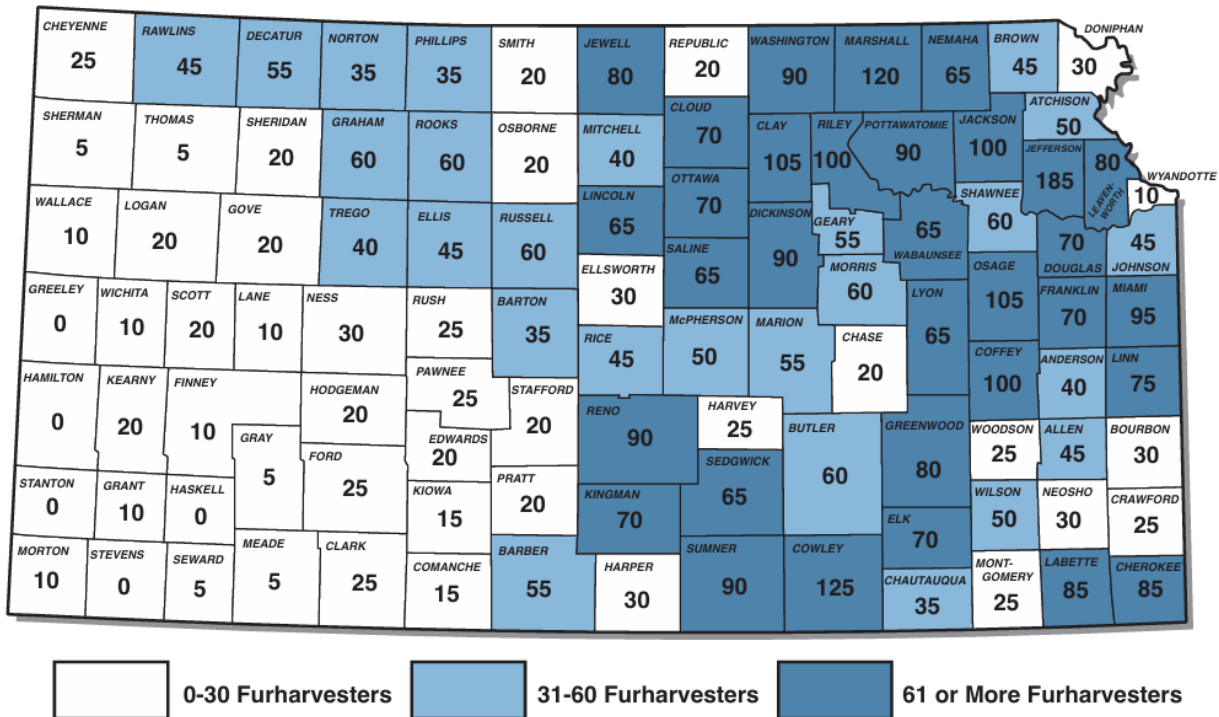


Figure 2. Estimated furharvester distribution in Kansas based on the county in which active survey respondents conducted most of their furharvesting activities.

Table 2. Estimated number and percent of 2023-24 season furharvester license holders (n=7686) who participated in various furharvesting activities.

| Activity | Number of Furharvesters | Percent of Furharvesters |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Inactive | 2247 | 37.3 |
| Trap only | 1171 | 19.4 |
| Hunt only | 1458 | 24.2 |
| Run only | 19 | 0.3 |
| Trap and hunt | 910 | 15.1 |
| Trap and run | 15 | 0.3 |
| Hunt and run | 174 | 2.9 |
| Trap, hunt and run | 34 | 0.6 |
| Total Participation | | |
| Total trappers | 2130 | 35.3 |
| Total hunters | 3575 | 42.7 |
| Total runners | 242 | 4.0 |

Table 3. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trappers in Kansas during the 2023-24 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 | 86 | 931 | 15 | 13.3 | 4.0 | 20 | 2.2 |
| Beaver | 160 | 6,716 | 28 | 6.2 | 10.8 | 61 | 8.5 |
| Bobcat | 247 | 3,282 | 44 | 9.6 | 2.5 | 38 | 2.7 |
| Coyote | 292 | 18,542 | 52 | 13.2 | 5.2 | 257 | 12.9 |
| Red Fox | 50 | 424 | 9 | 8.6 | 11.6 | 16 | 1.7 |
| Gray Fox | 5 | 44 | 1 | 6 | 0.0 | 4 | 1.8 |
| Swift Fox | 4 | 168 | 1 | 11.0 | 5.6 | 20 | 8.5 |
| Mink | 5 | 30 | 1 | 8.3 | 0.5 | 4 | 1.2 |
| Muskrat | 52 | 2,124 | 9 | 5.3 | 18.1 | 150 | 8.3 |
| Opossum | 314 | 16,403 | 56 | 9.4 | 21.0 | 110 | 10.6 |
| Otter | 48 | 621 | 9 | 4.7 | 9.6 | 17 | 2.6 |
| Raccoon | 476 | 49,260 | 84 | 11.8 | 20.6 | 523 | 21 |
| Skunk | 204 | 8,584 | 36 | 12.6 | 6.5 | 200 | 8.5 |
| Weasel | 4 | 5 | 1 | 5.5 | 0.3 | 1 | 0.3 |

Table 4. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for hunters in Kansas during the 2023-24 harvest season.

| Species | Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n) | Estimated Harvest | % of Hunters Who Pursued | Harvest/100 Days | Maximum Harvest | Ave Harvest/Hunter |
|-----------|------------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| Badger | 28 | 212 | 4 | 35.4 | 8 | 1.5 |
| Bobcat | 224 | 921 | 33 | 13.9 | 12 | 0.8 |
| Coyote | 563 | 27,106 | 83 | 67.8 | 155 | 9.8 |
| Red Fox | 18 | 84 | 3 | 19.5 | 5 | 0.9 |
| Gray Fox | 4 | 30 | 1 | unk | 5 | 1.5 |
| Swift Fox | 3 | 5 | 0 | unk | 1 | 0.3 |
| Opossum | 66 | 2,035 | 10 | 52.3 | 52 | 6.3 |
| Raccoon | 297 | 19,769 | 44 | 210.0 | 220 | 13.5 |
| Skunk | 34 | 527 | 5 | 38.4 | 15 | 3.2 |

Table 5. Treeing success, participation, and activity levels for furharvesters in Kansas during the 2023-24 running season.

| Species | Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n) | Estimated Take* | % of Runners Who Pursued | Take/100 Days* | Maximum Take* | Ave Take/Runner* |
|---------|------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------|------------------|
| Bobcat | 4 | 30 | 6 | 6.7 | 3 | 1.5 |
| Opossum | 5 | 237 | 8 | unk | 20 | 9.6 |
| Raccoon | 54 | 14,028 | 84 | 129.2 | 400 | 52.7 |

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

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

| Seasons | Badger | Beaver | Bobcat Tagging * | Bobcat | Coyote | Gray Fox | Red Fox | Swift Fox Tagging * | Swift Fox | Mink | Muskrat | Opossum | Otter Tagging* | Otter | Raccoon | Striped Skunk | Weasel |
|---------|--------|--------|------------------|--------|--------|----------|---------|---------------------|-----------|------|---------|---------|----------------|-------|---------|---------------|--------|
| 1969-70 | 311 | 8583 | | 373 | 9758 | 81 | 193 | | closed | 2189 | 43773 | 10452 | | | 63004 | 2466 | 28 |
| 1970-71 | | | | | | | | | closed | | | | | | | | |
| 1971-72 | | | | | | | | | closed | | | | | | | | |
| 1972-73 | 305 | 5178 | | 458 | 13385 | 102 | 508 | | closed | 1508 | 27828 | 11421 | | | 46101 | 3174 | 10 |
| 1973-74 | | | | | | | | | closed | | | | | | | | |
| 1974-75 | | | | | | | | | closed | | | | | | | | |
| 1975-76 | 1202 | 6484 | | 1454 | 30150 | 539 | 638 | | closed | 1875 | 51083 | 45994 | | | 102760 | 8703 | 25 |
| 1976-77 | | | | | | | | | closed | | | | | | | | |
| 1977-78 | 4054 | 5826 | | 1705 | 35138 | 141 | 703 | | closed | 1764 | 38167 | 45625 | | | 74731 | 9824 | |
| 1978-79 | 4530 | 5315 | 825 | 1705 | 50195 | 193 | 533 | | closed | 2192 | 36639 | 51156 | | | 101450 | 15184 | |
| 1979-80 | 5882 | 19140 | 1050 | 1955 | 51380 | 245 | 888 | | closed | 3378 | 75962 | 56937 | | | 133311 | 23297 | |
| 1980-81 | 2501 | 14939 | 1027 | 1966 | 35238 | 274 | 645 | | closed | 3304 | 59063 | 49741 | | | 94754 | 16495 | |
| 1981-82 | 2673 | 5440 | 882 | 1730 | 32310 | 171 | 672 | | closed | 2342 | 30703 | 59916 | | | 93823 | 15917 | |
| 1982-83 | 3708 | 7653 | 1014 | 1686 | 36526 | 247 | 795 | | 1163 | 3583 | 49528 | 58138 | | | 87425 | 11453 | |
| 1983-84 | 1754 | 8908 | 1334 | 2471 | 31466 | 93 | 1193 | | 740 | 1600 | 21791 | 19347 | | | 67042 | 4985 | |
| 1984-85 | 1774 | 11814 | 1869 | 3212 | 33066 | 122 | 876 | | 426 | 1937 | 24863 | 31142 | | | 108694 | 6806 | |
| 1985-86 | 1348 | 15543 | 1916 | 2837 | 34418 | 117 | 487 | | 314 | 1507 | 15241 | 30955 | | | 96708 | 6909 | |
| 1986-87 | 3009 | 14732 | 2720 | 4522 | 40999 | 107 | 961 | | 1161 | 2571 | 25561 | 59190 | | | 119488 | 10460 | 21 |
| 1987-88 | 2402 | 12474 | 3192 | 4805 | 41460 | 123 | 1113 | | 650 | 2619 | 33814 | 54714 | | | 118878 | 8847 | 23 |
| 1988-89 | 1417 | 13989 | 2878 | 4492 | 25387 | 235 | 672 | | 442 | 1545 | 22822 | 24117 | | | 72028 | 4233 | 5 |
| 1989-90 | 476 | 9607 | 1560 | 2482 | 15314 | 30 | 462 | | 264 | 630 | 7114 | 9775 | | | 38274 | 2043 | 4 |
| 1990-91 | 442 | 5214 | 1409 | 1694 | 11968 | 34 | 242 | | 76 | 423 | 4083 | 5493 | | | 27137 | 1258 | 0 |
| 1991-92 | 571 | 5429 | 2043 | 2453 | 15941 | 77 | 509 | | 93 | 713 | 3043 | 12427 | | | 43977 | 3576 | 0 |
| 1992-93 | 687 | 3044 | 1618 | 2307 | 16076 | 59 | 328 | | 64 | 252 | 2115 | 8101 | | | 33710 | 3125 | 2 |
| 1993-94 | 649 | 5288 | 2413 | 2900 | 16595 | 55 | 731 | | 73 | 368 | 2571 | 12727 | | | 48203 | 2610 | 146 |
| 1994-95 | 781 | 12123 | 3590 | 5352 | 17022 | 204 | 1003 | 48 | 34 | 746 | 6215 | 19692 | | | 64951 | 4131 | 9 |
| 1995-96 | 522 | 8089 | 3020 | 3932 | 14009 | 99 | 753 | 33 | 45 | 291 | 3598 | 16120 | | | 58600 | 2877 | 2 |
| 1996-97 | 874 | 10653 | 4296 | 7041 | 19794 | 179 | 1232 | 33 | 144 | 473 | 5451 | 29980 | | | 93190 | 8065 | 40 |
| 1997-98 | 876 | 13337 | 3347 | 6233 | 14398 | 71 | 823 | 17 | 25 | 718 | 9679 | 49437 | | | 108727 | 9323 | 101 |
| 1998-99 | 958 | 8606 | 2385 | 3938 | 12125 | 152 | 490 | 7 | 15 | 419 | 7445 | 26512 | | | 71709 | 6375 | 107 |
| 1999-00 | 451 | 8845 | 2121 | 3578 | 11920 | 191 | 455 | 5 | 0 | 257 | 7252 | 13051 | | | 51307 | 3887 | 11 |
| 2000-01 | 1094 | 9388 | 2731 | 4018 | 15054 | 97 | 559 | 6 | 24 | 164 | 3964 | 14294 | | | 56143 | 5460 | 0 |
| 2001-02 | 434 | 9617 | 3597 | 5286 | 15329 | 35 | 584 | 32 | 0 | 180 | 3348 | 17080 | | | 72918 | 5559 | 0 |
| 2002-03 | 910 | 7716 | 5054 | 6521 | 18577 | 62 | 578 | 86 | 203 | 246 | 4596 | 32595 | | | 79538 | 10255 | 0 |
| 2003-04 | 1760 | 7250 | 5963 | 9654 | 25407 | 64 | 625 | 178 | 470 | 303 | 2823 | 42125 | | | 94506 | 10952 | 40 |
| 2004-05 | 1469 | 7737 | 5353 | 7062 | 23322 | 140 | 783 | 86 | 129 | 230 | 4845 | 43356 | | | 84132 | 10910 | 0 |
| 2005-06 | 1312 | 7186 | 6021 | 7458 | 21861 | 89 | 459 | 58 | 135 | 206 | 5733 | 38909 | | | 66458 | 12730 | 3 |
| 2006-07 | 1882 | 11028 | 7234 | 9998 | 32494 | 179 | 774 | 70 | 309 | 439 | 8150 | 46965 | | | 87241 | 15583 | 0 |
| 2007-08 | 2020 | 6658 | 5668 | 9381 | 29305 | 84 | 976 | 65 | 136 | 209 | 5120 | 51138 | | | 93687 | 17669 | 4 |
| 2008-09 | 1619 | 6855 | 4080 | 5944 | 27100 | 84 | 707 | 98 | 27 | 177 | 5767 | 46113 | | | 85061 | 16748 | 0 |
| 2009-10 | 1109 | 4572 | 1944 | 3210 | 21554 | 67 | 426 | 39 | 130 | 179 | 5681 | 18763 | | | 41355 | 7384 | 0 |
| 2010-11 | 1898 | 9774 | 4809 | 8098 | 39152 | 43 | 988 | 43 | 126 | 371 | 15193 | 48296 | | | 97858 | 12755 | 5 |
| 2011-12 | 1591 | 9191 | 5918 | 7412 | 36460 | 54 | 732 | 113 | 325 | 210 | 8282 | 43758 | 127 | 139 | 101924 | 14060 | 8 |
| 2012-13 | 2017 | 9535 | 5926 | 8164 | 52681 | 90 | 898 | 246 | 620 | 225 | 5396 | 43844 | 128 | 196 | 121514 | 17553 | 0 |
| 2013-14 | 1661 | 8063 | 4990 | 7431 | 41694 | 51 | 838 | 239 | 252 | 154 | 5590 | 46584 | 158 | 175 | 117069 | 16101 | 5 |
| 2014-15 | 1794 | 7146 | 3044 | 4353 | 48444 | 18 | 801 | 151 | 349 | 235 | 9129 | 43138 | 169 | 216 | 93437 | 13022 | 0 |
| 2015-16 | 1602 | 6262 | 2319 | 3882 | 44124 | 55 | 427 | 75 | 100 | 226 | 5228 | 24538 | 115 | 186 | 51250 | 9994 | 0 |
| 2016-17 | 1014 | 3987 | 2563 | 3500 | 36269 | 0 | 391 | 35 | 105 | 100 | 6094 | 19836 | 132 | 187 | 39708 | 5929 | 0 |
| 2017-18 | 1122 | 4459 | 3900 | 4935 | 47499 | 12 | 512 | 93 | 142 | 98 | 5411 | 18442 | 167 | 197 | 38746 | 5187 | 0 |
| 2018-19 | 1406 | 6776 | 3065 | 4955 | 53657 | 5 | 507 | 62 | 65 | 293 | 7530 | 19359 | 128 | 284 | 39370 | 5588 | 5 |
| 2019-20 | 1619 | 5627 | 2933 | 4598 | 63441 | 12 | 571 | 149 | 410 | 39 | 3586 | 15477 | 179 | 296 | 49649 | 6553 | 0 |
| 2020-21 | 2328 | 6944 | 2454 | 3755 | 60043 | 7 | 649 | 144 | 409 | 307 | 5039 | 12611 | 179 | 437 | 39758 | 5735 | 0 |
| 2021-22 | 1103 | 6110 | 2384 | 4565 | 51087 | 0 | 330 | 37 | 127 | 25 | 2987 | 11838 | 202 | 433 | 44816 | 4838 | 0 |
| 2022-23 | 948 | 4990 | 2569 | 4147 | 42138 | 9 | 751 | 59 | 133 | 78 | 2362 | 14846 | 298 | 490 | 50936 | 5891 | 9 |
| 2023-24 | 1143 | 6716 | | 4203 | 45648 | 74 | 508 | | 173 | 30 | 2124 | 18438 | | 621 | 69029 | 9111 | 5 |

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 ownership and use of fur products. This year’s special section inquired about reasons why one participates in furharvesting.

Respondents were given a list of possible motivations for furharvesting and asked how important each was “as a reason why you furharvest.” Options included nature appreciation, wildlife management, personal achievement, lifestyle orientation, animal control, use of wildlife, and to barter or trade. The full description of each option can be found Appendix 1 on page 11.

Responses are found in Table 7, and the mean response for each potential motive is found in Figure 3. Compared to similar surveys from the past, nature appreciation remains among the strongest motivation for participants. However, the importance of wildlife management and animal control have risen from a secondary factor in the past to among the most important now. In addition, use of wildlife – obtaining pelts, meat, or other products to sell or use – has declined significantly in importance. These results tend to reflect the general support expressed by furharvesters on several different issues for longer seasons, expanded equipment options, and a general emphasis on the need for management of furbearers.

Table 7. Importance of potential motivations for furharvesting by Kansas furharvesters (n=970).

| | Wildlife mgmt | Nature appreciation | Animal control | Lifestyle orientation | Personal achievement | Use of wildlife | Barter/trade |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|----------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Not at all important | 15 | 19 | 32 | 45 | 90 | 250 | 531 |
| Slightly important | 29 | 36 | 74 | 54 | 121 | 205 | 160 |
| Mod. important | 103 | 178 | 145 | 217 | 304 | 236 | 150 |
| Very important | 279 | 359 | 286 | 343 | 268 | 156 | 69 |
| Extremely important | 544 | 372 | 430 | 307 | 179 | 115 | 45 |

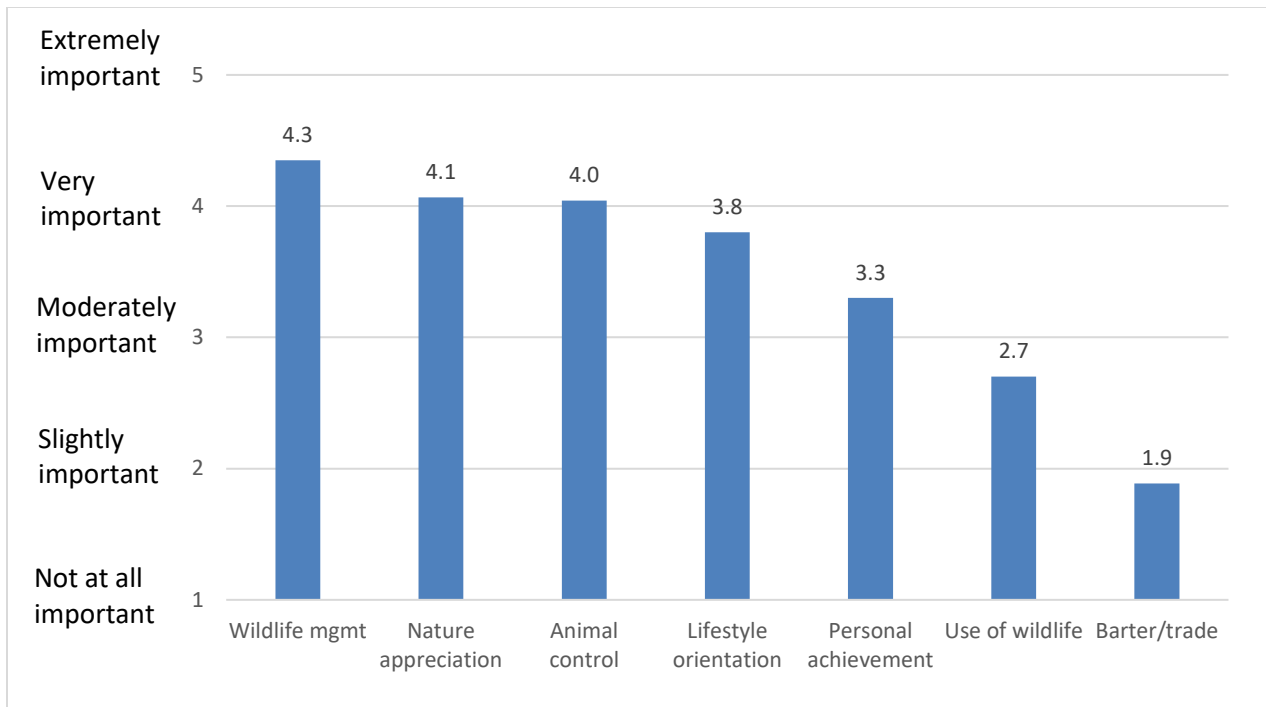


Figure 3. Mean importance of potential motivations for furharvesting by Kansas furharvesters (n=970).

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Appendix 1.

Paper Version of the
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Your ID: KDWP #

Dear name,
address
city, state zip

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.col.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_e3CIYzRp7jI0udE.

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

Matt Peek, KDWP furbearer biologist

Instructions:

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

1. Did you hunt or trap furbearers in Kansas during the 2023-24 season, or did you run furbearers with dogs during the running season in 2023?

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

2. In which county did you do most of your furharvesting in 2023-24? _____

3. Did you **TRAP** for furbearers in Kansas during the 2023-24 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 2023-24 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 2023-24 season? *The trapping season was 107 days (Nov 18-Feb 29) for all furbearers except beaver and otter, which were 138 days (Nov 18-Mar 31).*

Total days: _____

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

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

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

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

8. Did you set traps specifically for BEAVER?

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

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

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

9. Did you set traps specifically for OTTER?

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

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

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

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

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

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

| |
|-----------------------|
| Red fox: _____ days |
| Gray fox: _____ days |
| Swift fox: _____ days |

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

| |
|------------------------|
| Red fox: _____ traps |
| Gray fox: _____ traps |
| Swift fox: _____ traps |

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

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

Muskrat: _____ days

Mink: _____ days

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

Muskrat: _____ traps

Mink: _____ traps

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

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

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

13. Did you HUNT for furbearers or coyotes in Kansas during the 2023-24 season?
 Yes No (If no, skip to question 17.)

14. How many of each did you harvest by HUNTING in Kansas during the 2023-24 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 2023-24 season? (*maximum 107 days; Nov 18-Feb 29*).

Total days: _____ (must be from 1 to 107 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 2023 running season (Mar 1-Nov 8, 2023)?
 Yes No (If no, skip to question 21.)

18. How many of each did you "tree" during the 2023 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 2023 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 – Furharvesting motivations

21. How important are each of the following as a reason why you furharvest? (Circle one choice for each.)

| Potential motivation for furharvesting | Not at all important | Slightly important | Moderately important | Very important | Extremely important |
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| a. Nature appreciation (such as to spend time outdoors and connect with nature) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| b. Wildlife management (for example, removing predators to promote game species) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| c. Personal achievement (to do something challenging or test my outdoor skill and ability) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| d. Lifestyle orientation (to continue an important part of my outdoor lifestyle or participate in an outdoor activity that's important to me) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| e. Animal control (to address property damage or remove problem wildlife) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| f. Use of wildlife (to obtain pelts, meat, or other products I sell or use myself) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| g. Barter/trade (meaning I trap for others in exchange for land access or some other product or service, or I barter/trade the pelts themselves) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

24. 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: _____

25. 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
2023-24 Furbearer Harvest Survey

| Comments |
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| 2 day check on all lethal set traps |
| A needed activity for control of population in some areas for the survival of other animals who are prey or compete for habitat that is reduced as well. Why I thought I might do some furbearer hunting or trapping this year but didn't get the opportunity to do so due to work commitments. |
| Allow a longer night vision season for coyotes. |
| Allow a permit to spotlight coon on property leased or owned. I could solve a lot of the turkey problem in my area with a permit. |
| Allow raccoons to be shot during light & infrared season to slow down on egg destruction of quail & turkeys |
| Allow shooting coons at night while coyote calling. I had several coons walk up and try and damage my call and there wasn't anything I could do about it. |
| Allow shooting coons with thermals during the coyote season. |
| Allow the harvest of coon, skunk, opossum and bobcats at night. |
| Allow thermal devices for the entire season. |
| Allow trapping year round for nest predators. I have seen significant improvement in pheasant/quail population in the areas I have trapped throughout the years. Year round would be beneficial. Rooks Co. turkey numbers are way down and I think this would help. Maybe allow bobcats to be trapped also with a monthly limit? |
| Although I did not get the chance to trap this year due to hunting in Missouri and visiting family on the weekends. I will be doing so in the following seasons. I would like to know more information sooner on the potential of hunting coons all year round now. That would be a huge benefit to me so I can start trapping before turkey season starts when I am at the properties I hunt do improvements to the land anyway. I know you could never trap enough coons to get the population down but I would like to think it helps getting rid of some before the hens start laying eggs. |
| As hard as I pushed this year for coyotes, coons, and bobcats you can thank me for not making a single dent in the population reduction for any animal. |
| Back surgery so unable to trap |
| Because of my feet and legs have a hard time getting up & down. I turned 75 years old in Feb 2024. In 2023 after deer season, had to work on our hunting blinds and getting things ready for turkey season. |
| Better increase otter limits. They are exploding in eastern Kansas. |
| Bobcats are a problem. Please allow a longer season. My area also had several mountain lion sightings with cubs |
| Bounty on raccoons for youth 18 and under. |
| Bounty on raccoons is needed since fur market doesn't exist. |
| bounties on predators would increase small game and turkey populations , i never see or hear quail anymore way too many hawks and owls and i dont know anyone who gets prairie chickens anymore. with furs not hardly sellable anymore people need incentives to remove excess amounts of predators |
| Bring back bounties for raccoons and nest raiders of game birds. |
| Broke a couple of ribs in the middle of October, didn't really put a lot of effort into trapping this year. |
| Can we get a 5 year license like hunting and fishing? |
| Consider a bounty on the species that are predating turkey nests. I saw this work to great effect in PA for foxes in the 1960's. |
| "Coons are over populated and should not need a furbearer license . We are worried about turkeys then don't do much to |
| Encourage killing the problem predators " |
| could we have a longer night vision season? thanks |
| Coyote populations are horrible in the 50years I have archery hunted deer I have never seen such a problem. I am very discouraged with this problem. |
| Dear State of Kansas - I have trapped for 30 years. Bought a license every year since I was 16. I am 43 now. I believe that night hunting scopes are very bad for our animals the coyote population is next to nothing - Tell me the night hunter are not shooting deer as well - worst ideas you people ever had. Get rid of thermal scopes. It's not fair to coyotes in Woodson county I went all winter and saw one coyote. All the guys with them that's a want & waste. Worst idea the state ever had and I am a beef producer as well!! Just shoot and leave lay!!! |
| Did not trap this year |
| Didn't trap this last year because weather was not conducive |
| Didn't furharvest was sick in-out hospital |
| Didn't have enough time to trap |
| Didn't take the time this year, had some medical issues, but sure missed the time in the field. |
| Do away with hunting coyotes with trucks and dogs. Or make a season for just that. |
| Do away with night vision coyote hunting, and coyote hunting competition, 90% waste what they shoot, I've found piles of dead coyotes after such events, if allowed make sure the fur is sold, or utilized, |
| DO AWAY WITH NIGHT VISION HUNTING I'm SURE OTHER ANIMALS BESIDES COYOTES ARE TAKEN I KNOW COYOTES AREN'T CLASSIFIED AS FUR BEARERS BUT BOBCATES ARE...ALSO WHY DON'T THE STATE OFFER A LOWER RATE LIFE TIME FUR HARVESTER LISCENES FOR ANYONE OVER 65 LIKE THE HUNTING AND FISHING...THAT WOULD BE APPRECIATE |
| Do away with Thermal season. |
| "Do something to encourage trapping and hunting of nest predators like has been done for coyotes. |
| Kansas should pride itself on upland bird hunting again and we're losing it faster than we think. Farming practices aren't helping either but we can do our part on nest predators. " |
| Do to the fact that Im an out of state landowner and trap several surrounding properties to control predators which are damaging all of the game birds ect. I would like Kansas to lower the cost of the trapping licenses and encourage more predator control. |
| Dog running coyotes should be outlawed. The dog runners give a bad name to all coyote hunters. Driving thru fences and not being able to control dogs to property lines is bad. |
| Don't really care for the use of thermal optics for hunting. I feel like it really dilutes the challenge of hunting predators. |
| Don't really do much hunting to kill, just looking at wildlife these days. See lot of deer with blue tongue past couple year. See more rabbits this year. Delaware River bottom less turkey. Buy only to donate to wildlife. |

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| Don't understand why we are still having to tag bobcats. Their numbers are up and doing well. |
| Excited for year round hunting opportunities on coon and possum. Unfortunately, I won't be doing much trapping because I am not live releasing a skunk from a dog proof trap. |
| Extend coyote thermal/night vision season. |
| "Extend furharvesting season |
| Extend night vision season. A lot of people work during the day and can only hunt at night. Being a coyote hunter, this help out farms around Jefferson county." |
| Extend night coyote season |
| Extend night hunting/ thermal season |
| Extend the coon and opossum season. Maybe have a course for kids to get involved to show them how to run a trap line. My kids love learning how to set different traps and set ups for certain catches. Open up creeks for the public to trap. |
| Extend the night hunting season. |
| Extend the night hunting season. Start the night season after primary deer firearm season is over. Include bobcats in the night hunting harvest. |
| "Extended nighttime coyote hunting into December |
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| Extending seasons to try to reduce predator populations is ridiculous. Start bounties if it's that detrimental. With the increase in resident license and tag fees, the agency can afford it. Furthermore, residents already have a hard enough time finding places to hunt due to unregulated outfitters and leasing. We don't need to be priced out of hunting also. Put the burden on non-residents just like they are doing to us with their outrageous non-resident tag prices. |
| Fantastic state to trap. And well managed ground. |
| Fur prices are trash no reason to trap. Open coons for night hunting without dogs (thermal). |
| Get a test out for CWD soon |
| get rid of more raccoons. All my traps are catching them instead of what I'm after. They also have an impact on other species |
| Get rid of the night season. |
| Get rid of the otters! They are decimating fish in PRIVATE ponds. Thousands of dollars down the drain. |
| Get rid of thermal season |
| Glad the state passed year long trapping for coons, skunks, opossum. I'd rather have & hunt turkeys, quail & pheasants. |
| Glad to see the extended harvest of problem animals |
| Glad to see they are getting rid of the egg eating predators - coons, skunks, possums. Maybe the bird population will come back for the youth!! |
| Good deal on raccoons. Trapping during nesting season helps a ton. Proved that years ago in OK. Beaver were all complaints, badger was digging in neighbors waterway. Raccoons and beaver snares on slides. Thanks for your work (KDWP). |
| Good job (KDWP) to help reduce coon population to help turkey & quail nest to survival. |
| Good job opening Raccoon season up year-round. Furbearers are large in numbers affecting bird populations and causing damage in my estimation in our area. |
| Got to use for a fundraiser and then did not attend it. |
| Great to see raccoon extension. I trap for beef herd protection. I have a question of how it works if I catch a mountain lion |
| Had a bad hip this year wish I could of trapped some of these coyotes |
| Had raccoon problems |
| Hate that furs are not worth anything, to let furs go to waste. |
| Health problems kept me sidelined this season. |
| Help us to be able to harvest as many coons & coyotes as possible so turkey populations will increase. Thanks |
| Hope KDWP goes through with some form of extending the season for raccoons. My main focus is to trap intermittently to help ground nesting birds. |
| Hope to trap/hunt coyotes(mostly) in future, but plans have not come to fruition yet. |
| Hopefully a year round coon season will help our game bird population. These coon numbers are pretty strong. |
| I along with most everyone else I hunt with, would appreciate if the use of nightvision or infrared could be used 365 days of the year. Very big market right now. |
| I am a proponent for the extended raccoon trapping season. It is very much needed, and in my small area, we've seen a positive impact. We've seen a marked increase in the number of ground nesting birds. We haven't had quail in our hunting area for over 20 years and between two of us trapping the same area, they have made a reappearance. |
| I am calling raccoon with a call. It would be nice if I could hunt at night with lights. The way it is now I can only hunt raccoon in the daytime with a call. |
| I am expecting to see raccoons moved to varmint status soon, with year-round harvest allowed. It feels like this change is being prompted by pressure from the public to address overpopulation. However, the current season is 3 1/2 months long (increased from 3 months), and I am not inclined to believe that those concerned about raccoon overpopulation have accounted for much of the raccoon harvest in the recent past. I also lack confidence that a year round open season will encourage many of these individuals to begin harvesting more raccoons. As one who participates in the current open season, I would like to see the raccoon maintain its status as a furbearer and its harvest restricted to the already lengthy and underutilized open season. I would appreciate an effort by the department to encourage individuals with concerns about species overpopulation to begin participating in the currently appointed season, and to open access to their lands for trapping (if they own land). I would also like to see a walk in access program available for fur trapping as is in place for hunting and fishing. |
| I am getting older and it's harder for me to get around, but I still go out and survey for trap sites. If I die in the wilderness, I will have died happy. |
| I am not a fan of night hunting. It is not real hunting. |
| I am thankful for a state who allows me to enjoy the outdoors and to hunt for a hobby. Keep fighting for our 2nd amendment rights and our freedom! |
| I am very happy to see raccoon and opossum extended to year round. I hope it helps ground nesting bird populations |
| I am very thankful for opening of the raccoon season all year. It will help with the population control on them as well as the nesting birds. It would benefit to put a bounty on them such as other states have done. |
| I appreciate everything that has been done to keep the coon season going. I hope in the near future I can do more of my part to help control the population! Thanks! |

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| I appreciate the latest change to make it legal to trap coons year round. I believe that will give landowners another tool to help ground nesting birds. I would like to see it be legal to hunt beavers in addition to trapping them. |
| I appreciate the opportunity to come and trap. Thanks |
| I appreciate the spring season for raccoon, etc and plan to take advantage in the future. Would appreciate banning baiting of turkeys or deer. |
| I appreciate you guys opening racoon trapping and hunting year round. They are out of control on the properties I hunt |
| I believe coyotes and raccoons are becoming over-populated and harming fowl populations, especially turkeys, quail, and pheasants. |
| I believe pheasants, quail and turkey populations are suffering do to declining fur prices. Wish KDWP would start programs to address that, either by stocking or bounties. Maybe hooking up landowners with trainers and youth trappers |
| I believe raccoon and opossum should be included in the night hunting with use of lights/thermal |
| I believe raccoons continue to be a limiting factor on the success of ground nesting birds. |
| "I believe the racoon numbers are way out of control, some of us would trap them more if the season was extended. Coyote numbers are holding steady and the cases of mange was down for me this year compared to last year. I think the beaver numbers on the Mined Land was way down compared to last year, I didn't trap any public land this year because of it. |
| I would also be interested in getting my nuisance license if I could find more information on it." |
| I believe the use of thermal imaging during coyote night hunting season is drastically decreasing coyote population. Thank you for everything you all do!!! |
| I bought one because lived in county and if had to protect my dog from bobcat or coyote. It is hard to believe how many coyotes there are and when they are in so close to people. |
| I buy a furbearers license regardless if I get to trap or not to help and support the tradition. Reason for not trapping this year, fur prices and access to properties. I wish it was possible for Kansas to offer bounty on nest robbers because I feel like they are a big reason for a decline in our nesting bird population such as quail, pheasant, and turkey |
| I didn't trap anything this year. But, did get a bobcat from roadkill. |
| I didn't get to hunt this past year due to work but I'd just like to say you guys are doing a great job with our state resources. |
| I didn't trap last year, but did renew for the next year, along with a lifetime hunting/fishing license. Thanks. |
| I do not think night hunting for coyotes is very sporting. And should be stopped. |
| I do not trap. I pay to continue the legacy and wildlife management. Not to say I wouldn't if I had the opportunity, but I have no land. |
| I don't understand why we can't shoot coons at night. They are everywhere and getting out of hand. I would like to see night time coyotes become a year round season just so we can hit times of year where the movement is better. Also be able to hunt all of calving season. We calve later so I can't night time hunt when my peak calving season is going on. |
| I don't like conibear traps on state land. My dogs are dear to me. Conibears kill |
| I feel that night hunters with thermal scopes are killing to many predators they hunt from the road anywhere they want . I hunt ground that I am the only one who hunt predators in the past I could expect to call in 4-6 coyotes a day now I'm lucky to see a coyote. |
| I feel there would be a lot of benefit to predator control if the night season on coyotes was longer (maybe open up in November) and if raccoons could be hunted longer |
| I got the license this year in case the opportunity presented, but it did not this year |
| I had some medical issues this year did not get to hunt coyotes, bobcat, etc. looking forward to next year |
| I harvested no bobcats; it's all about listening to a pack of hounds unravel the scent trail left by a cat. They leave very little scent, unlike a coon coyote or Fox, so the degree of difficulty in catching a bobcat is much greater thus the challenge. We never harvest a cat since they are so territorial they do not densely populate |
| I hate the night hunting for coyotes. I do not think it's actually hunting using the infrared scopes |
| I hated the rate increase. Kansas is greedy, and especially on Sr sportsman. At this point I will be 63 this year and don't have the time to trap my own land. Upon retirement I will have more time to run some traps. I used to buy a license because it was affordable and didn't feel bad if I didn't trap, I figured it might help KDWPT. But ya all had to raise your rate, so now you get nothing. Remember when you didn't need a hunting or fishing license when you turned 65? Them days are gone. Good luck getting Gen Z off the couch to hunt or trap. |
| I have a furbearer permit just to be able to harvest a bobcat, should that opportunity happen |
| I have hunted raccoons with hounds for 50 years. Used to be raccoons practically everywhere, now with all the feeders being used they are concentrated in those areas. There are fewer raccoons. The ones left are concentrated in those areas so everyone thinks there are more. Most won't let you hunt because they are scared the hounds will chase the deer off. They won't, deer circle and go back in. Thank you |
| I have not shot a coyote for over 2 years now. Never see them. A rifle is in my truck 365 days a year. Too much pressure right here on coyotes. Too many morons! |
| I have noticed very large flocks of turkeys are gone & very few bobcats in last 3 years. Don't know where they went, but it wasn't due to lack of water. |
| I haven't trapped due to the fur market. |
| I hope they start allowing spring raccoon harvest |
| I hunt furbearers incidental to deer hunting. I buy a furbearer license in case I have an opportunity for a bobcat or coyote. I also buy a furbearer license to remove problem animals (usually opossum and skunk, and sometimes raccoon) from my property. |
| I hurt my knee and did not hunt coyotes or use my traps. I intended to do so but just never made it out. |
| I like the extended raccoon hunting with my young hounds. It's easy for my age. Thank you |
| I like the way racoon/nest predator control is going but I think we should open up raccoon hunting during the night as well. The raccoon numbers are out of control in all areas, not just around feeders. |
| I like to fish, do not appreciate otter!!! |
| I like to go along with another party who hunts raccoon, but don't even do much of that anymore. Basically, the hunting of raccoon for me is for nuisance control. |
| I like to trap otters, but they have wiped out a lot of fish. |
| I like trapping, but fur prices are too low |
| I love interacting with nature and doing my part to keep a BALANCE. Although dispatching animals is the least enjoyable part, I fully believe predator and nest robbing control is necessary. After three years of trapping, I have noticed a needed increase of quail and cotton tail on our land. Also, live capture and relocation of nuisance critters in towns creates a better circumstance for the citizens AND the animals. Thank you. |

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| I love the outdoors it's been good to me |
| I love to call varmints, but health issues kept me from it this last year. |
| I love trapping, I personally don't believe it's as important for turkeys, quail, etc. done a few of my own studies. Habitat is most important in my opinion. Would love to volunteer time to help you if needed or wanted. Just love and respect furbearers |
| I mainly trap to control population that getting out hand due no marker for fur. use to be people would take animals for food but I know one that wants them so they are wasted. |
| I mostly call coons and help landowners with troublesome coons. A little longer season on them may help our falling turkey numbers. With fur prices being so low on them, not many are trapping them. I call for the fun and the sport of it. It's very exciting. |
| I only got the permit because Walmart messed up. |
| I only hunt coyotes for protection of my farm animals. |
| I only predator/furbearer control specifically, and a couple changes I would like to see implemented like so many other midwestern states, is a all year long night season for both coyote and bobcat, but also for all other pest type furbearer - possum, raccoon, skunk, etc! I appreciate the survey and look forward do next years seasons! |
| I only purchase a furharvester license to trap coons, and hunt bobcats if the opportunity arises and to support KDWP |
| I pretty much only hunt predators when deer hunting |
| I primarily hunt coyotes for livestock protection on local farms, the introduction of night season has allowed me to hunt significantly more than I was able to during daytime only. Work, school, kids sports, a real job and a small business don't really promote the ability to day hunt. The night season has allowed me to get back out in the field! I would very much like to see more species added to the night season. With the recent expansion to the raccoon season, I think they'd make the perfect addition to the night season. Or, if applicable a year round (or coyote off season) night season would be wonderful. We spend an awful lot of money to play the night game, the ability to enjoy it more than 3 months of the year would be great. Thank you for all that you do! |
| I see Georgia added raccoon to the open season list. As long as fur prices are little to none for raccoon, I see large numbers of raccoon and major crop damage because of it. Would the state of Kansas please consider this so we can bring the numbers down to a manageable level? |
| I still feel like the furbearers have made a negative affect on turkey populations. Just my opinion of course. Seems to be more and more raccoons and less and less turkeys. |
| I suggest that the raccoon season be extended. |
| I support year round trapping on raccoon & opossum |
| I tagged along with a buddy who was thermal hunting a few nights this past season. Bobcats respond 600% better to a call in the dark. In my opinion if you want to see the turkey/pheasant/quail population rebound, the state should legalize the harvest of bobcats at night. In one night, calling 5 spots, we had 4 bobcats within 60 yards of us and had to watch them walk away. |
| I think every public hunting, boating, fishing area and wildlife area need to post a better sign board or a better explanation about the area. |
| I think extending the raccoon hunting/trapping and possum hunting/trapping season to year round was an excellent decision! Interested in when the dates will start year round. |
| I think our coyote population is down . Being a rancher you would think I wouldn't care... but I kinda like the song dogs i think the thermal season which I love to hunt maybe taking a little bigger effect on the population than we think ..why ll farming I m seeing a lot more coyotes with mange to could be a little of both dropping numbers just my opinion |
| I think raccoon, possum, and skunk should have a open season all year like coyotes so their numbers could be controlled better so the nesting birds like quail and pheasant have a chance of having a successful hatch so we can get our numbers up again |
| I think the coon population is out of control with out of state hunters and state hunter for that matter having corn piles everywhere. I think they have a direct correlation to the lack of turkey population. The state needs to implement a bounty or something on them to get them back in control. |
| I think the seasons are good as is and if anything might limit coyote hunting to a season versus year-round. Recently I have had encounters on public land where spring coyote hunters (at least one group) had no respect for others enjoying other activities on public lands. My being there was disrupting their hunt and I was told so. Kinda sad really. |
| I think the state should try to do a contest of some sort or payout for predator hunters. |
| I think the year round season on coons is a great achievement. Hopefully people will take advantage of it. I would like to think it will make a positive difference in our ground nesting birds. |
| I think you are doing a good job. |
| I think you folks do a good job. |
| I think your night hunting for coyotes might be a mistake. |
| I trap squirrels who eat the flower bulbs I plant in the fall. Do I need a fur bearing license to do so? |
| I trapped for many years starting at 11 years old & most years until I was 60, trapped some last year. I enjoyed trapping very much. My son and I spent a lot of time on the trap line when he was growing up. |
| I trapped the 22 coons on one site as a favor. Next year I will put more effort into it as the deer, turkey and quail numbers are way down in my area. Predators/weather/cover? |
| I use live box traps only. Set the four traps to catch the coons for a friend to eat. I call predators only in daylight and I hunt about 3 hours daily. Shotgun only |
| I was asked to look at a beaver pond, but they asked about the 20 so i didn't actually trap this year hopefully next |
| I was not able to get out and trap this past fall due to work and busy schedules with my 6 year olds rodeos. He is wanting to learning trapping and we're excited to get him out this fall and teach him. Thank you guys for working the new details regarding the Coon/predator issues in Kansas. In my 37 years being in the field, Ive never witnessed as many opossums and coons as well as skunks. Its insane! Id be very pleased to see the turkey population make a comeback! I recall hunting flocks back in 2013 with literally hundreds of birds!!! Now we're lucky to see a flock of 5 or six in 50 miles! Thanks for all yall do! |
| I was unable to hunt or trap again this season because of health reasons! |
| I was unable to trap this year due to medical reasons. |
| I was undergoing cancer surgery and treatment. I did nothing last year. |

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| I wasn't able to trap in 2023 due to a family illness. I will be trapping in 2024 to reduce the raccoon population on my property. They are out of control, I have raccoons everywhere doing damage to my property's and house. Thank you for including me in your survey. I have been a lifetime supporter of our outdoor privilege's. Keep up the great work supporting our state wildlife. Have a great day! (signed) |
| I would ask the KDWP to seriously consider a management season, to trap ground nesting predators on private lands, like what Missouri is implementing. Predator numbers are outrageous. |
| I would have hunted more but health reasons restricted that. Trained new young dog. I believe raccoons are part of the low turkey population I wish the season was longer to help control raccoons. Raccoons are thick and I believe they play a big role in low turkey population. |
| i would just like to thank KDWP for opening the racoon harvest year-round. I know this may not have the population control that everyone hopes but it is a start. |
| I would like to have a better knowledge of fur buyers in the State of Kansas. Could Night season for Coyotes be extended earlier possible by middle of December or beginning of December |
| I would like to have the thermal and night hunting be extended for a longer period of time. |
| I would like to say "Thank you" to all the individuals who helped extend the raccoon season. I would like to ask that thermals be allowed for the taking of these animals. |
| I would like to see an open season on nest predators. I know the science isn't there but I would still like to try on my properties. |
| I would like to see being suppressed mandatory for the night season. |
| i would like to see coons added to thermal night hunting and coyote night hunting made longer |
| I would like to see hunters call raccoons after January 1 at night with the aid of a light or thermal and use a rim fired cartridges or shotgun only. This would help tremendously in helping to control the huge population of raccoons and a lot more hunters would participate in this positive change. The Kansas Wildlife and Parks could sponsor calling contests across the state either raccoons/coyotes or together. Prizes could be life time hunting, trapping, fishing licenses or a guided hunt or fishing from the field officers and with some give away predator callers/electronic or hand of your choice. I think this would bring more hunters into the field and keep them hunting longer than normal instead of stopping hunting for the year. A sponsored shooting contest with small caliber rim fired cartridges for youth age group. Survey the youth age group about what they would like to see changed and what they enjoyed about this year hunting season. You seem to always survey the adults. Need to target the upcoming new hunters/sportsmen/sportswomen. Thanks. The youth deer hunting season needs to be later in the year. The leaves are still on the trees, very hot outside and the bugs are terrible. A lot of adults don't take their kids out hunting because of what is listed above. Need to keep the kids interested, motivated to hunt, trap and fish. |
| I would like to see night hunting w/lights opened up year-round and see raccoons added to it. |
| I would like to see night scope/thermal legal for taking coyotes any time. The legal three month period doesn't seem to control the population. I would also like to see the same unrestricted harvesting of feral pigs allowed before they get entrenched in Kansas. Some friends have reported sightings east of Arkansas City coming up from Kay county Ok. |
| I would like to see the thermal season extended for coyotes. |
| I would like to see the use of night vision devices legalized for hunting raccoons. There are far too many of these predators in Kansas, and I think they have a significant impact on the quail, pheasant, and turkey populations. |
| "I would like to see Thermo hunting year round. I am 63 years old and it gets really hard for me to get out in the cold Months. |
| Of the year to hunt at night unable to hunt a lot during the day just my thoughts thanks ps make thermal night hunting year round!!!" |
| I would like to see you allow thermal weapon scopes for coyotes for longer period of time. Maybe not for birthing season, but a longer season for coyote hunting with thermals would be good. |
| I would love to see a night equipment season for coyotes during the summer months. |
| I would really like to see a thermal raccoon season. I believe it could be ran at the same time as the coyote season. I would even support a caliber restriction similar to the one for treed coons. |
| I would suggest putting a state paid bounty on furbearers in hopes of getting more of our furharvesters back in the field. |
| I'm 87 years old and don't get around like I once did. I used to hunt coyotes and coons with dogs a lot but not anymore. I believe in extending season on all predators to control wildlife |
| I'm ok with the way things are going |
| I'd like a list of active trappers throughout KS. I'm needing someone to trap furbearers on my property. Stafford County, KS. Thanks |
| I'd like to see coons and opossums moved to the varmint list and be able to call/ and shoot them year round. I think the trapping is in the right step but let us take them year round to include thermal hunting |
| If anything, extending the season on meso predators even longer than the end of February. Those landowners who are serious about habitat and predator management would take advantage of the extended season and trap as close to nesting season as they possibly could. |
| If I hunt furbearers at all, it is with a rifle or bow during season. I do not run traps and probably never will. |
| If people aren't going to trap raccoons in the winter while they are worth a few dollars, no one is going to trap them in the middle of summer. I personally don't think a year long season is going to change the population at all. Either fur prices have to go up or a bounty is going to have to happen or quail, pheasants turkeys, etc will be a thing of the past in 10 years. |
| If someone wants to tag along to see what hunting or trapping furbearers is like and doesn't do any of the calling, shooting or killing shouldn't have to buy a permit. Even if they help carry calls or something just to be nice or as kind of a thank you for showing them something new they should not have to buy a permit as long as they are not calling or shooting. I have had numerous people many of them kids want to come with me (non residents) to see what it is like to see if they like it and want to go ahead and get a permit. Every time over the years when asking wardens or when I call an office about someone tagging along; I am always told even if they only help carry a call or decoy or even just a flashlight they have to buy a permit. That has cost KS being able to sell permits to people who now will never buy and non resident furbearer permit in KS. |
| I'm a hound hunter for mainly raccoon and we need more hunting areas, more access. Thank you |
| I'm glad to see the raccoon season open up all year. |
| Include raccoon possum skunk either in coyote night hunting or just open raccoon skunk possum in there own season also to allow thermal hunting. I like that bobcats are protected and not allowed to be harvested during night seasons |
| interesting season |

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| Is there an option of putting a small bounty on raccoons? There seems to be an overpopulation in our area and they wrecked a lot of our corn crop. Thanks for your efforts!! |
| It would be great to have a 2-day check on all water sets. November 15th is too early to start trapping, most fur is still blue. It would be better to open it up no early than the following week which would be the 22nd. I'm strongly against this night hunting of coyotes. I believe other furbearers are being killed especially bobcats which are the most valuable furbearers in the state during these night coyote hunts. I also believe break aways should be required for all snares and cable restraints. NADC permit holders should be required to have liability insurance in place to renew their permits every year. We need laws to address feral cats in the state. They are not called out in the yearly regulations. Also, the yearly regulation's that are printed needs to address the live trapping and dumping of wildlife. Large number of homeowners are trapping and dumping damage cause wildlife onto private, state, and federal lands without written permission. Any place that sells live traps and equipment should be required to have posted signs that read "Trapping and Dumping Wildlife Maybe Illegal" check the state regulations. |
| It would be nice if we could legally control raccoons in summer when they raid my garden!! |
| It would be nice to have year round trapping and hunting of Raccoons. A lot of time in the cold winter they do not come out. |
| It's cost prohibitive to hunt or trap. I don't do it for the money, the expense definitely cuts back the time and effort I put into it. I think the reason more people don't trap and hunt is cost. Raccoon and coyote populations are exploding in some areas due to nobody hunting or trapping. My opinion |
| Just came across my desk, sorry it took so long to reply. |
| Just so you know, I have never trapped anything. Shot a coyote last year. Just want to help the wildlife and parks dept. |
| Kansas is doing a great job on there furbearer management |
| Kansas needs a bounty system for raccoons and opossum |
| Kansas needs a bounty to promote furbearer seasons. Low fur prices diminish coon hunting and trapping |
| Keep it open always |
| Keep things as they are, we are lucky to have the season and ability to use the traps legally to harvest these animals |
| Keep up the good work!! |
| Keep up the good work. I do not agree with the year round season for raccoon. We need to promote trapping & coon hunting. |
| Keep up the good work. In some states they have banned trapping. |
| Keep up the good work. Thanks |
| Keep up the great work! |
| Let the coon hunting open up. I finally have pheasants coming back I absolutely love calling coyotes, but coons and possum are egg robbers. You folks know all this. Help it happen |
| Let's hunt coon year round prices aren't helping control numbers they are out of control and hurting bird numbers of all kind |
| lets trap Coons and possums year round |
| License & fees are getting expensive, young people don't want to spend this much money, with the price of equipment and all. |
| Lifetime trapping license |
| Longer raccoon trapping hunting season. Too many eating all turkey eggs. |
| Longer season on night vision for coyotes |
| Love the outdoors. My grandfather taught me to trap. I have taught my son and two grandsons how to trap. They did not help me this year. |
| Make crow season all year round, too many crows. Open turkey buzzard season, too many buzzards. |
| Make it legal to hunt raccoon, skunk, and opossum with thermal and night vision. We issues with them around our irrigation and farmsteads and aren't putting a dent in them during the day. |
| Make it legal to hunt raccoons at night without needing a dog. |
| Make it open season to kill raccoons all year like coyotes.. simply to many of them with practically zero fur market. Ks Turkeys are being decimated by nest predators. |
| Make suppressors easier to obtain, to help control predator population. |
| Make thermal season longer and add raccoons too the season also. |
| Make trapping season longer |
| Most of my hunting was while hunting deer archery and rifle. |
| Most of the coyotes I trapped had severe mange. |
| Move raccoons out of furbearers and treat them as a nuisance animal and allow them to be taken years round. Open up nighttime coyote hunting (night vision) to year round. |
| Move the night vision hunting to March. It really screws up the coyote trapping when the out of staters are hunting them. That's why I didn't trap them. Also given a chance they will destroy the bobcat population. I have already had an experience with out of staters, hunting them during deer season I got it shut down! |
| My #1 concern is the overpopulation of nest raiders, specifically raccoons. I night hunt and see them everywhere. I call a lot of them in when night hunting and can't do anything about it. I hear talk of year round harvest like coyotes, but thats all. If a yearlong season isn't in the cards, it would be nice to add them to the night season to help control them. Trappers aren't wasting their time or gas on them with the current prices. Thanks. |
| My comment would be that I believe that raccoons, opossums, and skunks should be able to harvest year round. I have seen a significant loss in turkey number so much that I am unsure if in Cheyenne county there should be a season this year. I believe that to be partially cause by nesting predators such as raccoons. |
| My reasons for purchasing a furbearer license are: 1) to continue to support the efforts of your organization, 2) to reduce the # of predators who can impact other wildlife and, at times, citizens' pets, and 3) just to get out to nature and stay grounded. The actual harvesting of an animal is very low on the importance scale. |
| My trapping time was limited due to surgery. |
| "Need a bounty on raccoons, they're out of control |
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| need bounty on beaver an raccoon |
| Need bounty on coons! |
| Need more encouragement of predator removal. |

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| "Need more fur buyers, longer trapping season for raccoons, opossums |
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| Need to be able to trap coon, skunk, possum all year round. Still way too many of them! Nest raiders only!!! |
| Need to do something about the raccoon population |
| Need to drop price of out of state furharvester license. No need for it to be \$252 a year when they aren't worth anything. Raccoons are starting to be considered a nuisance animal and possibly be hunted year round. Pelts aren't worth anything anyways. Second point, need to open the Federal refuge in Linn County to hunting raccoons with hounds. Plenty of hunting for hounds man to use it. Even if it is only opened for a short period in the winter. Look at White River Refuge in Arkansas for example. Thanks |
| Need to open raccoon season year round to help with turkey population. |
| "Need to remove coons from furbearer and be able to hunt at night with thermals. |
| Way too many with no one killing coons due to poor fur prices." |
| Need to stop night vision hunting ... |
| Never in my lifetime did I think I would see the coon population like it is now. Having hounds & trapping some always felt like it was kept under control. Its not now & I feel it is mainly because of the land that's being leased in Kansas. No access to private land but yet cannot blame the farmer. Anyhow fantastic job allowing harvest of them year around! Never thought I would see the day I would say that but something had to be done. The damage they are doing is unbelievable! |
| Night hunting coyotes is not a sport for me don't do it and you are understaff as it is so it just give people easy access to land while people that have to work for a living needs sleep just saying a trespass ticket if they get caught is way to cheap |
| No night hunting for coyotes! |
| No one is trapping any more. Because there's no money in the furs but we need to do something because it's hurting our Turkey's quail and pheasants. |
| No time to hunt this year. |
| Not a fan of the thermal season |
| Not at this time. |
| Not getting out trapping as much as I'd like these days. Combination of age, illness and other commitments. But still enjoy it when I do go! |
| Not trapping much any more age catching up with me. Set it out this year. |
| only able to trap a few days this past season.....weather and family member surgery and recovery limited my days afield... |
| Open coon season all year around |
| Open night season to badger skunks coons population of coons is crazy they carry more diseases when over population happens |
| Open our kill season year around. Majority of landowners allow me to hunt if I remove raccoons n exchange. The big deer leases that allow me to hunt after second doe only season does not allow much time to thin raccoons. Please put harvest report back on Neosho refugee. I'm required to check n and out but no place to list fur harvest this year. Thank You |
| Open raccoon season year round like coyote season. Allow thermal and night vision year round. |
| Open raccoon season year round. Also open for thermal. We HAVE a major raccoon problem. |
| Open raccoons year around. |
| Open season on raccoons all year |
| Open season year round for coons |
| Open the night vision/thermal coyote season year round. |
| Open the raccoon dates before and after the season longer. |
| Open trapping season for predators of ground nesting birds and eggs during the nesting season. |
| Open up night calling year round. And open the furbearing season to all animals at night. |
| Open up raccoon to night optic hunting (i.e. thermal) |
| Open up the night hunting for coons, opossums, and skunks and maybe we can bring our turkey populations back up in numbers. I could of shot 3 times the amount of coons as I did coyotes if you would make it legal. Plus it would be great for our future generation! Coons come in slower and the kids would have a better chance at learning more about the outdoors. |
| Open WIHA to trapping |
| Our Wild Turkey population continues to be threatened by the gross overpopulation of ground nest predators. 1) Open up the trapping season for Raccoon, Opossum, and Skunk to be ALL YEAR. 2) Subsidize or otherwise encourage the market for the sale of said pelts. Currently, the wage for coon hides isn't worth the time spend working them. |
| Pelts were way down compared to years past & KS doesn't have many options of where to sell them. Therefore, not cost efficient & will see the number of predators increase. |
| pheasant population is down, turkey population is down, deer herd is down!!!!!! Night hunting for coyotes needs to be year round. everyone i talked to is having a problem with coyotes and the bird and deer population is down. Even Colorado lets you night hunt year round! |
| Please allow year round night time coyote hunting. That is pretty much all I do anymore. Also allowing raccoons to be taken at night would help the nesting animals |
| Please extend night hunting for coyotes and add raccoons to night season! |
| Please extend night hunting season for coyotes, and add raccoons and bobcats!! |
| Please extend the night season!!!! |
| Please make coons legal with thermals |
| Please make the season longer so more predators can be taken and increase the turkey population |
| Please open night hunting season earlier. |
| Please open up the night coyote season to include raccoons and all furbearer's. Maybe even could extend it through April to help the turkeys out. |
| Please try to continue and expand the NV season and include other problem species such as racoons/skunks/armadillos, etc. |

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| Poor fur prices. If the state could somehow subsidize the purchase of pelts, such as coyote, but more importantly, raccoons, necessary harvest would increase greatly! |
| Predator - Coyotes gotta go! |
| Predator bounty program to maybe get more youth involve and get others to target species that have lost value. |
| Put a bounty on raccoons. They are killing the turkey population. \$5 a tail |
| Questions #16. Raccoon: whenever one showed up at the chicken coop |
| Raccoon population is out of control. I would like to see the raccoon trapping/hunting legal all year round. I am a farmer and the damage to corn fields is unreal. |
| Raccoon populations seemed very high this year. Would it ever be considered to have a year-round raccoon season? In your studies, have you found a direct correlation between raccoon densities and turkey populations? Thank you and appreciate your work. |
| Raccoon season should be extended or year-round. Help the turkey population and more. |
| Raccoon, coyote, possum, skunk numbers are all way up it seems, while upland bird and turkey numbers are way down. Kind of self explanatory here, Kansas needs to open up certain furbearer seasons to year round. |
| Raccoons and opossums need to be hunted 365! |
| Raccoons and possums are a very big problem nowadays, they in my opinion are having a big impact with ground nesting birds. |
| Raccoons are a major problem in Graham county. We hardly have any turkeys, pheasants or quail anymore. Raccoon hunting season should be year round similar to how coyote hunting. Night hunting for raccoons should be legal as well. |
| Raccoons are a problem. |
| Raccoons need to be legal during the night hunting season. |
| Raccoons seem to be over populated. They are an extremely adaptive & resilient species. I see no reason why not to open the season on raccoons like the coyote season. I doubt the raccoon population effect would be worrisome but it may help turkey nest recruitment. |
| Reason for not trapping last year was fur prices were to low. Market for furs need to improve. |
| Reducing the raccoon and opossum population |
| Since the fur market is in the tank, consider leaving the season for taking opossums, skunks, and raccoons open much longer. This could help our quail, pheasant, and turkey populations. You might even consider leaving the night or thermo hunting time frame open longer. This way more of these nest raiders can be controlled. This also would help controlling the coyote population for farmers and hunters. |
| Skunks should be open year around. no way to turn them loose from coyote traps, since coyotes have no season, please include skunks no closed season also. no one is going to "poach" skunks on purpose. ranchers kill both skunks and coons on sight year around as is. coons should be the same, no closed season, since they no longer have value on the fur market, and cause significant crop damage and are disease vectors. if the fur market ever comes back, doubtful, seasons can be tightened or shortened again. thank you for allowing me to comment |
| So I trapped for beavers this year. As I talked with u in a text. Trapped 16 beavers over two different weeks. Otter sign was on every pond. But out of 16 smallest beaver was like 35 lbs. no young this year and I was in 4 different counties and no 10-18 lbs caught. Which years back I'd catch 100+ rats until the otters showed up. I'm thinking the otters are eating the small beavers when there the size of muskrats. Use my information for anything you like. Also. Coyote numbers was down this year because of NIGHT HUNTERS WITH thermal hunting devices. Hunting private property without permission. Coyotes didn't hunt/crossing property that was hunted after dark. Think they learn quickly. So I quit trapping only after 14 days. So my vote is to ban the night hunting with thermal. lol. See you at the trapping convention!!!! (signed) |
| Something needs to change on a grand scale for upland/turkey population. It's not just one thing that is impacting them. The lower fur market has people not interested. I trap for the predators and the nets predators to help how I can. But where I can't change anything is the farming practices every where I look hedgerows, tree lots, and brush in draws are being pushed out to gain a few acres. The round up, the broad leaf killer and pesticide sprayed on every field and most pastures. Every bottle says known to cause cancer harmful if swallowed. The wildlife can't get away from that on their food on top of that their shelter is being destroyed. (phone # withheld) is my number I would be willing to go in to more detail to who ever will listen. Not many will though. |
| Sorry for the inconvenience I purchased this license by mistake. I did not take any furbearers. Thank you. |
| Stop night hunting. All that is doing is making more deer poaching. Lower price on tags for seniors. We have paid our damn dues our whole god damn lives! Any center fire cartridge for deer. Somebody who came up with that is a f***ing idiot. Not happy with KDWP. Yea I know, you don't give a shit. All about the money. Don't ever send me another of these damn surveys! |
| Stop the nighttime coyote hunting. It is unfair to the coyotes & people that can't afford \$3000 scopes! Not to mention the safety factor for cattle, dogs, and people. If you think only coyotes are being shot you are stupid! |
| Strong and serious consideration needs to continue on expanding the season through May 1st when cattle ranchers are done calving and/or serious consideration needs to continue on expanding the Night Vision (NV) Season as well as the addition of other species permitted to be harvested with NV. With low fur prices, furbearer season has simply become "Predator Control Season" and as a state we are falling behind in predator control. I applaud KDWP steps in the changes in regulations to raccoons and opossums. 1 step of a few in the right direction. |
| Sunflowers=way too much cover. |
| Thank you for allowing Furbearer season. |
| Thank you for extending raccoon season |
| Thank you for extending raccoon season. Thermal/NV season needs extended and to include raccoons & bobcats. Called more bobcats than coyotes some times |
| Thank you for extending the raccoon and opossum season! |
| Thank you for opening up the raccoon season year round. Raccoons are hard on native birds and pheasants. They are also a pest on the farm. This is a move in the right direction. Thank you and the legislature again. I saw more coyotes on my cameras than usual. Coyote numbers appear to be up. I see a fair number of bobcats. I never hunt them, but do see them. Off the subject, pheasant numbers are still very low but at least not extinct. Reducing raccoon numbers will help. As the drought dried up mu creek, I saw no mink, muskrat or beaver that I see in normal years. |
| Thank you for the work involved in protecting wildlife. |
| Thank You. |
| Thanks for allowing night light hunting. |
| Thanks for asking |

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| Thanks for letting me complete the survey. Life just got too busy this year and getting out didn't happen. We did get out a lot for the night time coyote hunts. I'm all about extending the season there and the farmers love it for cattle loss control. |
| Thanks for opening the raccoon season extension. This has been needed for quite some time |
| Thanks for providing a great opportunity for us to be outdoors. |
| The amount of "nest raiders" (opossum, skunk, raccoon) seems to be out of balance. My numbers were represented from trapping just 85 acres. (55 opossum, 42 raccoons, 10 skunks). It would be nice if Kansas would expand the use of thermal scopes for night hunting coyotes to be year-round or at a minimum from January - until the day before deer season. If you are trapping or putting up fur Jan-Mar, it can be challenging to work and also get out and night hunt for coyotes. Being able to night hunt coyotes once fawns are on the ground would also help with areas that are wanting to improve deer numbers. With the price of fur, there is little incentive for people to get out and trap. Iowa appears to be looking at a \$5 bounty on raccoon (\$5/tail). It sounds like NWTF, Pheasants and Quail Forever as well as Insurance companies are helping to fund initiatives like this rather than tax payer dollars. It would be helpful if KDWP could help trappers maximize the use of harvested animals by providing lists of fur buyers, list of those that buy glands, skulls, skunk essence etc. Thank you for allowing all of us the ability to carry on a life-style of hunting & trapping. |
| THE COYOTE POPULATION HAS BEEN DRASTICALLY REDUCED DUE TO NIGHT SHOOTING IN MY AREA. HARVEST WAS DOWN 90%. ALLOWING NIGHT SHOOTING IS GOING TO TURN OUT TO BE A REALLY BAD DECISION ON THE PART OF THE WILDLIFE DEPT. |
| The coyote thermal(night hunting) season should be year round. Or at least longer than it currently is. |
| The extended Raccoon season needs to stay in effect till turkey numbers recover. |
| The furharvester season being open year round will not only help over population, but will also help with training if young hounds being able to shoot coon out to them during crucial training periods. |
| The hunting of coon needs to be opened up to the use of thermals. As law enforcement myself for over 15 years there are no safety concerns and the technology has by far advanced the statute and regulations of the KDWP. |
| The new coon hunting reg are a frigging joke! |
| The otter limit needs to be removed in Cherokee County. I have a damage control license and took 11 otter out of 1 pond. The lady that owns that pond isn't very happy with otters. I know some land owners have shot them and left them lay. I hate to see that resource wasted as otter fur has value to a trapper.. They are everywhere here, I have caught them miles from a river or creek. They love to camp out in a farm pond for a few days. They can really put the hurt on ponds that they repeatedly visit. |
| The raccoons are out of hand and they are kill the turkey population. Need to open the season all year day and nite. |
| The snow during the first two weeks in January shut us down early. |
| The state helping communicate to land owners/lease that coyote callers do not want driving access, just hopping the fence to call coyotes to them is all we want. Recommend moving the night season start to the end of rifle similar to North Dakota and a few others. This will open up the possibility of calling the open state without hiding the vehicles which is impossible at certain areas. Lastly, many WIHA are labeled shotshell only which I understand if it very close to a home but most are not. This really limits predator hunters from calling the areas where pheasant are trying to thrive. I feel these areas need to be hunted the most. |
| The state needs to put a bounty on Raccoons so people will trap them. They are killing our Turkey population. There have been other states that have done this and the turkey population went back up significantly. |
| The state should offer free fur harvester license for senior residents over 74 years of age. |
| The weather played a significant role this year. The holidays and January was just brutal. Due to weather and low prices. It was easier to sleep in a warm bed. I didn't even fill a deer tag. Secondly, I will not participate in registration requirements for state owned lands. We should not be threatened with fines and penalties for access to public lands paid for by donation and tax payer dollars. I will whole heartedly support our wardens and biologists, but too many times I have accessed public lands to find an illegal activity such as poaching, baiting, or other activity only to find I was the last or only hunter to have accessed the property. It creates a guilty until proven scenario. Besides as a life long tax payer I should have the ability to access without leaving a paper trail or any other trail. |
| The wild turkey and deer numbers have dropped significantly in my area of northeast Kansas over the last few years. I started trapping raccoons (ground nest predators) this past season to help increase our turkey and quail population. Coyote numbers are up which I think is the primary reason deer numbers are down. I was less successful hunting Coyotes this past season than I was trapping raccoons. I want to improve next season. It would be helpful to know the most successful method for harvesting coyotes and raccoons so I could better assist in increasing the populations of our game birds and deer. I look forward to hearing from someone. |
| There are too many raccoons! |
| There are way too many raccoons. Detrimental to all the egg layers, turkeys and quail to name a few. Year-round open season, just like coyotes. |
| There needs to be a push on furbearer predator management in the state of Kansas. This would in turn increase the turkey population immensely. The raccoon season is too short in my opinion. Thank you |
| There's no money in trapping any more so people don't do it. That's why there is so many predators and no pheasant or turkeys. I trap beaver because they damage my neighbors creek banks and farm land. |
| Thermal coons. Lots of opportunity during coyote hunting. |
| Think we should be able to kill raccoons with thermals during season. |
| This would have been my second season trapping unfortunately i got double pneumonia in the fall and it took me most of the winter to recover fully. So this year i was not able to trap. Kansas needs to do more to curb the raccoon issue other than just opening the season up longer. Do like the state used to do with dogs and put a bounty on them. We all know the fur market is tough and has been for a long time. Not to mention our dogs, coons, and rats arnt worth much in comparison to more North western varieties with better fur. I like having upland game birds to hunt in the fall and winter as well and the raccoons have reeked havoc on the populations. But like stated before opening the season year round for something that brings little to no money won't do much in the way of helping. Put a bounty out. Give us something to help recoup some of the cost. Traps baits miles on vehicles and equipment to run and maintain these traplines all ads up quick. The state of Kansas is one of the higher tax paying states there has to be money somewhere. |
| To many bobcats killed with thermals during January coyote season |
| to many coons and coyotes |
| To teach my grandsons this art or gift |
| Too busy work schedule. Hope to do a lot more in retirement in 3 yrs. |
| Too many raccoons |
| Too many raccoons - glad to see you opened the season to year round. They are on of the reasons we don't have the quail & turkey population we should have. Raccoons/possums and hawks are taking a toll on quail & turkey. |
| Tore my shoulder. Did not do any hunting or trapping. |

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| Trapping for beaver, opossum, raccoon, skunk and coyote needs to be year round. |
| Trapping to control predator is important. Skills to teach younger people. |
| Trying to catch raccoons to help with turkey population. Didn't get to hunt or trap. |
| Trying to get more younger kids involved in hunting and trapping. Seems like they are more raccoons and bobcats and ext. Need to be thin down. But it's hard when they are no value in the hides no more. Had a lot of good times hunting growing up. Thanks for your time. |
| Underwater kill sets (330's) shouldn't have to be 24 hour check. It could be 48 hour for instance the animal (beaver) is dead. |
| Until its profitable to trap the predators are going to increase and make it difficult for game animals and game birds to increase their numbers because the predators will destroy there nests and young |
| Very important to get rid of predators, to try to get the upland bird population back. |
| Very thankful the KDWP decided to allow taking raccoons year round as the population is out of control and undoubtedly taking a huge toll on turkey nest survival rates. |
| Wanted to legally control pests on my prop & ability to ride wild coyote hunting if invited. |
| Was in Kansas twice now trapping for a week. Both times I caught two coyotes, all of which had mange bad. |
| Was not successful for Coyote this year. More opossums and raccoons than anything else. Only set traps 2 different weekends last year. |
| Wasn't able to trap or call this last season had shoulder surgery in early November and was on the mend all of the season . |
| We need a bounty on coon and coyote! Pelts are not of much sale value but incentive to hunt them still needs to be provided. |
| We need an open season on beaver. They are very destructive to the river banks and property. |
| We need more coyote hunters to help the pheasant and quail population. The coyotes are starting to come into the cities. |
| We need to be able to control nest raiders year round... |
| We need to extend and broaden the thermal and night vision season. Ergo open directly after rifle season ends. And expand animals that can be taken. To any Fur bearing animal. Just my two cents. |
| We need to extend the hunting seasons on coons Scots possums and bobcats so we can increase our deer population in Turkey population A longer night vision season would also be nice for coyotes |
| We need to get rid of more coons. |
| We need to get rid of nest robbers to bring back our turkeys. |
| We need to open season year round on coons. They are devastating to our turkey nests |
| We need to thin down coons and skunks to help our nesting birds especially quail pheasants and Prairie chickens as they read havoc on hens and the eggs they lay |
| Weather was the large issue for limited hunting this year. |
| well managed |
| What happened to all the muskrats |
| WIHA that close Jan 31 cut off hunting some of the better days to hunt and scout with snow on the ground and after things calm down after firearms deer. Coyote mating season is a pretty good time to call them. It's all fun whether you get anything or not. Very few fur buyers any more. Wish I could still go to the courthouse and get \$6.00 for a set of ears. |
| Wish fur prices would come back |
| Wish there was something to do with the pelts --which obviously KDWP has no control over. Don't like leaving animals lay. |
| With Low Fur Prices would like to see some kind of bounty on raccoons, opossums, skunks and other furbearer species that affect nesting success of upland birds |
| With not many people hunting, running dog, or trapping anymore I think it would be beneficial to let the people that are thermal hunting coyotes to be able to shoot coons too. I also think it would be to extend the thermal hunting season to allow more time to hunt coyotes. Thanks |
| With the fur market same as gone, coon, Opossum & skunk should probably be open year round. |
| With the prices that furs are bringing there are fewer people trapping. I'm seeing an increase in population which most likely will affect the bird populations. Is there any thoughts in an incentive program to help with the population control? |
| Work for more education from all KDWP, retention is problem for all of our activities in the sporting community. Trapping is an important part of understanding the biodiversity that all has a part in Biology. It's not the money that used to be the driving force of trapping. I hope that we as a hole can encourage our youth to participate. |
| Would like to season stay open longer. Trapping to eliminate nest predators and was amazed at how many were taken off 1/4 of a section. Didn't start trapping until deer season was over and could have used another few weeks of trapping season. |
| Would like to see the night hunting opened up for raccoons & bobcats. |
| Would like to see the thermal season opened up around November and end in March |
| Year round coon trapping |
| Year round raccoon hunting - i.e. like coyote |
| Year round thermal season please. |
| Yes, expand the coon trapping season to year round!! We have too many and they need to be reduced. They impact pheasants, quail, and turkey. We feed them (me included) with corn for deer. We need to take some out of the environment. |
| You finally opened kill season on coon. You should have not turned otter loose. |