

2022-23 Furbearer Harvest Survey

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

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

Also beginning in 2009, the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDWP) began conducting web-based surveys. Not everyone is equipped for online surveys, so a traditional paper survey option has also 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 that were purchased from November 17, 2021 to March 31, 2023 would have been valid during the season for at least one day. There were 7686 of these licenses sold, and from them a sample of 3844 (50%) was selected. The online database contained e-mails for 3186 (83%) of these individuals. An initial e-mail was sent on March 24, 2023 containing a link to the survey and a request for participation. Reminder e-mails were sent to nonrespondents on April 1 and 6.

A single mailing consisting of a 2-page, 8.5"x11" paper survey (Appendix 1) was sent April 18 to furharvesters without an e-mail on file and 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 151,568 user days in pursuit of furbearers, including 77,753 days trapping, 56,778 days hunting, and 17,038 days running. These figures represent a 6% increase in combined user days from the previous season. Average days afield by trappers, hunters, and runners increased from 30, 15 and 50 last season to 32, 18 and 56 this season, respectively. Participation in various combinations of furharvesting activities is presented in Table 2.

Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trapping, hunting and running are presented in Tables 3-5, respectively. Trappers account for the majority of harvest of most furbearer species. Coyotes are the main exception, but much of their harvest is by hunters without a furharvester license (coyotes are not a furbearer) and not estimated by this survey. The 2022 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 (127,728) was down less than 1% from last season. Estimated harvest of all species declined except for bobcat and raccoon. Most notably, the harvest of coyotes decreased by 18% and the harvest of raccoons increased by 14%.

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 potential raccoon season expansion as well as the night vision coyote season – for and against in both cases. The furbearer biologist provided a fairly in-depth discussion on some of the considerations with these two subjects at the April 27, 2023 Commission Meeting which is available to view on the KDWP website. (The furharvesting discussion begins at about 3:51:00.) The special section of this survey and associated comments have significantly informed KDWPs recommendations on these and other issues over the years, and we thank those who take the time to respond, though it is apparent from the comments that some are for and some are against virtually any major change KDWP could consider.

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

	Number	Non-deliverables	Response Rate	
			Number	Percent
E-mail	3185	101	1079	35.0
Paper survey	2764 ^a	111	600	22.6
Total	3843	37	1679	44.1

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

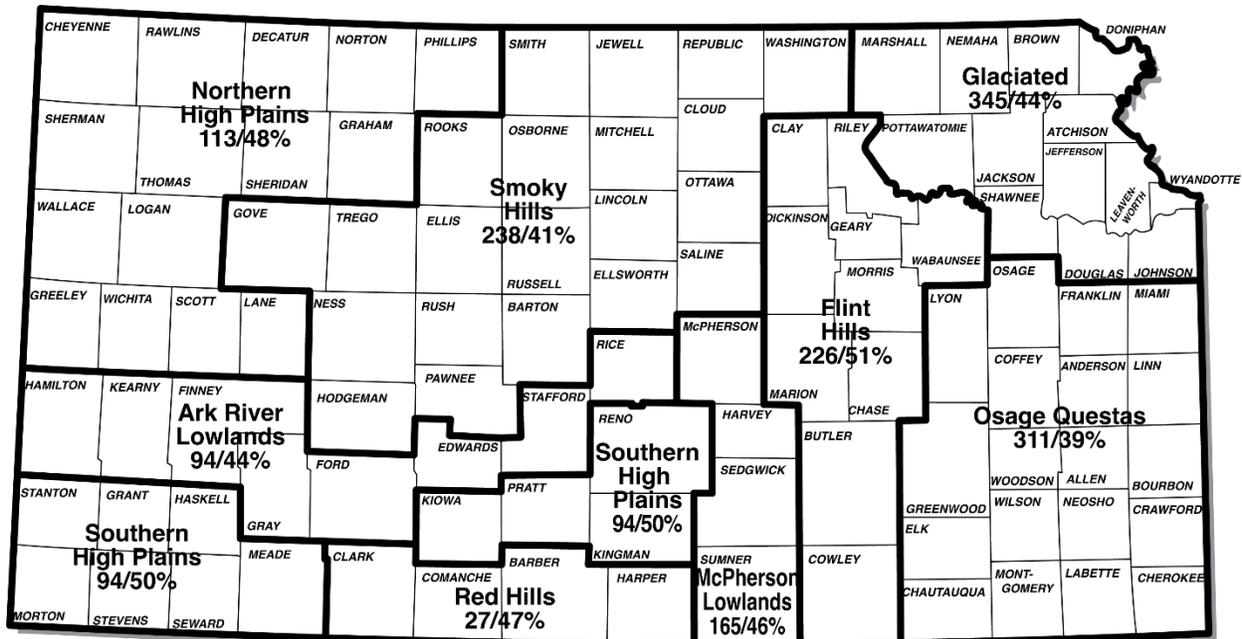


Figure 1. The number of survey respondents (number) and the response rate of furharvesters (percent) living within each physiographic province in Kansas. In addition, 66 nonresidents responded resulting in a 47% response rate that group.

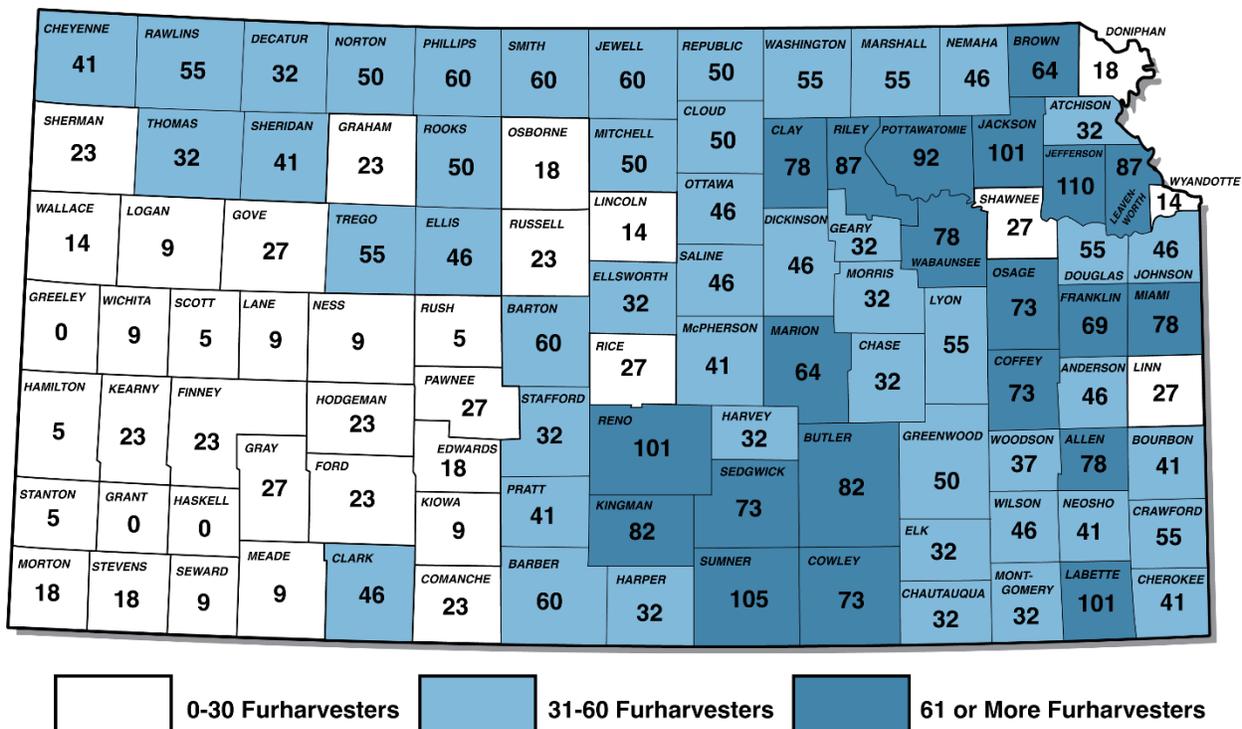


Figure 2. Estimated furharvester distribution in Kansas based on the county in which active survey respondents conducted most of their furharvesting activities.

Table 2. Estimated number and percent of 2022-23 season furharvester license holders (n=7686) who participated in various furharvesting activities.

Activity	Number of Furharvesters	Percent of Furharvesters
Inactive	3113	40.5
Trap only	1369	17.8
Hunt only	1846	24.0
Run only	23	0.3
Trap and hunt	1051	13.7
Trap and run	18	0.2
Hunt and run	188	2.4
Trap, hunt and run	78	1.0
Total Participation		
Total trappers	2516	33
Total hunters	3163	41
Total runners	308	4

Table 3. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for trappers in Kansas during the 2022-23 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	81	664	15	12.8	3.5	10	1.8
Beaver	167	4,985	30	5.0	12.5	59	6.5
Bobcat	252	3,163	46	9.6	2.5	56	2.7
Coyote	311	13,674	57	12.1	6.3	148	9.6
Red Fox	54	627	10	4.9	6.2	20	2.5
Gray Fox	4	9	1	12.7	0.1	1	0.5
Swift Fox	7	96	1	7.0	3.3	8	3.0
Mink	12	78	2	6.2	0.7	6	1.4
Muskrat	69	2,353	13	6.3	19.3	110	7.4
Opossum	308	13,188	56	8.5	6.8	175	9.4
Otter	46	490	8	4.4	8.2	10	2.3
Raccoon	459	32,603	84	10.9	13.1	216	15.5
Skunk	202	5,470	37	10.0	3.7	61	5.9
Weasel	3	9	1	1.0	0	1	0.7

Table 4. Harvest, participation, and activity levels for hunters in Kansas during the 2022-23 harvest season.

Species	Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Harvest	% of Hunters Who Pursued	Harvest/100 Days	Maximum Harvest	Ave Harvest/Hunter
Badger	42	284	6	41.0	9	1.5
Bobcat	247	975	36	13.4	35	0.9
Coyote	566	28,332	82	85.1	205	10.9
Red Fox	22	110	3	24.1	8	1.1
Gray Fox	5	0	1	0.0	0	0.0
Swift Fox	10	37	1	8.3	2	0.8
Opossum	47	1584	7	116.8	80	7.4
Raccoon	261	17,835	38	183.7	267	14.9
Skunk	26	407	4	78.6	9	3.4

Table 5. Treeing success, participation, and activity levels for furharvesters in Kansas during the 2022-23 running season.

Species	Survey Respondents Who Pursued (n)	Estimated Take*	% of Runners Who Pursued	Take/100 Days*	Maximum Take*	Ave Take/Runner*
Bobcat	4	9	6	3.3	1	0.5
Opossum	8	174	12	83.3	10	4.8
Raccoon	59	22,417	88	179.2	2000	83.0

*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
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		490	50936	5891	9

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 assessed support and participation in a potential Spring raccoon harvest season.

Respondents were first asked to indicate their level of support or opposition to such a season (Figure 3). They were then asked how likely they were to participate in such a season (Figure 4). And last, they were asked what type of equipment they would use to harvest raccoons during such a season, if it were established (Figure 5).

We chose to assess this issue because KDWP has received many comments about perceived raccoon overpopulation and its potential effect on game birds like quail and turkeys. These concerns have escalated in recent years as turkey populations have declined. Raccoon pelt value and harvest levels have also remained very low in recent years, fueling the perception that a lack of raccoon harvest is contributing to the turkey decline. Traditionally, raccoons and other furbearers have been managed as a resource to be taken by furharvesters when their pelts were marketable. The results of this survey indicate that few furharvesters (just 12%) opposed the expansion of the raccoon harvest season to a time when the fur is not marketable. It appears that management of the species has become a stronger motive to furharvester participation than procuring furs for sale. Furthermore, over half the survey respondents indicated they would participate if such a season were established. KDWP currently has made a recommendation to the KDWP Commission to open the raccoon season year-round. The results of this survey were a major consideration in that recommendation. ***

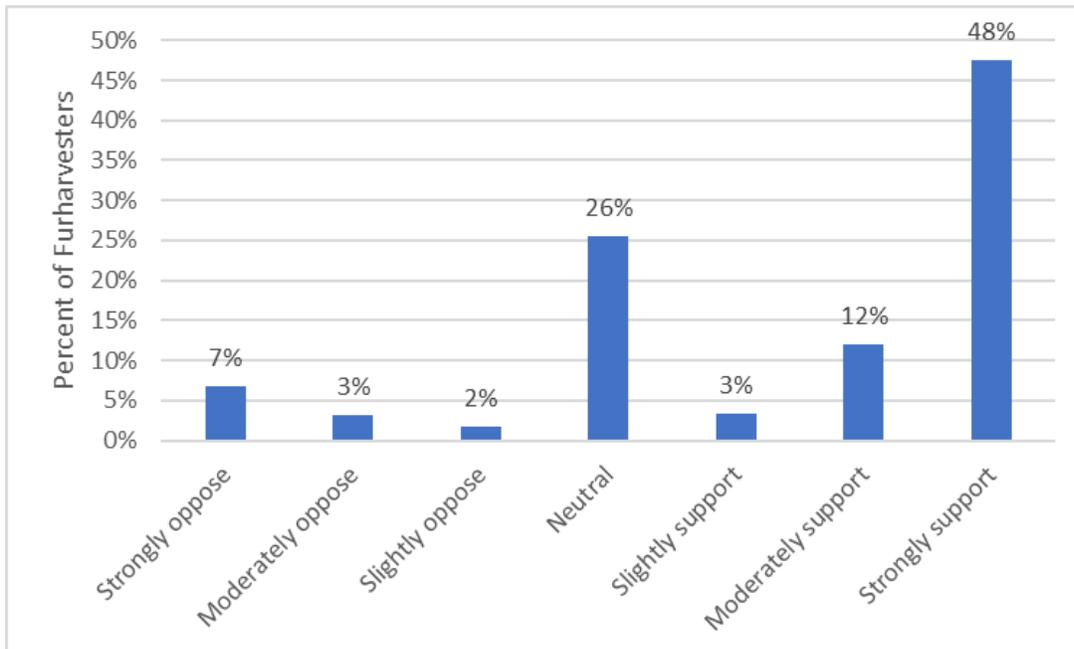


Figure 3. Support or opposition by Kansas furharvesters for a Spring raccoon harvest season (n=1623).

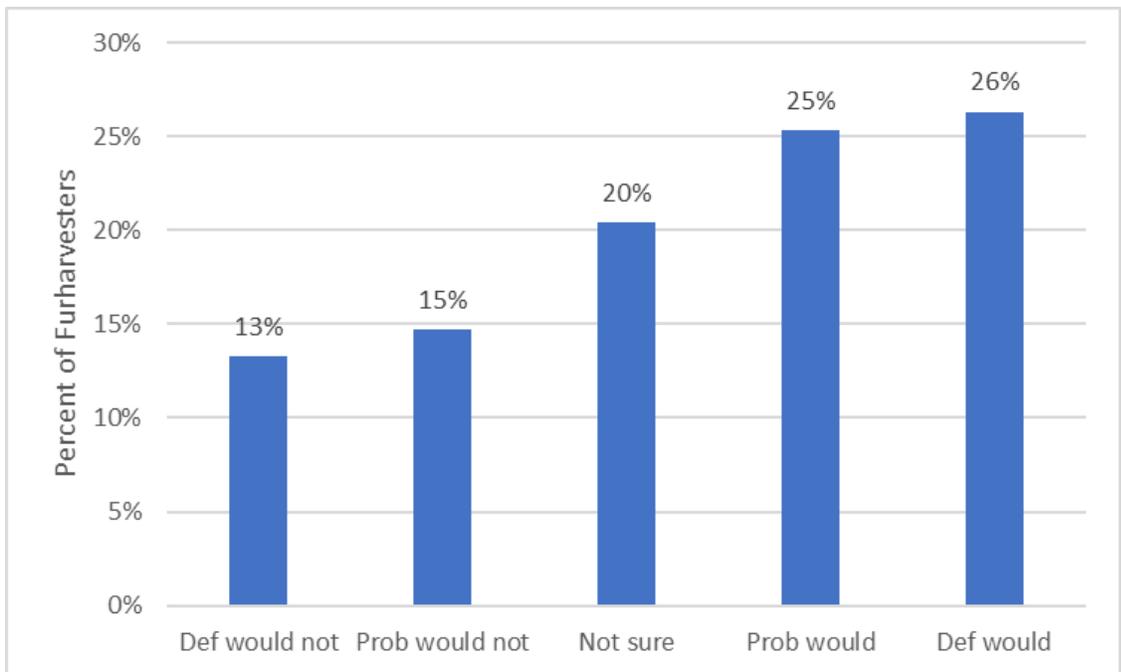


Figure 4. Likelihood of participation by Kansas furharvesters in a Spring raccoon harvest season (n=1621).

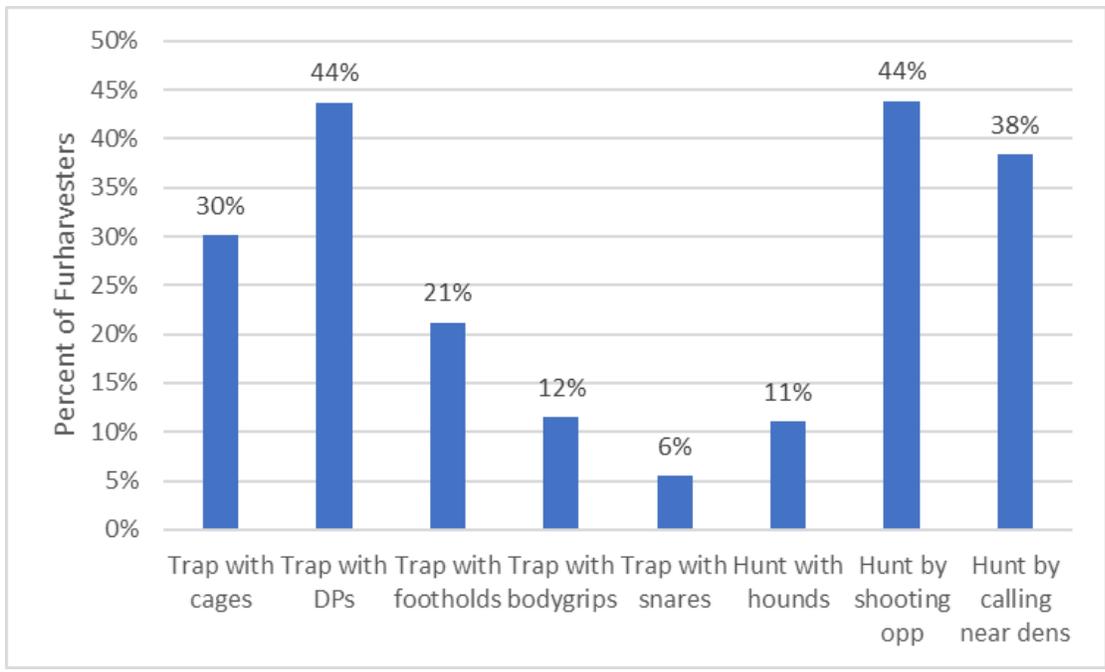


Figure 5. Harvest methods that would be used by Kansas furharvesters during a Spring raccoon harvest season (n=1339).

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Appendix 1.

Paper Version of the
2022-23 Furbearer Harvest Survey



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2022-23 Furbearer Harvest Survey

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_0Pv3oVWpimdbHka.

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 2022-23 season, or did you run furbearers with dogs during the running season in 2022?

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

2. In which county did you do most of your furharvesting in 2022-23? _____

3. Did you **TRAP** for furbearers in Kansas during the 2022-23 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 2022-23 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 2022-23 season? *The trapping season was 106 days (Nov 16-Feb 28) for all furbearers except beaver and otter, which were 137 days (Nov 16-Mar 31).*

Total days: _____

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

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

7. During the time you trapped, 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 2022-23 season?

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

14. How many of each did you harvest by HUNTING in Kansas during the 2022-23 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 2022-23 season? (*maximum 106 days; Nov 16-Feb 28*).

Total days: _____ (must be from 1 to 106 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 2022 running season (Mar 1-Nov 8, 2022)?

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

18. How many of each did you "tree" during the 2022 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 2022 season? (*maximum 253 days; Mar1-Nov8*).

Total days: _____

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

Bobcat: _____ days Red Fox: _____ days Raccoon: _____ days

Gray Fox: _____ days Opossum: _____ days

Special Section – Use of Furbearer Pelts & Parts

21. Some people have expressed interest to KDWP in opening raccoon harvest season in the Spring (April/May). Please tell us your level of opposition or support for a Spring raccoon harvest season.

Strongly oppose	Moderately oppose	Slightly oppose	Neutral	Slightly support	Moderately support	Strongly support
<input type="radio"/>						

22. If a Spring raccoon harvest season was established, how likely would you be to harvest raccoons during that season?

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

23. If you did harvest raccoons in the Spring per the two questions above, what methods would you use? (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> trap with cage traps	<input type="checkbox"/> hunt with hounds
<input type="checkbox"/> trap with dog proof traps	<input type="checkbox"/> hunt by calling near dens
<input type="checkbox"/> trap with foothold traps	<input type="checkbox"/> hunt by opportunistically shooting
<input type="checkbox"/> trap with bodygrip traps	<input type="checkbox"/> other. Specify: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> trap with snares	<input type="checkbox"/> none (probably wouldn't harvest)

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
2022-23 Furbearer Harvest Survey

Comments
1. Night calling coyotes year round; 2. During fur season racoon and cats need to be added to it. Main reason issue to the lack of pheasant and quail. While night calling we called in 15 plus cats that we had to let walk. That's just what we saw. Who's telling what's actually out there. Several guys this year were north of 20 cats. I'm not a very big area. Tells me we have a problem. "
2 other opossum were caught but released during the season. Trapping days were not consecutive and were pulled and reset due to scheduling issues.
A bounty for problem species would be more apt to get ppl to manage them. Ex: the raccoon to help stop the decimation of the trucker population.
A SMALL PART TIME BUSINESS I RECEIVE CALLS FOR COON, BADGER, AND BEAVER WORK. YOUR WELCOME!
A spring raccoon season would be a travesty in my opinion. It would mean the killing of these animals for the sole purpose of killing. If KS wants to "manage" raccoon populations, then make it appealing to do so when the fur is at its best value! I understand that fur values are down, but raccoon pelt prices actually didn't seem too bad for me this year.
Add muskrats to the spring beaver/otter season.
Adding some summer months to the night equipment season for coyotes would be a great addition.
After the flood hit Clinton Lake public hunting areas, we as hunters lost a lot of good ground. Is their any plans to go in and remove all your dead trees and replant new ones? I have hunted this area for years and sadden by the way it looks now. I have taken my nieces nephews and several other hunters to Clinton but now losing all that ground we have to hunt other areas
Allow air rifles for furbearer hunting
ALLOWING MORE TIME TO HARVEST ANIMALS SUCH AS COONS AND OTHER NEST EATING ANIMALS WOULD GREATLY HELP OUR TURKEY POPULATIONS. WHERE I LIVE IN THE LAST 3-4 YEARS I WOULD DAY OUR TURKEY NUMBERS HAVE WENT DOWN 50%.
ALREADY HAVE MADE MY FEELINGS KNOWN ABOUT NEST RAIDING SPECIES AND ADDITIONAL TRAPPING TIME.
although i myself would not trap coons they are definitely plentiful
Appreciate the opportunity to hunt coyotes at night. Any chance we could have a longer season? Maybe begin immediately after 1st rifle deer season in early December, or a landowner tenant extension? Thanks
APRIL/MAY, ISN'T THAT WHEN THEY ARE HAVING THEIR YOUNG. INHUMANE!!!
ARE WILD BIRDS AND TURKEY ARE IN BIG TROUBLE IF WE DON'T DO SOMETHING SOON!! WE NEED TO OPEN SEASON ON COON WITH THERMAL ALSO AS WELL AS SPRING TRAPPING (FOR THE TURKEYS!!)
ARMADILLOS ARE A HUGE CONCERN OF MINE. THEIR OVER POPULATED IN SEKS. AS A LANDOWNER, I AM CONCERNED THAT THEY ARE DEPLETING THE SMALL SNAKE & LIZARD POPULATIONS, AS I HAVE ARTIFICIAL COVER, SUCH AS TIN SHEETS SET OUT & I'M NOT SEEING THE SMALLER REPTILES ANYMORE UNDER THEM. ARMADILLOS ARE OVERPOPULATED BIG TIME, YET ARMIDILLOS ARE SO COMMON, THEIR THE MOST COMMON ROAD KILL MAMMAL SEEN ALONG ROADS HERE ANYMORE. KDWP NEEDS TO STUDY ARMADILLO POPULATIONS ASAP.
As a hounds man it would be greatly beneficial to training hounds to have the capability to kill coons or trap coons outside of the fur harvester season.
As a non resident land owner I would like to see a reduced fee for the Trapping license
"As for the trapping raccoons in the spring, I think it would have a positive impact on Turkey populations. I did not trap much this year as I was in the middle of purchasing a house and moving during season. But have had success in years past on harvesting raccoons. And the property I typically Turkey hunt is where I caught most of my raccoons (along with other predators to Turkey) and I have seen a SIGNIFICANT increase in the Turkey population on and around that property compared to years past and compared to other areas in Miami county. That being said, I truly believe, focusing on neat raiding predators like raccoons plays a huge role in maintaining a healthy and sustainable harvest of wild Turkey. In years past, raccoon pelts were worth a lot of money, and people ran a lot more coon dogs and trapped and hunted a lot more coons. But it seems like with the decline in raccoon hunters has brought the increase in raccoon and opossum populations which seems to have in turn brought the decline in turkey numbers with it. So, if there is ANY way to incentivize raccoon and opossum and even skunk harvest, it would almost definitely have a positive impact on Turkey populations. (I know there are lots of other factors against turkeys in the wild- including snakes and flooding, etc)
I manage an outdoor store in Paola, KS and can say, those that I know have a strong knowledge of the outdoors, all seem to agree on this topic as well."
Badger is tearing up the farm ground. I sure wish I could find a better way to get rid of them. Thank you KDWP for taking care of our state! (name withheld)
Be nice to have thermal hunting coyotes all year around to keep people out enjoying they outdoors and to help managing the population. I would like to see where hunters during the furbearer season can use thermal for other animals besides coyotes to help with predator control. Thank you
BECAUSE OF MY AGE I NO LONGER HAVE TO PURCHASE HUNT & FISH I BUY FURBEARER TAG TO SUPPORT KANSAS WILDLIFE & PARKS.
Being able to take some young coons in May would really help the pup training out. It would be cool and hopefully damp enough that the dogs could trail well during that time. With the dry conditions it's brutal for the guys running hounds. I would be opposed to letting people trap during that early season. (Maybe Live traps) The guys with the dogs that hunt legit don't hurt the coon population. Have left many many coons in trees because the dogs couldn't pick the tree they were in or they hadn't come down to where you could run them...for \$2 there far better entertainment alive than dead...now during hunting season if the dog trees them that's a different story....but if there is more than one only one is taken.... as dry as it is it is very very hard to trail and tree a coon . I have hunted with some very good dogs and it's just tough... early kill season in the fall would be good for Houndsman only before all the damn traps get set out there. Hunting coon with hounds coyotes can be a problem sometimes... They like to follow along anywhere from 300 to 30 yards away. I can only imagine how much hell they give the coons year around.
BEING ABLE TO TRAP ON W.I.H.A. WOULD BE NICE.
Being able to use a centerfire or shotgun at night.
BOBCAT SEASON SHOULD RUN AN ADDITIONAL MONTH AT THE END OF THEIR SEASON AS THEIR FUR ISN'T PRIMED AT THE BEGINNING.
BOUNTIES FOR COYOTES & CERTAIN FURBEARERS TO REDUCE POPULATIONS DUE TO LOW FUR PRICES.
Bounty system
Buy the tag incase I get the chance while hunting deer.
CALLING & SHOOTING COYOTES SHOULD BE ALLOWED YEAR-ROUND
COON FUR IS NO GOOD AFTER MID FEB. WHY EXTEND THE SEASON ON THEM.
COON HUNTING W/HOUNDS IS A SPORT, HOBBY, & PASSION WOULD LOVE FOR IT TO BE OPEN YEAR ROUND.
COONS ARE A PROBLEM
COONS ARE BECOMING A REAL PROBLEM, TOO MANY
Coons have become a real problem for nesting birds on my property the Turkey count has fallen to next none their needs to be a open season and bounty.

Coons love corn so I'm sure most farmers would love the extra season
COONS NEED TO BE REDUCED LARGE NUMBER & PEOPLE DON'T TRAP THEM SINCE PRICES DOWN. THEY DO ALOT OF DAMAGE TO PHEASANT & TURKEY POPULATION.
Corn feeding year round by out of state deer hunters is really increasing populations of varmints, having a direct impact on ground nesting birds. Would be nice if these deer hunters would let us hunt the raccoons and other furbearers. I for one don't like trapping coons as it's too easy, now give me a chance with my hounds and I'm game. KDWP has continually worried about single species (whitetail deer) for the fact of money and that is causing the other species to suffer. When I was a youngster Kansas was a bucket list state or lifetime goal of many to hunt in. Now many Kansans are looking to hunt in other states or give it up completely.
Coyote mange was higher in the west part of the county than it has been the last few years 40% of the coyotes saw or shot were greased or bald. Strongly opposed to the spring raccoon season based on fur quality..... I believe a spring season would lead to more wanton waste of good animals. Saw considerable raccoons that had distemper this year more so than usual.... Probably in the 30 percent of what we saw/killed..... 2 were tested and confirmed positive. The rest exhibited identical symptoms. Gut worms and intestinal worms seemed to be reduced this year from normal..... only 2 coyotes had tape worms and only 12 raccoons had gut/tape worms..... considerable improvement from the last few years.
Coyote night hunting year round! Raccoon hunting at night with thermal scopes or artificial lights.
Crossbows are the new rifle and it is advertised as such. They should be only allowed during rifle season not during archery season. Those that are handicapped or proven physically impaired could use them during archery season like before. Many states do not allow during archery season. Let's get this right.
CROW SEASON SHOULD BE EXTENDED. TO MANY CROWS AROUND.
DEER HUNTERS HAVE STRONG HOLD ON HUNTING GROUND SPRING HUNTING COON WOULD HELP. DEER HUNTERS CARE LESS THEN.
DEER SEASON INTERFERES WITH RUNNING HOUNDS DUE TO PEOPLE NOT WANTING DOGS ON THE LAND UNTIL DEER SEASON IS OVER. WAY TO MANY OUT OF STATE HUNTERS OUT OF STATE HUNTERS LEASING EVERYTHING: IS RUINING HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR LOCALS I LOOSE PROPERTY EVERY YEAR TO OUT OF STATE DEER HUNTERS
DID NOT HUNT - IN 2022-23 HAD BACK PROBLEMS
DID NOT TRAP PRICES TO LOW AND NO TIME
DID NOT TRAP, BECAUSE THERE IS NOT A DECENT MARKET FOR FUR. FUR BEARERS ARE GETTING EXTREMELY THICK.
DIFFERENT SUBJECT, BUT I WOULD BE IN FAVOR OF AN UPLAND GAME SEASON THAT WOULD GO INTO FEBRUARY IF POSSIBLE
do to the over population of coyotes, i think thermal season should be extended.
DO YOU RELOCATE BEAVERS FOR LANDOWNERS?
Don't let out of state deer hunters shoot our coyotes and bobcats
Don't like night hunting, to many people killing bobcats
Due to the deer corn piles they have really become concentrated until the feeding stops then its on to the nesting game birds
Extend mink and muskrat harvest to align with beaver and otter seasons.
EXTEND NIGHT HUNTING. I HAVE ALOT OF RANCHERS WHO HAVE PROBLEMS WITH COYOTES DURING CALVING SEASON.
FIND SOMEONE TO BUY FURBEARER'S IN THE MANHATTAN AREA HARD TO SELL FURS
First time trapping. Fun experience. Think it's important to continue to control our predator populations in order to improve turkey and upland numbers.
FIRST YEAR IN MY LIFE NEVER SHOT A COYOTE. DON'T SEE COYOTES WILL BE WORSE WITH THE NIGHT HUNTING. TOO MUCH HUNTING DAY & NIGHT HERE. TIRED OF PICKING UP BEER CANS & BOTTLES. DON'T LIKE THE NIGHT HUNTING. THEY WILL SHOOT EVERYTHING NOW. I KNOW THEY DO. LAWS DON'T APPLY TO THEM.
From everything I have read, meso predator control during the spring can be beneficial for many ground nesting birds. I would be in favor the spring hunting/trapping and I think if you educated people you would find a bunch of people willing to help
fur buyers are not taking them anymore. So to get rid of a few why don't the wildlife and parks put a bounty on them? Something needs to be done. They are out of control.
Fur prices are so low that there isn't much incentive to trap....I am a new landowner and I am shocked at the number of raccoons, possums, skunks....egg stealers....that are on my property....its no wonder the turkey and quail numbers are not there....this is my first year trying to trap and I didn't put a dent....I would wholeheartedly support my tax dollars going to a bounty on varmints....provide some incentive to reduce these numbers. Thank you!
FUR PRICES HAVE GONE DOWN SO MUCH IT DOESN'T MAKE IT ECONOMICAL TO TRAP/HUNT THEM EVEN TO CONTROL OVER POPULATION
FURBEARERS HAVE A DEVESTATING EFFECT ON GROUND NESTING BIRDS NO FUR MARKET, SO NO ONE TRAPS THEM. NEED TO BE THINED OUT.
Furbearers hurt all species of birds the most, not just, game birds. I would like to see the ability to hunt all furbearers at night with lights and thermal scopes just like the season was opened for coyotes a few years ago. The diminishing demand for fur plus the diminishing number of trappers has caused the numbers to skyrocket. Thank you for your time and keep up the good work. (name withheld)
GET RID OF THE NIGHT SEASON
Getting a bounty program similar to South Dakota. The fur market being so bad, isn't motivating Kansans to trap.
Getting rid of coons would help the turkey and quail populations
Greatest barrier to trapping right now is fuel cost. I would participate more, and trap more, if/when logistics are more feasible.
Had back surgery in August so didn't trap. Hope to this year.
HAVE RACCOON SEASON YEAR ROUND - THEY RUIN TO MANY TURKEY AND BIRD NESTS IN NORTHWEST, KS THEIR ARE ONLY 10 TO 20% OF THE DEER THAT WERE HERE 6 YEARS AGO TELL YOUR DEER MANAGEMENT PEOPLE ABOUT THIS
Have seen the upland bird and Turkey population die off I believe due to raccoons and coyotes not being hunted or trapped
Have trapped for three seasons on our farm and bordering farm. Done mainly to help Quail and Turkey numbers. We have noticed more young turkey in spring than in past. Also Quail numbers appear to be better.
HONESTLY, I HAD THE WILDLIFE OFFICER CHECK MY BOBCATS 2 YEARS AGO AND THE NEXT YEAR I FOUND OUT HE WAS THEN TRAPPING WHERE I TOLD HIM I WAS TRAPPING. UPSET ME TO THE POINT I HAVEN'T TRAPPED SINCE.
hunt coyotes with greyhounds when feeding cattle. Nothing much on survey for that. Thanks

Hunting coyotes with thermal should be allowed year around. And during furharvester season you should be allowed to hunt fox at night.
I AGREE COON HUNTING SEASON SHOULD BE WHENEVER TRAPPING SEASON IS
I agree with and support trapping nest predators in spring to help with turkey/pheasant/quail population numbers. I probably won't be trapping any however because the fur market is low and their fur is not prime during these months.
I ALWAYS GET ONE EVERY YEAR, TO MANY RULES & LAW CHANGES WITH KDWP TO KEEP UP WITH, COVER MY BUTT.
I AM 71 YEARS OLD & HAVE HAD BOTH KNEES REPLACED I ENJOY THE NUMBER OF COON IN THE AREA FOR HUNTING. THEY ARE WORTHLESS SO NOT VERY MANY PEOPLE HUNT OR TRAP THEM. I REALLY HAD A GOOD TIME HUNTING THIS WINTER ALL THOUGH I CAN'T WALK LIKE I USE TO I STILL ENJOY LISTNING TO A COON HOUND. (name withheld)
I am in favor of year round raccoon trapping. Same regulations as for coyotes. I live in the country and raccoons make a yearly mess of my garden.
I am new to trapping at 38 y/o, lifelong hunter. It seems to me if KDWP wants more trappers there should be some sort of incentive for young/new trappers. I know it is completely different, but in Canada a new trapper gets around \$1,500 worth of new traps and fur handling supplies. It seems like if bounties worked, they would still be a thing. The incentive could be as easy as if you are just starting out trapping, here is a couple of dog proof traps and a couple of #2 footholds. Those renewing licenses could get their incentive of a new trap (DP, foothold, conibear, cage...), knife, stretching boards, swivels or J hooks or any other number of fur catching or fur handling accessories along with trapping. One "item" per years license renewal picked up at your local state park office and checked off electronically. Who knows, it just seems like there are not many trappers.
I AM SAD I WAS NOT ABLE TO GET OUT HARDLY AT ALL THIS YEAR, HOPEFULLY NEXT YEAR WE CAN GET AT IT!
I BELIEVE A SPRING SEASON WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA MAYBE HELP OUR BIRD POPULATION
I believe all furbearers should be legal to take during the Jan 1st-Mar 31st coyote night season. I also feel the Jan 1st- Mar 31st coyote season should be a year round season. KDWP&T is behind on this as Nebraska is leading the way. Season dates that are set specifically in fear of poaching will only keep honest hunters honest. If people WANT to shoot big deer out of season with NV (night vision) or thermals, a set season date will not stop them from doing so.
I believe raccoon hunting should be opened year around. I also believe raccoon hunting should be legal at night. And I would like to see night hunting for coyotes open year around instead of a short 3 month season.
I believe the seasons and regulations are fine the way they are
I believe the skunk population is to the point where they need to be added to a year around open season.
i believe there is not as much furbearer being harvested do to pelts not being worth anything and not being able to find places to hunt especially since they have made it to where you can't go get your dogs off of someone's place without getting a trespassing ticket i stopped hunting a while back because the property has all been leased or bought up but out of state deer hunters it's became a big money game
I believe you should have an open season for Raccoons, Opossums, and Skunks just like you do for coyotes. There's really no fur market so fewer and fewer animals are being harvested. You may even consider some sort of bounty on your fur harvesters. Your bird population is dwindling almost past repair. This includes quail, pheasant and turkey.
I buy a furbearer license because I am a land owner and have pond and a creek that the Beaver and Raccoons travel. But I have a friend how lives in Fort Scott that comes down and traps them for me.
I BUY A FURHARVESTERS LICENSE EVERY YEAR AND ALWAYS HAVE. I'M RETIRED NOW AND ON FIXED INCOME (OVER 65 YR OLD). FUR PRICES ARE DOWN AND HAVE BEEN FOR YEARS. SENIORS SHOULD BE ABLE TO BUY A SENIOR LIFETIME PERMIT TO HARVEST FURS AT A REDUCED RATE JUST LIKE THE SENIOR FISHING PERMITS. TRAPPING IS A DYING BREED AND OTHER GAME IS SUFFERING FROM IT. FAWNS AND BIRDS NEST ARE BEING DESTROYED BY AN OVER ABUNDANCE OF COONS & COYOTES & BOBCATS. i DON'T TRAP MUCH ANYMORE CAUSE GAS IS TOO HIGH TO MAKE IT WORTH IT. PLUS I CAN'T GET AROUND LIKE WHEN I WAS YOUNGER. WHEN I NEED TO REMOVE PROBLEM ANIMALS ON MY PROPERTY I WILL TRAP THEM. I DON'T LIKE TO KILL SOMETHING AND SAVE THE HIDE OR MEAT. EVERYTHING IS CHANGING.
I definitely think there needs to be a longer raccoon season. There are numerous raccoons on my property and I don't want to hunt them during deer season and scare off the deer.
I did not trap due to a total shoulder replacement that sidelined me for the season. I do plan to resume trapping activities in the 2023-2024 season. I appreciate the efforts of (the furbearer biologist) and KDWP on behalf of the trapping public. These resources and opportunities are great and I enjoy trapping. Too bad the fur prices aren't any better! Thanks again.
I did not trap this season, intended to trap beaver as they are damaging my timber, my cancer returned and had to take time to recover - plan on next year, God willing.
I didn't spend much time trapping. The creek dried up and the beavers left before season.
I DO BELIEVE THERE NEEDS TO BE A BOUNTY ON VARMINTS THEY ARE FAR OVERPOPULATED.
I do not kill every raccoon I tree. Only when I have a landowner tell me to kill um off his place. Then only one per tree n case he is listening
I do not think that the raccoon trapping season should be moved up in the spring. I do not believe that fur bearers are the major responsibility for the decline in ground nesting birds. I think it's more of a habitat issue and I also believe if Hunters will quit baiting, raccoons would be spread out across the landscape and not concentrated to a small area.
I don't understand Why do I need to buy a license and all that to trap predators that are eating my animals?
I don't disagree with the idea of trying to reduce raccoon numbers some, but people can do that during the regular season as well. I don't like the idea of not utilizing something that a person kills and it seems like a spring season for raccoons would lead to people killing stuff and throwing it aside to rot.
I don't mind people hunting with dogs, but I've seen a lot of dog boxes around and people need to have more respect for landowners. Just the other day I busted some guys with dogs hunting coyotes so they say. But they were from out of county and had no clue who they were hunting on.
I don't understand the desire to hunt raccoons in the spring. Pelts have zero value and most people will not eat the meat taken during warm weather. This seems as though it would be totally wanton waste. Most sportsman try to avoid this at all cost!
I feel like the coyote population is down or at least fewer young of the year. With no demand for fur, this is not due to harvest, but more likely disease or being killed on the road. Never fail to see bobcat tracks on a snowy day for what that is worth.
I FEEL RACCOONS AND HAWKS ARE PART OF THE REASON OUR PHEASANT POPULATION HAS BEEN DECREASING.
I feel the same am a lot of others about the coons hurting Turkey populations. Not sure but there are a lot of furbearers. I have hunted coons for over 45 years and have never seen so many.
I HAD BACK SURGERY

I have a concern with the night hunt for yotes. Don't take me wrong I love the option of new sportsmen activities, but I still wish there was some restrictions - shotgun, caliber, etc. it scares me hearing guys talk about putting thermal/night scopes on 6.5prc's, 308, 260 nessler, etc these high power rifles are intended for long range! Those high dollar devices are outta budget for my self so only going off hear say, but most say the only draw back is being able to range the target when your only focusing on the critter itself. There's too many houses and livestock in SE Kansas for some of these rifles in the hands of people who don't know the surroundings nor care. A neighbor had a truck load of guys from Newton Ks (2hr away from here) stop by late one night asking for permission to night shoot onto his property they had thermally scanned yotes behind his house driving by? Knowing they don't know the area he said I didn't know what to do...tell them sure knowing they're shooting at you or tell no and they go ask you and shoot back at me? Like I said earlier, I appreciate & really like this option just have some concerns.

"I have concerns about spring harvest as we know hides are not worth anything and as a result of that I found several coons just laying under trees because people just shoot them out for the dogs and leave them lie. Not how I was raised but seeing more and more of this.

Next the check in and out is the most ridiculous thing I have ever experienced. 1st there is no furbearing option so what exactly am I doing out here? Next if I am running coonhounds why in God's name do I have to check out by 11:59PM. ? Makes no sense to me. Also if I have to check in and out for an activity that doesn't exist then what is the point of even doing it? Ok, I'm done!

What purpose is a spring hide season what would you do with the for isn't it green? So that would make no sense and leave a lot of dead coon laying on the ground for what?"

I HAVE FARMERS THAT COONS ARE DESTROYING THERE CORN. THEY WANT ME TO HARVEST AFTER DEER SEASON. THE SPRING SEASON WOULD HELP WITH THIS.

I have had a lot of luck hunting coyotes this season at night with thermal. Yet I only harvested probably 1 out of every 5 or so. I have many cattle farmers asking me to keep taking care of the coyotes but don't have near the luck during the day as I do the night. I think it would be most beneficial to allow night hunting year round like Texas and Oklahoma

I haven't trapped for a long time. My 9 yr old son wanted to and we have beaver problems at many ponds. I hunt coyotes where I calve to help keep them thinned down there. He enjoys calling coyotes and protecting our livestock. Thanks.

I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO GET INTO FURBEARERS SEASON DO TO NO VEHICAL

I HIGHLY SUPPORT EXTENDING A RACCOON, OPPOSSUM, SKUNK SEASON AND ALLOW W/THERMALS THE TURKEY POPULATION IS IN DRASTIC DECLINE, I FIND MANY NEST THAT WERE RAIDED EACH YEAR BY THESE FURBEARERS I DO MY PART BY HUNTING PREDATORS ESPECIALLY COYOTES BUT WOULD SHOOT MANY MORE FURBEARERS THAT ARE HURTING TURKEY POPULATIONS IF ALLOWED WITH THERMALS, FUR PRICES ARNT WORTH CRAP SO NOT MANY PEOPLE ARE TRAPPING THEM ANYMORE.

i hope you keep the night hunting coyote as is i can give reasons if you like. I wish there was a small bounty on coon they are a real problem in western Kansas i feel they are very hard on ground nesting bird populations have a better day

I KNEW PEOPLE THAT HAVE A CONTEST DURING SEASON KILLING 31 PER DAY. I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO CALL COONS WITH A GAME CALL BUT NOT HAVE A SPRING HUNTING SEASON WITH DOGS. (name withheld)

I know for certain I am the only person in my immediate area trapping. I am specifically targeting nest predators to help in any way I can to reduce the pressure on the nests as well as coyote and bobcat to reduce adult bird predation. I have been doing this for a few years now and have seen several large successful turkey broods the last few summers. The only thing I would like to see is, as mentioned, a season on nest predators that runs closer to the actual nesting season. I feel the extended season in February was a great first step, but March & April leaves time for more to disperse into the area, specifically the area where i removed a high concentration of them. Thank you.

I like that we have a Thermal Season for coyotes now here in Kansas. I'd like to see that we could shoot coyotes year round in Kansas at anytime of the year with a thermal optic!

I like the idea of having an extended fur bearing season for nest raiders such as raccoons and opossums. The issue I see with leaving that season open in April/May is if we do get many people actively hunting/trapping them then, we will disrupt nesting birds, more specifically turkeys. I would think possibly opening the taking of raccoons from say September through the end of March would be awesome.

I live in PA. I've been archery hunting whitetails in Kansas on and off over the last ten years when I've been fortunate enough to draw a tag. Made the trip out in January for a week to trap to help the landowner out with a nuisance beaver problem. Had a blast. Going to try to make it a yearly trip out to trap. It's been a pleasure hunting and trapping your state!!

I mainly have a fur harvester license so I can shoot a Bobcat if I happen to call one in while coyote hunting.

I MAINLY TRAP AROUND MY FARMSTEAD

I ONLY TRAPPED 3 DAYS SHOWING MY GRANDSON HOW

I oppose the new no camera rule on public grounds

I really like the trapping season going to the end of February. Thanks (name withheld)

I regards to Furharvesting, the lack of furharvesters, the rising number of furbearers, and the continuing lack of ground nesting birds on the state of Kansas, I would highly consider conversations about year round harvesting of raccoons, skunks, and opossums. The turkey numbers are not what they were, the quail numbers are on their way back but have a long way to go, and the prairie chicken populations are not what they were. We owe it to these native bird species to help protect their nests.

I RETAIN THE LICENCE FOR NUSINCE ANIMALS ONLY. I HAVE 1C ON MY COMM LICENSE. I SERVE CUSTOMERS THAT ARE HAVE WILD LIFE DAMAGE. SKUNKS IN TOWN HAVE BEEN THE MAIN FOCUS OF ACTIVITIES. NONE THIS YEAR.

I see no reason that opossum , skunk and raccoon shouldn't have an open season. The fur market is gone and not returning soon. They have skyrocketed in numbers and are devastating bird nests. I had 19 coons in one deer camera pic. Terrible!

I seriously wish you would open thermal and night vision season up year around like lots of other states.

I strongly believe that thermal and night vision should be legal means for coyotes year round and legal to hunt raccoon during the fur season.

I strongly feel that raccoon hunting should be open year around at least until numbers are controlled. I think the same rules toward coyotes should be applied towards Raccoons

I THANK IF THE FUR IS NO GOOD TO SELL OR DO ANYTHING WITH IT WE SHOULD NOT KILL THEM

I THICK OTTER SESOSON SHOULD BE THE SAME STATE WIDE ON LIMITS.

I think a spring season would be great to help out all the ground nesting birds.

I THINK COONS, POSSUMS & SKUNKS SHOLD BE ALLOWED ALL YEAR OR A "BOUNTY" ON THEM TO INCREASE INTREST IN THEM.

I think fur harvesters should be able to retain all fur harvested as they choose

I THINK FURBEARER SEASON SHOULD BE OPEN ALL YEAR

I think it was an excellent idea extending the furbearer season to February 28th, I thank you for going forward with that! With bobcats still prime into March, I appreciate the extra time to harvest a more prime bobcat pelt. It is also very beneficial for harvesting raccoons, as many of the places that landowners/leasee's want raccoons/nest predators harvested, they have the ground for deer hunting and/or upland bird hunting so many properties I can't access until February 1st when all hunting seasons are closed. So it helps allow more time for trapping with having a later furharvester season to trap raccoons after all hunting seasons are closed. Through the grapevine I have heard that some folks were upset with the decision to extend the season to trap raccoons because the pelts aren't prime that late, which they are not. However, with raccoons having no fur value I don't think that is an issue at all, and along with there being no fur market for them, just because the season is open later doesn't mean a lot of people are going to trap down the raccoon population. The only folks trapping raccoons are those who have a vested interest to manage specific properties, or those getting paid to trap and manage those properties. The complaint of trapping coons when they aren't prime is just a greed issue as I see it, those not wanting others harvesting more coons. The coon population seems as high as it has ever been, turkey numbers are terribly low as well as pheasants, and I don't see there being issue with an extended furharvester season on coons, skunks, possums. I think it would be beneficial to extend the season on raccoon much later than February 28. For example, if one is trapping coons in the month of February and it happens to be very cold all month and the coons aren't moving much, it can make for a slow/poor/ineffective harvest. I believe extending the raccoon/possum/skunk harvest season into April or May could be beneficial for allowing those wanting to reduce nest predators on their property to increase turkey and upland game populations. There will be those few that complain about the ""unprime coon"" being harvested, but the fact of the matter is with no fur market there isn't going to be a pile of trappers out there chasing coon with the extended season. The only ones that will be trapping that extended season will be those interested in managing their properties for increased game bird populations, and the extended season allows them to do a better job in managing their properties while still in a legal/regulated season. I want to thank you for everything that you do for our furharvesting program. With so many states having their trapping rights taken away from them, I am thankful and appreciative that you are at the head of Kansas' program. Have a great day!

I think lengthening the raccoon season will definitely help the wild turkey population.

I think raccoon season should be open year round they are extremely detrimental to the Turkey population and I see no need to conserve them we are over run with them

I THINK RACCOONS ARE HURTING TURKEY POPULATION BY RAIDING NEST

I THINK RACCOONS NEED TO BE CONTROLLED, NOT ELIMINATED

I think that coons need to be legal to harvest with thermal and night vision equipment everyone I know that traps has pretty well quit trapping them. We've got to do something if we want quail and turkeys back in this part of Kansas.

I think that Kansas should do away with the dead time between the hunting season and running season.

I THINK THAT RACCOONS, SKUNKS, POSSOMS ETC. EAT PHEASANT AND QUAIL EGGS MAYBE TURKEY ALSO.

I THINK THE NIGHT HUNTING FOR COYOTES SEASON NEEDS TO BE LONGER THAN JAN 15TH - MARCH 31ST. DON'T LET IT OPEN DURING DEER SEASON BUT LET IT GO LONGER.

I think the spring raccoon season is a tremendous idea because everywhere you go there are raccoons. By mid November I think a lot of raccoons have become inactive.

I think there should be more time for raccoon hunting a trapping due to the numbers are getting out of control an i see dozens on a daily bases.

I THINK WE SHOULD HARVEST MORE EGG EATERS TO PROMOTE GAME BIRD POPULATIONS.

I understand the reasoning behind a ""spring harvest"" for Raccoon. I don't care for the idea. There will be nothing to harvest, fur quality is nill, that late in the year they will be wormy and covered with fleas and ticks so no meat worth having. Help us promote fur ,that's the answer to population control in my opinion. Thank you for this opportunity. Regards, (name withheld)

I WAS JUST SEEING IF I COULD STILL CALL IN PREDATORS THIS YEAR. I HADN'T DONE IT FOR OVER A DECADE.

I was unaware that KDWP was entertaining an extended coon season. I have not looked at the pros/cons. That said, my initial thought is, "why would we do this when pelts aren't prime"?

I WOULD BE LIKELY TO TRAP RACCOON IN THE SPRING BUT ONLY WHERE I THINK IT WOULD HELP GROUND NESTING BIRDS. PRICES ARE SO LOW ON HIGH QUALITY RACCON FUR THAT THERE IS REALLY NO OTHER BENIFIT FOR TRAPPING THEM EXCEPT TO IMPROVE BIRD HATCH SUCCESS RATES.

I WOULD HARVEST SPRING COON ONLY FOR HOUND TRAINING PURPOSES. I DO NOT HARVEST EVERY COON TREED. THANK YOU FOR PROVIDIND THIS FUN SPORT.

I would have gotten out more, but this year was hectic scheduling. Extending the raccoon season, would just work convenient for me, weather wise and scheduling time to get out to hunt. Curious about fur quality & balancing the pros and cons is it worth it? How about extending night hunting coyotes at least till end of April? I would prefer to night hunt coyotes in November, but I am afraid deer poachers would use this guise to their advantage. There is an abundance of raccoons and coyotes this year, saw a lot of bobcats.

I would have trapped longer but the hides were not paying enough money to make it worth my time. Trapping is a hobby so to speak that was passed down to me that i enjoy doing but the harvest needs to be profitable enough for my time to make it enjoyable.

I would keep raccoons the same as beaver for season

I would like the state to look into the fairly new night hunting season for coyotes. Each year I hear stories of local domestic dogs being shot during the night season time frame. There is trespassing that is going on during this time frame. Night hunters are starting before season opens up. I know there will always be a few bad apples that don't follow the rules, but there are too many temptations. A lot of that is because it is during the night when they know not many other people are out and about. Along with the low number of game wardens in many areas. The fee is so cheap to allow a person to night hunt that the state can't be making much money. The number one attraction to the state is whitetails which could be another temptation for a night hunter to shoot. The risks and temptations of allowing the night season far exceed any benefit from it. Thank you

I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OF FUR BUYERS IN KANSAS SO I CAN SELL THE HIDES TOO. THANK YOU!

I would like to see a year round open season on Raccoons !

I would like to see an open season on raccoons since their furs are not worth anything, and also be able to hunt them at night with lights.

I would like to see coyote night hunt season open earlier (November), or potentially run all year similar to Nebraska. I think the season could also be open to Raccoons to help with population control

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE NIGHT SEASON HUNTING WITH ARTIFICIAL LIGHT BE LONGER SEASONED AND ADD ANIMALS SUCH AS BADGER, RACCOON, BEAVER, BOBCAT.

I would like to see raccoon calling at night after January 1st with the aid of using a light and/or night vision optics. Like night vision optics for coyote hunting at night. Need to hunt raccoons when their pelts are prime for selling, not in the spring when the pelts are starting to change for the spring/summer.

I would like to see raccoons treated like coyotes. Year round hunting season. Farmers beg me all year long to get rid of raccoons that are a nuisance. I can only help them from November 16th to February 28th the way the laws, and seasons are right now.

I would like to see some limits established by species, especially on bobcat.
I WOULD LIKE TO TRAP FOR ALL NEST RAIDERS
I would much rather see the season for raccoon hunting/trapping open earlier like September or October as they seem extremely overpopulated and early deer hunters would surely harvest a lot of them over their corn piles.
I would not support a spring raccoon season due to turkey hunting season. (Dangerous and interfering)
I WOULD NOT TAKE A COON EVERYTIME WE TREE ONE JUST ONE OR TWO TO KEEP THE DOG INTERESTED.
I WOULD OF TRAPPED DURING SEASON BUT HAD HEART TROUBLE HAD TO HAVE A PACEMAKER PUT IN AT BEGINNING OF SEASON COULD NOT LIFT BUT 7 POUNDS. WOULD LIKE INFO ON HIDE HANDLING FOR MY GRANDSONS TO ATTEND AND FORMS TO LEARN MORE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME (name withheld)
I WOULD OPEN RACCOON SEASON ALL YEAR. THANKS
I would oppose a full opening of a raccoon season to all resident and non resident hunters by simple license purchase. I would prefer the state allowed by permit only to control numbers in selected areas. I also think a person should be allowed to control problem coyotes by permit or permission at night after the season ends. Your night season ends just as a lot of ranchers around my area start to drop calves. I'm not asking to extend the season just allow me special permit to control select problem coyotes after the season is over with my night equipment.
I would say KDWP does a great job on everything. Food for thought is a friend of mine says North Dakota has an annual furbearer tournament to supposedly help control furbearers to help the bird population and predication on other game mammals. I'm not sure if it works but it sounds fun! Thank you
I WOULD STRONGLY SUGGEST THE STATE OF KS SUBSIDIZE FUR BUYRERS IN KS FOR RACCOON PELTS TO PASS ON TO THE TRAPPERS THIS WOULD CONSIDERABLY INCREASE THOSE WILLING TO TRAP RACCOONS, WHICH IN TURN, WOULD INCREASE THE HARVEST OF SKUNKS & OPOSSUM. THE RESULT WOULD BE AN ECOSYSTEM MORE CONDUCIVE TO INCREASE QUAIL & PHEASANT POPULATIONS. I HAVE A BIOLOGY DEGREE, BUT THIS SIMPLE LOGIC.
I would strongly support opening up a season for raccoons in the spring to better keep them managed. seems as though our bird numbers have declined drastically due to the fact most people are not trapping as much and the raccoon numbers are high.
I would suggest simplifying the language of the use of lights at night and the legality of doing so. I would also be interested if spotlighting after dark would ever be an option to hunt & call raccoons. Rather than wanton waste and fur being worthless later in the spring, I would participate if spotlighting and use of lights - the average hunter type of spotlight and headlamp - was allowed for the take of raccoons, as it was a fun pastime with my father in Nebraska. I also vividly remember seeing others out and calling in poachers & wrongdoing that would put more eyes on the WAs at night. I understand why this isn't currently legal, due to threat of poaching, and it's not a priority of mine with the lack of fur market as well. Thanks for your time!
If extended spring season needs to exclude body grips, foot holds (except dogproofs) and body grips to minimize non target species harvest/accidental kills. Also should include opossum
IF THE COON MARKET WOULD RETURN WE WOULD NOT NEED A SPRING SEASON.
IF WE COULD OPEN COON HARVESTING AT NIGHT WITH THERMALS THAT WOULD HELP BRING THE NUMBERS DOWN. "MAKE THE SEASON THE SAME AS COYOTES". SEVERAL TIMES I CALLED IN A COON WITH A RABBIT DISTRESS WHILE COYOTE HUNTING. ONE ACTUALLY TIPPED OVER MY CALLER. ANOTHER KEY NOTE. I PERSONALLY DO NOT TRAP OR HUNT COONS TILL JANUARY SO I DO NOT DISTURB THE DEER IN THE FALL. I WOULD LOVE A SPRING COON SEASON.
If you want to lower raccoon numbers just let us use more traps that target them. I use dog proof. Don't let people trap when the fur is getting thin from the warm weather.
If you were to extend the harvest season for fur bearers I would extend it towards the beginning of the season. So pregnant female coons aren't being killed.
IMPLEMENT A BOUNTY SYSTEM, LIKE SOUTH DAKOTA, ON NEST RAIDERS TO BOOST PHEASANT & QUAL POPULATION.
In addition to adding a spring season for raccoons, I recommend the same for opossums and skunks. I have seen a major increase in skunks in my area in the past few years. Our turkeys, pheasants, and quail need as much help as they can get. Habitat is most important, but the predators are undoubtedly playing a part in the decreased bird numbers. Not enough people are targeting predators like raccoons, opossums, and skunks so a spring season is not going to have a negative impact on their existence, but it might help protect some of the spring nests from the nest raiders.
IN AGREEMENT WITH, IF FURS WERE PRICE WORTHY
In the opening remark/question it states "Some people have expressed interest to KDWP in opening raccoon harvest season in the Spring (April/May)." My question would be why? certainly not for the fur
Include furbearers in night hunting. reduce non-resident furharvester fees; it's all recreational at this point and the state benefits from any and all management of nest predator removal.
IS THEIR SOME WAY TO MAKE THE MEAT WORTH MORE LIKE FEED THE HUNGERY
IS THERE A REASON WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO TAG OTTERS. NOBODY WANTS THEM IN THERE PONDS AND HAVE BECOME A REAL NUISANCE.
IT NEEDS TO BE OPEN SEASON ON COONS JUST LIKE COYOTES - THERE ARE ENTIRELY TOO MANY
It seems the Kansas night season has been successful. I believe Kansas can take a step at opening it up longer
It would be great if we had a two-day check on all drowning water traps.
It would be nice if KS would have a lower priced non-resident 'Hunt Only' license. The reason I say this is there are people like my wife and I that only want to call coons and coyotes a very few times a year and do not trap. We would buy a more reasonably priced license every year but as it is now we hardly ever buy a license as it is so expensive if only hunting coons 2-4 times a year.
it would be nice if the state would put a bounty on fur like some other states have. the market is terrible and it doesn't make sense to keep the hounds. i have sold them for this reason. used to be able to at least pay for my dog food with the money off of fur but not anymore. have switched over and bought a new call for next season
It's a matter of controlling the racoon population for me . They destroy the garden chickens eat wild bird eggs so managing the population is a must for me here in the country. It's a year round job!!
I'VE BEEN AN INDEPENDENT CROP CONSULTANT FOR 42 YEARS AND HAVE NEVER SEEN AS COON DAMAGE TO CROPS AS I SEE NOW. ALSO NEST DEPREDAION IS EXTREMELY HIGH.
Just take raccoons off of the furbearer list, like coyotes, so we can harvest them year round.

Kansas needs to open up a bounty program on nest predators like South Dakota. Our upland hunting has been piss poor for years and it's time the state steps in and does something about it. On a side note the mule deer population is not doing very good out west either. Time to stop letting all of these out of state hunters in to kill our deer when we pay taxes in this state and don't get tags before them. Unacceptable in my opinion. If you want to talk about more real problems with the state call me (number withheld)
KANSAS SHOULD ALLOW BOBCATS, RACCOONS, AND OPOSSUMS TO BE TAKEN AT NIGHT WITH THE AID OF ARTIFICIAL LIGHT (SCOPE-LIGHTS, NIGHT VISION, AND THERMAL) DURING THE FURHARVESTING SEASON.
KDWP OPENED COYOTE HUNTING AT NIGHT WITH NIGHT VISION ONLY DURING SEASON. I THINK SHOULD OPEN THAT TO LONGER PERIOD. 3 OR 4 MONTHS LONGER. I THINK TO CONTROL COYOTES IN MY AREA NEED LONGER NITE VISION HUNTING. I CAUGHT 36 COYOTES IN 150 YARDS OF FENCE. THATS A LOT. FARMERS ARE USING NITE VISION IN MY AREA BUT TOO SHORT SEASON. YOU CAN CALL ME ANYTIME WITH QUESTIONS IN MY AREA. (number withheld)
KEEP THE EXTENDED SEASON
KILL MORE DEER YEAR ROUND COON SEASON
LANDOWNER COMPLANTS OF RACCOONS & SKUNKS
Landowner requested I trap to save trees around pond, reduce predation on his quail and turkeys
LEASED GROUND HAS REALLY HURT OUR ACCESS TO FURBEARERS, LOVE CALLING & TRAPPING, BUT ITS HARD TO FIND A PLACE TO GO. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!
LEAVE RACCOON (AND POSSIBLY OTHER EGG SUCHERS) SEASON OPEN UNTIL MARCH 31 COINSIDING WITH END OF BEAVER SEASON.
LEAVE RACCOON AND OPOSSUM SEASON OPEN AT LEAST UNTIL BEAVER SEASON IS OVER.
Lengthen the night hunting season using thermal and or Night vision on coyotes. Lengthen it up to denning season. The coyotes are to thick.
LESS RACCOONS WOULD HELP ALL NESTING BIRDS. SHOOT YEAR ROUND.
Let people kill raccoons any way possible Can do nothing but help turkeys pheasants and quail
LIMIT THE KILL OF RACCOONS TO ONE PR. DAY YEAR ROUND
LIST RACCOONS THE SAME AS COYOTES TO HELP CONTROL RACCOON POPULATIONS. OPEN RACCOON HUNTING YEAR ROUND.
LOCAL FARMERS ARE SAYING THEY ARE OVERRUN WITH COONS. MIGHT HELP NESTING BIRD POPULATION.
LOOK AT ENCOURAGING/SPONSORING COON HUNTING CONTESTS AS AN EFFORT TO INCREASE TAKE AND REDUCING POPULATIONS HURTING GAMEBIRD & TURKEY POPULATIONS.
Love hunting in Kansas. Been a resident all my life and I would never move cause I would miss it too much ;)
Make a bounty on furbearers (raccoons, coyotes, opossums)
Make coyote hunting at night with night vision/lights a longer season
make it easier to get a bobcat tag
Make night hunting coyotes year round.
Make night hunting with nightvision season longer
Make night thermal hunting all year round.
Make the bobcat tagging info on the website clearer.
Make the night hunting ability open to raccoons and other nest robbing animals.
MAYBE TRY A BOUNTY?
Maybe with more furbearer management the turkey population would be better.
Might have to place a bounty on coons, possums, skunks, before long as very little interest exist to trap when a market for selling is limited. You can only tan so many hides.
MORE PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW WHAT A GOOD THING TRAPPING IS AND HOW IT HELPS QUAIL/TRUKEY AND RABBITS I HAVE TRAPED FOR 3 YEAR NOW AND GOT A SMALL GROUP OF QUAIL ON MY FARM IN THE FIRST TIME IN 20 YEARS
Move raccoons and opossums to the varmint list so they can be hunted year round.
"Move the raccoon trapping season to beginning of deer hunting season. They are very financially wasteful on corn and as of now the hides are not even worth waiting as long as some people have to in order to save some money spent on corn.
Also figuring some way of motivating more coon harvesting as the turkey population needs it. "
my calling has been greatly reduced buy nores deer hunters controlling the ground.
MY CONCERNS ARE WITH LITTLE OR NO FUR MARKETS ANIMAL POPULATIONS WILL GET OUT OF HAND - AND UPLAND GAME BIRDS WILL THAKE THE HIT. THE STATE DOES NOTHING FOR THE QUAIL - IT'S TIME TO DO SOMETHING.
My wife and I come to Kansas to trap every year to do our part trying to save the quail and turkeys
MY WIFE WAS LAID UP DUE TO A FALL AND I HAD TO BE THE CAREGIVER. THEREFORE I WAS UNABLE TO TRAP LIKE I NORMALLY DO.
NEED LOCAL BUYERS, AT LEAST BI-WEEKLY
need to eliminate the night coyote hunting with night vision. talked to too many people that it's too easy to eliminate the species and not fair chase for the animal. too many bobcats taken this way also. goes against all hunting practices and fair chase of the animal!
need to go to 2 day check on lethal sets
NEED TO HAVE THERMAL SEASON FOR COONS & COYOTES YR ROUND TO MANY PREDATORS HURTING OUR DEER, TURKEY, QUAIL & PHEASANT POPULATION
NEED TO OPEN SEASONS YEAR ROUND, FURBEARERS ARE PUTTING A REAL HURT ON FAWNS AND BIRD (QUAIL, PHEASANTS, TURKEY) NUMBERS
Need to talk to the farmers coons are a major problem costing them thousands of dollars a year
Need to thin out some of the deer.
Nest predators should be trapped 365.

NIGHT HUNT COYOTES YEAR ROUND!
NIGHT HUNTING EQUIPMENT SHOULD BE PERMANENT. NIGHT HUNTING SHOULD BE ALLOWED FOR ALL FUR BEARERS.
Night hunting has been great for coyotes. They are becoming overpopulated in our area
Night hunting Season needs to be open longer. Year round would be best. Look what neighboring states are doing and they have been doing for a number of years. No reason not to extend through May. Coyotes are overpopulated in most areas of the state and nuisance for most landowners. Allow legal use of all hunting equipment year around. Also allow legal harvest of raccoon at night with night hunting equipment. Coon numbers are as high as ever in our area.
NIGHT HUNTING USING THERMAL OR NIGHT VISION TO PURSUE COYOTES SHOULD BE LEGAL ALL YEAR ROUND.
No longer require body tagging by wardens after harvest of bobcats.
Normally primarily target coyote trapping and beavers on call but with coyotes worth nearly nothing and gas prices high only trapped about half the time and half the places usually trap. Only went to places had calls to trap this year
Not A BIG FAN of the night time coyote season!
Not a big fan of the thermal season for coyotes. From what I've heard through the grapevine and activities I've seen on my trail cameras it has opened the opportunity for illegal hunting activities. As a individual that is actively involved in cattle ranching I don't see aboard need for it.
Not for furbearer's but the deer population needs thinned. We have to many deer!
NURSING KITS WOULD STARVE TO DEATH
On raccoon management an idea I have thought of is allowing for raccoons to be hunted at night with night vision and thermals with calls like coyotes. Add them into the night vision season
"One of the big reasons raccoons are trapped or hunted is for the fur. Late winter and early spring does not offer a prime pelt, but rather a very poor stained and rubbed pelt which less than desirable for a buyer.
If the reason for adding a late season for raccoons is due to trying to increase turkey, quail, pheasant, ect populations than for that I am more likely to agree with."
Only buy fur Harvester permit for use during bow hunting deer
ONLY RAN DURING RUNNING SEASON SOLD HOUND, QUIT RUNNING
ONLY TRAPPED FOR A SHORT TIME DUE TO FAMILY EMERGENCY.
ONLY YEAR I DIDN'T IN THE LAST 27 YEARS
Open a season in coons thermal and all, our numbers are getting ridiculous with all small varmints that would typically be trapped when fur prices made it worth while.
OPEN COYOTE NIGHT HUNTING YEAR ROUND
Open night hunting up year round
Open the current 3 month (1JAN- 31MAR) coyote night hunting season to include raccoon as a legal harvest.
OPEN THE NIGHT TIME COYOTE HUNTING SEASON EARLIER. THANK YOU
Open the night vision season for raccoons and bobcats as well.
Open up thermal year round
OPEN YEAR AROUND HARVEST ON FURBEARERS. THE FARMERS ARE AFTER ME CONSTANTLY ABOUT GETTING RID OF THEM.
Our raccoon populations are out of control. But I can't trap raccoons where I deer hunt, during deer season. There's too high of a risk of ruining my whitetail hunt by trapping during whitetail season. That is why I strongly support a spring raccoon season.
Please allow us to take Racoons and Opossum during Turkey Nesting Season and prior.
Please classify raccoons, opossum, and striped skunk similar to coyotes. Open year round trapping/hunting and non-furbearer status.
Please consider allowing night hunting for bobcats and raccoons.
Please consider expanding the length of the night hunting season and include raccoons for harvest during the night season. Fur prices are so low that there are too many raccoons and they are depleting the bird numbers.
Please extend raccoon season. The turkey population in my area is off by 70% if not more.
Please extend the coyote night season through April to allow ranchers to finish calving. Also please allow us to shoot coons, skunks, opossums, bobcats while hunting at night as well.
Please extend the night hunting season for coyotes to cover more of the calving season. I have ranchers asking for help and I cannot do so.
Please extend the Raccoon season into the spring, our ground nesting birds need the help. The coons around my area are so plentiful I have found numerous dead ones this spring while shed hunting and being outdoors. I'm guessing distemper was the cause.
Please open coyote thermal and night vision to year round!
PLEASE STOP RAISING OUR RESIDENT LICENSE FEES AND START INCREASING NON RESIDENT. I USED TO HUNT RACCOONS WITH HOUNDS FOR 50 YEARS UNTIL THE STATE ALLOWED NON RESIDENTS. ALL OF THE GROUND I ONCE HUNTED IS NOW LEASED BY OUTFITTERS AND NON RESIDENTS SO I HAVE NO PLACE TO GO. ITS ASHAMED BECAUSE THE STATE SAYS TO TAKE A YOUTH HUNTING WHICH I WOULD HAVE LOVED TO DO BUT HAVE NO PLACE TO TAKE KIDS HUNTING. THANKS!
PLENTY OF FURBEARERS - LACK OF A MARKET, LED ME TO NOT HARVEST ANY. STILL NOT MANY MUSKRATS IN OUR AREA.
PROVIDE LONGER SEASONS @CHEAPER PRICES FOR THOSE GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES & CAN'T GET OUT TO HARVEST DUE TO WORK OR MEDICAL REASONS.
Put a bounty on and or let us shoot coons at night. Tons of them and nobody traps. Go out and look with thermals it will open your eyes to this situation
PUT A BOUNTY ON RACCOONS
PUT A BOUNTY ON RACCOONS - THEY ARE OUT OF CONTROL
PUT BOUNTY ON NEST RAIDERS LIKE SOUTH DAKOTA. I HAD BACK SURGERY AND COULD ONLY TRAP 14 DAYS.
PUT THE REGS OUT BEFORE SEASON STARTS!!!
Raccoon and coyote are going to explode without harvesting. The fur market is non-existent coyotes and coon will not sell until trade is open to Russia and China . Disease is already getting coon many I've skinned have distemper already. Coyotes are out of control already being a farmer they are getting thicker every year. Right

now most guys have stopped hunting them and my farm is still overrun with coyotes. I have skinned coyotes for calp the fur buyer for 30 years we normally sold 1700 a year. This year he sold 45.

Raccoon bounty.

RACCOON HAVE LITTLE ONES IN APRIL

Raccoon management is a must in order to provide security for some bird populations. They also reproduce easily and after a season of trapping them, it is easy to go back to the same spot and catch them again. I wouldn't be opposed of having a season no matter the length for using artificial light to hunt raccoons without dogs. Calling them at night may produce more then running them in some situations.

"RACCOON POPULATIONS ARE EXTREMELY HIGH IN OUR AREA, I WOULD SUPPORT ANY METHOD HUNTING/TRAPPING TO REDUCE THEM. COYOTE POPULATIONS ARE ALSO HIGH - WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NIGHT SEASON OPEN SOONER - JUST AFTER DEER SEASON (RIFLE). (name and number withheld)"

"Raccoon, possum, skunk should be opened to year round & night hunting (same regulations as coyotes basically).

The upland bird population is in such a decline and these species are out of control. "

Raccoon's seem to be overpopulated in most areas of the state. This is proven by the amount of roadkill I see every day along state highways. I believe something needs to be done to control the population.

Raccoons are overpopulated and harm game bird and native bird population. Should be allowed to take year round like a coyote. Furharvesters license should not be required.

Raccoons hunting should be year-around season. Southwest Kansas has way too many. It would help on the pheasant and other bird populations.

RACCOONS NEED TO BE DELISTED AS FURBEARERS AND OPEN SEASON LIKE COYOTES

RACCOONS SEEM TO BE A PROBLEM IN OUR COUNTY. I BELIEVE THAT THEY TAKE A TOLL ON OUR PHEASANT, QUAIL & TURKEY POPULATIONS.

Raccoons should be hunted year round. Killing our turkey and upland population.

Raccoons should have a longer separated season than general fur bearer in my opinion. Same should be said of skunks and possums. Those are the biggest three threats to nesting Turkey, upland birds, and especially waterfowl.

Really glad this survey is being asked to the fur harvesters. Normally I do more trapping than I did this past season but I found myself doing more waterfowl hunting so that hindered my success on harvest numbers. Also with gas prices still being high I can't afford to go and check traps during the week as my hunting permissions are 35min to 1 hour away. Allowing fur harvesters to hunt coons during the spring season would be very beneficial in my opinion and I would definitely use it to my advantage. As I am doing timber/habitat improvements every year in the off season I would be putting traps out during that time. My numbers would without a doubt double. My 2 cents would be mid March thru the end of April would be a great time to do this. May it is getting pretty warm and the ticks would keep me and possibly others from going out. Thanks for your time, Aaron

Recommend allowing trapping and hunting of Raccoons, Opossums, and Skunks year round with no closed season, just like coyotes. These ground nest predators are severely threatening the Wild Turkey population. Also recommend supporting however possible to increase the market for these fur species to encourage control of their numbers.

Reinstate some form of bounty on Raccoons, badgers, coyotes, opossums, and other furbearing animals that eat ground nesting birds. We do not have a very good population of game birds and a lot of it is due to the high numbers of furbearers.

Removal of otter limit in southeast unit. Not trapping certain areas because my limit was met, limited my trapping experience.

Remove night hunting with artificial light/thermals/night vision

REMOVE THE USE OF NIGHT SCOPES! THERE SHOOTING TO MANY BUCKS!

SEEMS TO ME THE TURKEY POPULATION IS DECLINING. SEEMS TOME THE RACCOONS, POSSUM ETC ARE THE REASON FOR THE DECLINE.

SHOULD PUT A BOUNTY ON TURKEY NEST PREDATORS (COONS, SKUNKS, POSSUMS)

SIMPLIFY EVERYTHING HUNTING, FISHING, TRAPPING SHOULD BE VERY EASY TO DO AND FUN! NOT SO COMPLICATED!

SINCE RACCOON PELTS ARE WORTH NOTHING. POPULATION HAS EXPLODED. AFFECTING NESTING BIRD POPULATIONS PLUS PROBABILITY OF DISEASES FOR COON POPULATION. WHAT ABOUT A BOUNTY FEE TO HELP CONTROL POPULATION.

Since raccoons are not worth much, there is little interest in trapping them. It would be nice to open up the Jan 1-march 31 "night season" to include raccoons as well. I just don't think they are getting the population control they need.

SOME SOWS ARE HEAVY WITH KITTENS AT THAT TIME. I THINK 1 COON A NIGHT IF U OPEN A EXTRA SEASON, WOULD BE SUFFICIENT. THANK YOU! OR 1 A NIGHT FOR THE YEAR.

Something needs to happen to encourage the reduction of nest predators to help improve our Pheasant, Quail and Turkey numbers. We are loosing \$ from hunters due to the LOW bird numbers.

Spring beaver trapping

SPRING COONS ONLY IF FOR ADC

SPRING PELTS ARE WORTHLESS - IT WOULD HELP WITH OVER POPULATION

STATE NEEDS TO PUT A BOUNTY ON FURS SO PEOPLE WILL TRAP AGAIN

Stop the night hunting with thermals. It just encourages the poaching of deer and trespassing and is an unneeded strain on our local law enforcement and game wardens.

stop thermal night hunting. too much trespassing and shooting things other than coyotes out of season.

STOP THERMAL HUNTING AND/OR DO AWAY WITH NIGHT HUNTING TAG.T HANK YOU

TAKE THE NIGHT HUNTING OUT OF KANSAS. ITS HURITNG OUR COYOTES AND BIG DEER.

THANK YOU

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

THANK YOU FOR DOING WHAT Y'ALL DO.

Thank you for extending the season to the end of February. It was a fun season and I really enjoyed it.

Thank you for extending trapping season this year.

THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY
THANK YOU.
Thanks for including me in the survey.
THANKS FOR LETTING ME TRAP YOUR STATE
THANKS FOR THE SURVEY. THIS HAS BEEN A CRAZY YEAR & I JUST DIDN'T GET OUT THIS YEAR.
THANKS TO GUIDE IN LEASING UP GROUND NO PLACE OT HUNT.
Thanks. Multiple surgeries have kept me from a lot for a while, but I hope to gradually resume activities!
The Kansas Wildlife and Parks website (and app) did not provide sufficient information on how and where to tag a bobcat. It was difficult for me (first year hunter) as well as my fellow hunters (experienced hunters but recently moved to Kansas) to find out how to tag the animal. Google search provided different/contradictory results. I suggest to provide a website entry and/or clear guidance on the app that explains the process tagging such game and that point toward the Department and Wildlife and Park Department Office as possibility to do so.
The nesting predators of pheasant, quail and turkey are out of control population wise. I have been trapping and calling these nesting predators and it has made a difference in the bird populations. I would suggest opening up raccoon trapping and calling year around.
The night hunting with the new night vision scopes may be an issue with over harvest and poaching.... New scope are too lethal for nocturnal fur bearers, doesn't sound like much sport or fair chase, just killing. I also believe chasers are hunting too far into the coyote breeding season!!! Hays area chasers/shotgunners were still out in April. A season might not be a bad idea.... Not much sport or fair chase there though either...
The only thing thriving in Rawlins County are fur bearers. We have no birds, rabbits, deer. Eliminating more would surely help all other populations
THE RACCOON POPULATION HAS SKY ROCKETED IN THIS AREA DEW TO THE EXTREME LOW FUR PRICE NOBODY IS TRAPPING THEM. IF YOU WOULD CONSIDER PUTTING A SMALL BOUNTY ON COONS THAT WOULD HELP KEEP THERE NUMBERS IN CHECK TREMENDOUSLY!!
The raccoon population is out of control and I believe directly impacts the pheasant and quail populations. With record low fur prices there needs to be an incentive for the harvest of raccoons, for example the bounty South Dakota implemented.
The raccoon population is out of control and since the fur market doesn't exist any more it makes sense to open a spring season also
The raccoon population seems pretty high. By far my favorite animal to hunt / trap. Any consideration on a bounty, did Nebraska look at that? Doesn't the raccoon rank at the top of nest predators?
The raccoon populations are exploding. Everyone I'm talking to is saying the same thing. I'm seeing 10-15 times the coons now than I did 10 years ago. Raccoons are very damaging to the turkey population. They need to be taken off the furbearer list and treated like coyotes...year round hunting and only need a valid hunting license to kill them.
The spring raccoon questions seemed confusing to me. Sure i trap plenty of coons in the winter when they have their winter coats on, but in the spring they have their summer coats on. I just can't think of anything i could do with any furbearer with a summer coat. The pelt would be totally worthless. What would anybody do with a bunch of dead raccoons in the Spring ???
There are no easily accessible instructions on how and where to tag a bobcat.
There is evidence the decline of turkeys is due to nest predation. Myself and others that have increased their coon trapping have seen a noticeable increase in poults in the spring. I have traps set behind my house and at my ponds that I can see so I check every morning. It has made a difference in my area turkey numbers.
THERE NEEDS TO BE SOME INCENTIVE TO ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO TRAP TO HELP CONTROL POPULATIONS.
THERES MORE COON THAN THERE HAS EVERY BEEN I THINK IT SHOULD BE OPEN YEAR ROUND
Thermal night hunting for coyotes has turned hunting into a sport killing for contest. Coyotes are now harder to hunt and will be a bigger problem in the future. Hunting coyotes is a privilege it should not be a game of contest to see who can drive around and shoot the most. Daytime calling and trapping will now suffer.
Thermal season for coyotes should be considered for extension.
They should make raccoon season open all year like Coyote.
THIS HAS BEEN THE WORST OUTCOME OF HARVEST WHILE PRED. CALLING THIS SHIT SHOW ON NIGHT COYOTE SEASONS HAVE RUINED MY DAILY CALLING GROUNDS EVERY COYOTE CALLED AND WAS SEEN NEVER STEPPED OUT PAST THE TREELINES FOR CLEAN SHOT/KILL. I HAVE BEEN CALLING FOR YEARS AND HAVE NEVER SEEN TIMES LIKE THESE NOW. JUST MY THOUGHTS.
THIS WAS MY FIRST YEAR & I WAS UNSUCCESSFUL.
This was my first year trapping. Next year I will try to add raccoons to my trap line. I captured an interesting video of a beaver swimming into a 330 trap if anyone is interested in viewing it.
TO BE ABLE TO CALL RACCOONS AT NIGHT ALL YEAR LONG AND COYOTES AND BOBCATS
to let trappers work with Farmers and Ranchers to manage problems furbearers without having to get a permit.
TRAPPING & HUNTING FURBEARERS IS DYING. PEOPLE DON'T DO IT ANYMORE BECAUSE THERE IS LITTLE INCENTIVE, HIDE PRICE SUCKS. DO WHAT SD DID & PUT A TAIL BOUNTY ON FURBEARERS & ALLOW NV USE TO PROTECT MORE FAWNS, BIRDS & LIVESTOCK.
Traveled with spouse during the trapping season reducing the amount of time trapping.
Very tough year calling coyotes and I did not see a bobcat while calling this year. In years past I've shot 20-30 coyotes a year. I'm not sure why this year was so different. It has been much tougher calling coyotes in daylight since night hunting has been allowed. With so few law enforcement officers and no good way to enforce property lines at night I do not support night hunting.
Was nice to have an extended season for Furbearers. Wish the night hunting with artificial light for coyotes started earlier or was made year long.
WAY WAY TO MANY PREDITORS ESPECIALLY COYOTES & RACCOONS COYOTES ARE RUNNING IN PACKS OF 6-8 AT A TIME
We are so overrun with raccoons and opossums that it would behoove the state open a year round season on them for 2-3 years to get them back in balance. Then we could readdress the issue periodically. Keep up the good work KDWP. We have great outdoor opportunities in our state and you are a huge part of it. Thanks, (name withheld)
WE DEFINITELY NEED TO OPEN THE RACCOON SEASON IN APRIL/MAY, OR YEAR ROUND!
We do see a lot of coons, coyotes, bobcats and even gray foxes on trail cameras so there are significant numbers of most furbearers that are not being harvested. I would not have any issue if the seasons were lengthened on both ends
We have a real need to have further control measures to manage raccoons. Fur prices have plummeted (the market is non existent), gas is not cheap, therefore finding someone to trap and help control populations is challenging. They continue to cause financial damage to my crops as well as neighbors. They are not helping the

nesting bird populations, as your biologist's know. An additional season will help, but I don't believe it is enough. I would suggest that we be allowed to hunt raccoons at night using amplified light and night vision/thermal. At minimum, a season coinciding with the night time coyote season. I would be fine with a daily bag limit, or a season quota for the night season, as long as it is high enough to allow control.

WE HAVE A SMALL VINEYARD THAT PRODUCES AROUND 10,000 LBS OF GRAPES. 6500 LBS OF ONE VARIETY AND 3,500 LBS OF THE SECOND VARIETY - WE LOST 80 TO 90% OF OUR SECOND VARIETY TO RACCOONS. THERE ARE TOO MANY RACCOONS. VINEYARD IS IN HARVEY COUNTY.

WE HAVE TO GET OUR TURKEY POPULATION BACK!!! PLEASE GIVE US YEAR ROUND NEST RAIDER SEASONS!!!

We have to many coons, snakes, and opossums eating the turkey eggs and killing to turkey poults.

We need a fur market again.

We need to allow the take of all furharvesters during the night season. Especially raccoons and opossums. I believe raccoons have been key players in the decline of our turkey and other ground nesting bird populations. With decline in fur prices, the guys running dogs have not been shooting treed raccoons as often as they did when fur prices were higher. I also believe deer hunters baiting with corn have helped increase raccoon survival rates. 10 years ago, it was common to see 5-10 raccoons on my trail cameras over bait. Now it's common for me to see upwards of 30. I use bait for deer out of necessity (every neighboring property does). Banning baiting would have a positive effect on all game species in my opinion.

We need to be able to harvest animals such as coons, opossums, skunks while hunting at night. We had so many opportunities to take such animals when calling coyotes at night and had to pass. In my mind there is nothing to be harmed by taking these animals in a night setting if done properly and ethical.

We need to be able to take more nest raiding animals. With the fur market being so low, I'd like to see an incentive for raccoons, skunks, and possums. Even if it's a youth only bounty program.

WE NEED TO REMOVE THE COONS AND POSSUMS IF WE WANT TURKEYS & PHEASANTS AGAIN.

We primarily trapped to reduce the racoon population to help with the nesting of turkeys and other upland birds. With fur prices down these furbearers are out of control. We only trapped two small areas and caught nearly 100 racoons, and there are more. A spring racoon season would be a great way to try to get them somewhat under control and maybe bring the problem to the attention of other hunters and sportsmen.

WE RAISE PRODUCE (VEGITABLES & SWEET CORN) AND HAVE HAD SEVERE RACCOON DAMAGE TO CROPS

WHAT PURPOSE WOULD THERE BE FOR THIS SEASON. IN MY OPINION THIS WOULD BE WANTON WASTE OF A VALUABLE RESOURCE

When hunting coyotes at night it would be nice if you could call from the bed of the pickup so you could be elevated some to see better. In SW KS. we have a lot of gas well roads that are deep between fence rows and the pickup barely shows. It was great to call from the bed back in the late 60's and early 70's before night hunting was outlawed. Also, great to call from big haystacks.

Why do we need a spring coon season need a reward on them if you do not just for fun or bounty since they are not worth anything

Why don't we go to no closed season on raccoons to help out our turkeys and other ground nesting birds even go as far as reclassify them not a fur bearer

With fur prices so low a year-round season on nest predators would be ideal. I normally trap, but this year I was too busy to get a couple of lines set.

With the fur market shot for probably forever you should open up nest predators to all year hunting just like coyotes

WOULD LIKE LONG NIGHT TIME COYOTE SEASON. LOW FUR PRICE= MORE FURBEARERS. MORE FURBEARERS ARE HURTING TURKEY POPULATION.

Would like to be able to harvest raccoons during night vision season.

WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO HUNT BOBCATS YEAR ROUND

WOULD LIKE TO SEE RACCOON HUNTED YEAR ROUND FOR A YEAR OR 2 TO GET NUMBERS DOWN TO INCREASE BIRD NUMBERS

WOULD SUPPORT EXTENSION OF RACCOON, OPPOSUM, SKUNK SEASON YEAR ROUND I FEEL THAT FOX AND ESPECIALLY BOBCAT ARE OVERLY TARGETED

WOULDN'T WANT TO KILL SOW COONS UNTIL YOUNG ONES ARE UP AND RUNNING OR HUNT THEM BEFORE THEY HAVE BABIES.

YOU GUYS ARE DOING A GREAT JOB. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

YOU MAY CONSIDER LOWERING THE PRICE OF THE PERMIT. MAY HELP CONTROL CERTAIN SPECIES. (FUR BOOM IS OVER)

you need to start trapping in December when the animals become prime and stop making us tag cats thermals for coyotes and night hunting needs to be year long to help us manage coyotes

Your doing a great job! Thanks