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LICENSED FUR TRAPPER REPORT

(1958-59 Season, Nov. 16, 1958 to February 28, 1958)
(Compiled by Game Management Branch, Sacramento)

Data for this report is compiled from reports of licensed fur trappers. Each trapper is required by law to fill out and return to the Department at the end of each trapping season a record of activities which includes the following data: Number and kinds of animals caught, county where caught, company buying the furs, and prices received for furs.

657 licenses were sold for the 1958-59 season, of which 655 were citizens and 2 were aliens. This is a decrease of twenty percent (20%) under the 1957-58 season when 823 licenses were sold. Of the 657 licenses 485 (74%) submitted reports, 172 (26%) failed to report and 184 (28%) reported they did not trap.

Trapping laws remained the same as last year except for further reduction in the restrictions on beaver trapping in certain parts of the state.

The total reported catch for the 1958-59 season was 70,543 against the total reported catch of 82,172 for the 1957-58 season, a decrease of 14.15 percent. Muskrats which accounted for 90 percent (90%) of the total catch are still in poor demand in foreign and domestic markets. The demand for bobcat showed the only marked increase with the average price approximately forty percent (40%) higher than in recent years. Some of the paler variety commanding as much as eight or nine dollars per pelt. Mink remained high and buyers still showed interest in the beaver from the counties in northeastern California.

The estimated value of the 1958-59 catch was \$71,202.00, a decrease of twenty-two percent (22%) under the 1957-58 season. The main reason for this decrease is the proportionate decrease in the number of trappers who trapped for muskrat and the continued low prices being paid for muskrat, the species caught in the most abundance.

The following table shows the numbers of animals taken and the average prices received for the main fur species:

<u>Species</u>	<u>Number Taken</u>		<u>Prices Reported</u>	
	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>	<u>1957-58</u>	<u>1958-59</u>
Beaver	1,775	1,838	\$ 5.75	\$ 5.69
Bobcat	202	222	1.90	3.06
Coyote	74	79	.99	1.22
Grey Fox	259	193	.29	.26
Mink	1,974	1,634	6.94	8.69
Muskrat	74,291	64,106	.66	.66
Raccoon	1,679	1,295	1.15	1.16
Ringtail	66	74	1.04	1.40
Otter	126	83	14.58	12.52
Skunk	1,010	656	.95	.83

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY
LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS 1958-59 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	NO. OF TRAPPERS	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	SANDRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	NUTRIA	TOTAL
ALAMEDA	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
ALPINE	1	-	5	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
AMADOR	1	-	49	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	56
BUTTE	14	-	2	6	6	7	2	2,032	-	6	61	14	1	4	45	-	-	2,186
CALAVERAS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	302
COLUSA	6	-	14	-	-	-	2	4,864	-	-	28	-	-	2	-	-	-	4,910
CONTRA COSTA	9	-	66	-	-	-	105	1,907	-	6	90	-	-	2	6	-	-	2,183
DEL NORTE	2	-	12	5	-	3	-	1	-	-	8	1	1	4	-	-	-	35
ELDORADO	1	-	50	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	58
FRESNO	10	-	5	-	3	5	2	1,171	-	24	-	-	-	5	34	2	-	1,251
GLENN	10	2	-	1	1	-	3	4,818	-	-	68	1	-	4	79	-	-	4,977
HUMBOLDT	18	-	18	61	1	12	55	-	-	-	171	18	9	21	43	-	1	410
IMPERIAL	2	-	7	-	-	-	-	168*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	175
INYO	1	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43	-	-	-	54
KINGS	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10
LAKE	3	-	-	4	-	4	53	-	-	-	29	-	-	6	21	-	-	117
LASSEN	8	1	102	2	2	-	21	2,536	-	-	6	-	-	-	27	1	-	2,698
LOS ANGELES	4	-	-	-	3	13	-	-	-	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	27
MADERA	2	-	25	-	-	2	5	800	-	3	25	-	-	-	22	1	-	863
MARIPOSA	1	-	-	20	-	4	-	-	-	22	15	-	-	2	-	1	-	85
MENDOCINO	8	-	-	1	-	3	36	-	-	45	18	2	7	1	4	-	-	79
MERCED	16	-	107	-	-	3	210	4,894	-	-	49	-	-	-	66	-	-	5,374
MODOC	6	-	36	8	-	-	7	955	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,007
MONO	-	-	27	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	-	38
NAVAJO	2	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	4	-	-	19
NEVADA	2	-	57	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	63
ORANGE	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
PLACER	1	-	35	-	2	-	-	182	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	192
PLUMAS	20	-	288	5	-	-	6	194	-	-	11	2	-	-	3	1	-	510
RIVERSIDE	1	-	76	8	-	1	-	103*	-	-	10	-	-	1	15	-	-	214
SACRAMENTO	20	-	108	-	-	9	20	4,985	-	5	38	-	1	-	2	-	-	5,168
SAN JOAQUIN	27	-	169	-	-	15	640	6,151	-	18	72	-	3	-	41	-	-	7,109
SHASTA	18	-	91	35	6	7	15	5,771	-	-	32	1	12	2	1	2	-	5,975
SIERRA	6	-	179	10	1	12	15	31	-	-	43	7	-	-	3	-	-	301
SISKIYOU	22	-	-	13	7	5	149	11,565	-	-	162	4	9	16	1	1	-	11,932

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED - 1958-59

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COUNTY	OF CATCH	NO. OF TRAPPERS	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	SANDRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	NUTRIA	TOTAL
SOLANO		8	-	-	-	-	-	2	5,586	-	-	38	-	19	-	11	-	-	5,666
SONOMA		3	1	-	12	1	72	35	5	-	-	69	-	6	60	110	2	-	373
STANISLAUS		16	-	148	4	-	2	207	2,375	-	4	36	-	-	2	39	1	-	2,819
SUTTER		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	434	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	443
TEHAMA		8	-	53	1	4	-	2	247	-	-	95	5	-	-	-	-	-	407
TRINITY		7	-	7	3	13	15	34	-	-	-	53	14	4	24	64	-	-	231
YOLO		5	-	8	-	-	-	1	1,443	-	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	1,456
YUBA		6	-	93	3	-	-	-	603	-	-	24	1	1	1	12	-	-	738
ANIMALS TRAPPED		301	4	1,836	222	79	193	1,634	64,106	-	143	1,295	74	83	202	656	13	1	70,543
% OF TOTAL CATCH			-	2.6	-	-	-	2.31	90.6	-	-	1.83	-	-	-	.92	-	-	
PELTS SOLD		1	1,779	142	16	127	1,597	60,675	58	1,070	62	82	92	485	8	1	66,195		

NO TRAPPING REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING SIXTEEN COUNTIES: INYO, KERN, MARIN, MONTEREY, SAN BENITO, SAN DIEGO, SAN FRANCISCO, SANTA BARBARA, SANTA CLARA, SANTA CRUZ, TULARE, TUOLUMNE, VENTURA, SAN BERNARDINO, SAN LUIS OBISPO AND SAN MATEO.

NUMBER OF LICENSES SOLD 657
 NUMBER OF TRAPPERS REPORTING 485
 NUMBER OF TRAPPERS NOT REPORTING 172
 NUMBER OF TRAPPERS NOT TRAPPING 184

* SANDRATS

AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES FOR EACH SPECIES
IN COUNTY OF CATCH. 1958-59 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGTAIL	RIVER OTTER	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	MUTRRIA
ALAMEDA	-	\$5.50	-	-	-	-	\$.50	-	\$1.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
AMADOR	-	3.00	\$2.50	\$1.50	\$.30	\$8.00	.63	\$.37	.43	\$1.27	\$10.00	-	\$.78	-	-
BUTTE	-	-	-	-	-	-	.65	-	1.25	-	-	-	-	-	-
CALAVERAS	-	3.75	-	-	-	-	.62	-	.99	-	-	\$.75	-	-	-
COLUSA	-	5.18	-	-	-	5.00	.73	.20	.70	-	-	-	.94	-	-
CONTRA COSTA	-	6.62	-	-	.50	7.68	.50	-	1.50	-	12.00	-	-	-	-
DEL NORTE	-	5.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	.36	-	-	-	-	-	-
ELDORADO	-	3.75	-	-	-	6.25	.66	.33	-	-	-	.75	.80	-	-
FRESNO	-	-	1.50	-	-	13.33	.67	-	1.00	1.25	-	1.12	.87	-	\$1.50
GLENN	-	6.12	1.21	1.25	.41	9.26	.29*	-	1.10	1.58	9.27	-	1.01	-	-
HUMBOLDT	-	3.28	2.06	-	.25	11.49	.65	-	-	-	-	.73	.59	\$.25	-
IMPERIAL	-	-	5.50	1.12	-	10.40	-	-	1.62	-	-	-	.85	.25	-
LAKE	-	7.64	-	-	.25	-	.65	.17	1.67	-	-	-	.83	.50	-
LASSEN	\$1.00	4.20	-	-	-	-	-	-	.87	-	-	-	.50	-	-
LOS ANGELES	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MADERA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MARIPOSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
MENDOCINO	-	-	1.25	-	-	9.07	-	-	1.05	1.75	11.57	-	.82	-	-
MERCED	-	4.06	-	-	-	8.56	.68	.26	1.27	-	-	-	-	-	-
MODOC	-	5.24	4.81	-	-	8.64	.69	-	.75	-	-	-	-	-	-
MONO	-	6.24	3.50	-	-	-	-	-	2.50	-	15.00	-	-	-	-
NAPA	-	-	-	-	-	6.85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEVADA	-	6.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
PLACER	-	7.00	-	.50	-	-	.55	-	1.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
PLUMAS	-	7.03	4.00	-	-	10.50	.88	-	.56	-	-	-	1.25	1.25	-
RIVERSIDE	-	5.31	3.44	-	-	-	.26*	-	-	-	-	1.00	.62	-	-
SACRAMENTO	-	4.81	-	-	.10	7.86	.70	.15	.95	-	15.00	-	-	-	-
SAN JOAQUIN	-	3.94	-	-	.27	7.21	.64	-	1.00	-	10.83	-	.86	-	-
SHASTA	-	6.95	4.86	1.60	.50	8.12	.65	.15	1.07	1.00	13.96	.75	-	.40	-
SIERRA	-	6.68	4.85	1.00	.30	6.66	.57	-	1.06	1.25	-	-	-	-	-
SISKIYOU	-	-	-	1.32	-	12.88	.69	-	1.20	1.12	16.66	-	.25	.60	-
SOLENO	-	-	-	-	-	12.00	.66	-	1.09	-	16.16	-	.77	-	-
SONOMA	-	-	.95	.75	.20	11.31	-	-	1.12	-	-	-	-	-	-

AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES - 1958-59

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STANISLAUS	-	\$3.93	\$1.25	-	\$.45	\$ 9.20	\$.64	\$.24	\$1.31	-	\$14.58	\$.47	\$.94	\$.15	-
SUTTER	-	-	-	-	-	-	.62	-	-	-	15.00	-	-	-	-
TEHAMA	-	5.28	-	-	-	3.50	.57	-	1.17	\$.75	-	-	-	-	-
TRINITY	-	2.54	-	-	.36	13.95	-	-	1.26	1.67	4.00	.37	1.20	-	-
YOLO	-	3.50	-	-	-	10.00	.57	-	-	-	-	-	1.50	-	-
YUBA	-	6.10	-	-	-	-	.60	-	.87	1.25	14.00	-	1.25	-	-
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	\$1.00	\$5.69	\$3.06	\$1.22	\$.26	\$ 8.69	\$.66	\$.28	\$1.16	\$1.40	\$12.52	\$.70	\$.83	\$.47	\$1.50

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