

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT, 1961-62

Data contained in this report was obtained from trapper submitted reports received after the conclusion of the 1961-62 fur trapping season. State law requires that trapping reports be submitted to the Department of Fish and Game prior to July 1 following the period for which the license is issued.

A total of 525 trapping licenses was issued for the 1961-62 trapping season. This total represents a decrease of about 3.5 percent below the 543 trapping licenses sold in 1960-61.

	<u>1960-61</u>	<u>1961-62</u>
Licensees Reported	401	404
Licensees did not Report	<u>142</u>	<u>121</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	543	525
Licensees Who Reported, but did not Trap	116	128

Trapping regulations for the 1961-62 trapping season placed the river otter on the protected list, otherwise no changes were made in the fur trapping regulations.

The fur catch reported for the 1961-62 trapping season was 55,161 pelts, an increase of about 2 percent over the 53,897 pelts reported for the 1960-61 season.

Revenue received by fur trappers in 1961-62 amounted to \$52,934.95. This was a decrease of almost 7 percent from the 1960-61 receipts of \$56,610.62.

A portion of the pelts taken each year are unsold. For the purpose of this report these pelts have a monetary value; therefore, the estimated value of the 1961-62 fur catch is \$55,668.00 compared with an estimated value of \$60,331.00 in 1960-61, a decline of about 8 percent.

Muskrats were again the leader among California furbearers in both the number of pelts taken and the revenue received by fur trappers from the sale of their furs.

The muskrat take of 49,449 in 1961-62 was an increase of more than 4 percent over the 47,303 muskrat pelts reported for 1960-61. The revenue received by trappers for these pelts was \$31,566 in 1961-62 compared with \$28,707.00 in 1960-61, an increase of 10 percent.

The following table shows the number of furbearers taken and the average prices received for the pelts:

Species	1960-61			Avg. Price	1961-62			Avg. Price
	Sold	Unsold	Total		Sold	Unsold	Total	
Badger	7	5	12	\$1.39	7	1	8	\$.89
Beaver	1,932	70	2,002	7.16	1,310	56	1,366	7.17
Bobcat	255	49	304	4.68	128	77	205	3.27
Coyote	66	64	130	1.82	33	180	213	2.40
Grey Fox	124	63	187	.86	100	113	213	.77
Mink	1,392	70	1,462	6.36	1,277	21	1,298	6.81
Muskrat	44,484	2,819	47,303	.65	47,943	1,506	49,449	.66
Opossum	161	56	217	.44	112	33	145	.52
Raccoon	1,206	136	1,342	1.41	1,552	177	1,729	1.49
Ring-tailed Cat	101	13	114	1.55	59	15	74	1.19
River Otter	82	8	90	17.53	No Season			
Spotted Skunk	70	42	112	.81	55	30	85	.79
Striped Skunk	462	155	617	.80	240	115	355	.84
Weasel	3	2	5	1.00	9	12	21	.29
Totals	50,345	3,552	53,897		52,825	2,336	55,161	

Trapper Revenue from Fur Catch, 1961-62
(From Trapper Submitted Reports)

Species	1960-61	1961-62
Badger	\$ 9.75	\$ 6.25
Beaver	13,826.42	9,394.16
Bobcat	1,194.20	418.41
Coyote	120.14	79.25
Grey Fox	106.80	76.94
Mink	8,855.74	8,697.87
Muskrat	28,707.40	31,566.21
Opossum	70.04	57.95
Raccoon	1,696.23	2,319.39
Ring-tailed Cat	156.50	70.40
River Otter	1,438.00	No Season
Spotted Skunk	56.55	43.50
Striped Skunk	369.85	201.97
Weasel	3.00	2.65
Total	\$56,610.62	\$52,934.95

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED - 1961-62

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RINGED-TAILED CAT	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
STANISLAUS	--	172	--	--	6	139	3,054	47	62	--	3	41	--	3,524
SUTTER	--	22	--	--	--	--	3,253	1	15	--	--	19	--	3,310
TEHAMA	--	19	5	--	--	--	9	--	15	--	--	--	--	48
TRINITY	--	--	17	12	14	27	--	--	36	16	5	1	--	128
TULARE	--	--	--	--	--	--	75	--	--	--	--	--	--	75
VENTURA	--	--	--	--	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5
YOLO	--	1	--	--	--	--	1,121	--	10	--	--	2	--	1,134
YUBA	--	42	--	--	--	--	666	--	16	--	--	--	--	724
COUNTY UNKNOWN	--	1	--	--	--	--	2	--	1	--	--	--	--	4
TOTAL	8	1,366	205	213	213	1,298	49,449	145	1,729	74	85	355	21	55,161
(ANIMALS TRAPPED)	1	2.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	2.4	89.6	0.3	3.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	1	
% OF TOTAL CATCH	7	1,310	128	33	100	1,277	47,943	112	1,552	59	55	240	9	52,825
PELTS SOLD	1	56	77	180	113	21	1,506	33	177	15	30	115	12	2,336
PELTS NOT SOLD	8	1,366	205	213	213	1,298	49,449	145	1,729	74	85	355	21	55,161
TOTAL														

NO TRAPPING WAS REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING 13 COUNTIES:

ALAMEDA, AMADOR, CALAVERAS, KERN, KINGS, MADERA, MARIN, MONO, ORANGE, SAN FRANCISCO,
SAN LUIS OBISPO, SANTA BARBARA, AND TUOLUMNE.

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NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY
LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS 1961-62 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALPINE	--	18	5	--	--	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	26
BUTTE	--	5	6	8	8	--	4,133	12	120	18	10	26	--	4,346
COLUSA	--	--	--	--	--	--	2,591	5	76	--	--	--	--	2,672
CONTRA COSTA	--	8	1	--	3	19	952	--	7	--	--	9	--	999
DEL NORTE	2	75	1	1	--	3	46	--	30	--	1	--	1	159
EL DORADO	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	2
FRESNO	3	43	1	--	4	29	1,850	20	14	--	7	19	4	1,994
GLENN	--	73	--	--	7	--	3,826	2	92	3	5	15	--	4,023
HUMBOLDT	1	14	20	--	41	19	--	--	182	11	18	29	--	335
IMPERIAL	--	1	7	--	7	--	--	--	2	--	--	13	--	30
INYO	--	22	--	--	--	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	25
LAKE	--	--	3	--	6	68	--	--	77	--	--	--	--	154
LASSEN	1	88	12	5	4	15	221	--	3	--	2	17	--	368
LOS ANGELES	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	2
MARIPOSA	--	--	2	1	14	--	--	--	5	10	--	--	--	32
MENDOCINO	--	--	14	1	25	44	3	--	142	--	11	29	--	269
MERCED	--	121	--	--	2	233	3,671	34	54	--	2	42	3	4,162
MODOC	--	4	16	--	--	20	436	--	16	--	--	3	--	495
MONTEREY	--	--	--	1	--	--	30	--	1	--	--	--	--	32
NAPA	--	--	--	--	2	9	24	--	42	--	5	13	--	95
NEVADA	--	20	--	4	--	--	16	--	2	--	--	--	--	42
PLACER	--	42	--	--	2	1	662	1	27	2	2	3	--	742
PLUMAS	--	228	19	6	--	5	45	--	1	--	--	6	--	310
RIVERSIDE	--	4	2	--	1	--	107*	--	--	--	--	--	--	114
SACRAMENTO	1	46	--	--	--	142	5,005	6	17	--	--	17	--	5,234
SAN BENITO	--	--	1	--	2	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	4
SAN BERNARDINO	--	--	2	7	14	--	--	--	1	--	--	13	--	37
SAN DIEGO	--	--	8	57	21	--	--	1	3	--	--	3	--	93
SAN JOAQUIN	--	182	--	--	1	392	5,834	13	70	--	7	16	12	6,477
SAN MATEO	--	--	4	--	8	1	--	1	2	--	--	--	--	16
SANTA CLARA	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	2	--	--	--	--	--	3
SANTA CRUZ	--	--	--	--	--	--	212	--	1	--	--	--	--	213
SHASTA	--	31	20	75	4	11	3,493	--	512	10	--	8	--	4,164
SIERRA	--	60	17	12	--	11	30	--	3	1	--	6	--	140
SISKIYOU	--	55	22	22	9	92	7,321	--	56	3	4	--	1	7,585
SOLANO	--	19	--	--	1	15	761	--	10	--	3	5	--	814
SONOMA	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	1

AVERAGE OF REPORTED PRICES FOR EACH SPECIES
IN COUNTY OF CATCH, 1961-62 TRAPPING SEASON

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	GREY FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	RING-TAILED CAT	SPOTTED SKUNK	STRIPED SKUNK	WEASEL
ALPINE	---	\$7.75	\$4.90	---	---	---	---	---	\$1.83	\$1.30	---	---	---
BUTTE	---	8.44	1.50	\$2.50	\$1.00	---	\$.66	\$.50	1.78	---	\$.50	\$1.00	---
COLUSA	---	---	---	---	---	---	.72	---	2.20	---	---	---	---
CONTRA COSTA	---	9.25	---	---	---	---	.72	---	1.92	---	---	.81	---
DEL NORTE	\$1.00	9.76	5.00	3.00	1.00	\$3.84	.62	---	2.28	---	.75	---	---
EL DORADO	---	---	---	2.50	---	9.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
FRESNO	.67	3.77	1.50	---	1.00	5.85	.72	.56	2.02	---	.64	.67	\$.25
GLENN	---	7.87	---	---	---	---	.75	.88	2.07	1.67	---	1.00	.28
HUMBOLDT	1.25	7.82	1.75	---	.88	8.86	---	---	1.79	1.23	.78	.99	---
IMPERIAL	---	5.33	1.63	---	.48	---	---	---	1.00	---	---	.34	---
INYO	---	---	---	---	---	4.33	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
LAKE	---	---	1.83	---	.75	8.30	---	---	1.97	---	---	---	---
LASSEN	1.00	8.44	2.38	2.50	---	8.37	.73	---	---	1.25	---	.87	---
MARIPOSA	---	---	3.00	---	.75	---	---	---	2.50	---	---	---	---
MENDOCINO	---	---	1.60	2.00	.78	9.45	1.50	---	1.72	---	1.00	.97	---
MERCED	---	5.16	---	---	1.00	5.83	.73	.52	1.82	---	.63	.94	.26
MODOC	---	13.25	4.64	---	---	8.99	.71	---	1.81	---	---	1.13	---
MONTEREY	---	---	---	---	---	---	.74	---	---	---	---	---	---
NAPA	---	---	---	---	.75	3.75	.80	---	1.75	---	.75	.85	---
NEVADA	---	4.68	---	2.00	---	---	.38	---	1.25	---	---	---	---
PLACER	---	9.63	---	---	---	11.00	.72	---	1.74	1.00	.50	---	---
PLUMAS	---	8.55	4.13	2.50	---	9.15	.80	---	1.50	---	---	.84	---
RIVERSIDE	---	4.75	1.50	---	---	---	.30*	---	---	---	---	---	---
SACRAMENTO	---	7.49	---	---	---	6.31	.68	.22	2.02	---	---	.62	---
SAN BERNARDINO	---	---	.69	---	.39	---	---	---	.25	---	---	.34	---
SAN JOAQUIN	---	5.41	---	---	.75	6.80	.66	.47	1.89	---	---	1.00	.33
SAN MATEO	---	---	1.50	---	.80	8.00	---	.60	2.50	---	---	---	---
SANTA CRUZ	---	---	---	---	---	---	.66	---	2.00	---	---	---	---
SHASTA	---	4.45	3.00	3.00	---	8.00	.73	---	.76	.89	---	.25	---
SIERRA	---	8.55	5.00	2.50	---	5.55	.60	---	1.76	2.00	---	.84	---
SISKIYOU	---	8.08	2.75	---	---	8.58	.55	---	1.60	---	---	---	---
SOLANO	---	5.58	---	---	---	7.50	.74	---	2.00	---	---	---	---
SONOMA	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
STANISLAUS	---	5.33	---	---	1.00	6.22	.73	.53	1.81	---	1.00	.90	---
SUTTER	---	4.89	---	---	---	---	.46	---	2.33	---	---	---	---
TEHAMA	---	10.71	2.00	---	---	---	.75	---	2.02	---	---	---	---
TRINITY	---	---	5.00	1.75	.73	7.50	---	---	1.38	1.08	1.75	.75	---
TULARE	---	---	---	---	---	---	.69	---	2.00	---	---	---	---
YOLO	---	2.00	---	---	---	---	.45	---	1.53	---	---	---	---
YUBA	---	9.45	---	---	---	---	.61	---	1.50	---	---	---	---
COUNTY UNKNOWN	---	7.00	---	---	---	---	.75	---	1.49	---	---	---	---
STATEWIDE AVG.	.89	7.17	3.27	2.40	.77	6.81	.66	.52	1.49	1.19	.79	.84	.29

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