

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT - 1967-68

A total of 466 trapping licenses were sold for the 1967-68 fur trapping season, a decrease of about 23 percent from the 602 licenses sold in 1966-67.

	<u>1966-67</u>	<u>1967-68</u>
Licensees Reported	286	283
Licensees Did Not Report	<u>316</u>	<u>183</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	602	466
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap	79	97
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	207	186

Trapping effort was reported by 186 fur trappers in 1967-68, a drop of 10 percent from the 207 trappers who reported in 1966-67.

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1967-68 amounted to \$43,041 and represented a decrease of about 25 percent from the cash proceeds of \$57,053 realized by trappers in 1966-67.

Each year a portion of the fur catch is unsold. For the purpose of this report these unsold pelts have a monetary value; therefore, the estimated value of the 1967-68 fur catch was \$45,571, a decrease of 24 percent from the 1966-67 estimated value of \$59,848.

Muskrats, which have been the traditional leader in the California fur catch, again led in the number of pelts taken and in the revenue received for furs.

The 1967-68 catch of 40,370 muskrats, reported by trappers, represented 91 percent of the total fur catch for the season, and was 9 percent lower than the catch of 44,160 reported in 1966-67. The \$25,384 received by trappers for muskrat pelts in 1967-68 was 35 percent lower than the \$38,817 realized by muskrat trappers in 1966-67.

The last two years have shown a sharp decline in the average price paid for muskrat pelts. In 1965-66 the average price was \$1.30 per pelt, in 1966-67 this price dropped to \$.88, then to \$.64 in 1967-68.

Among the other principal furbearers average prices rose for beaver, bobcat and raccoon and declined for mink.

The ring-tailed cat was removed from the furbearer group and was placed in the fully-protected category.

The following tables are appended:

Table I - Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid
1966-67 and 1967-68 (Summary)

Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch - 1966-67 and 1967-68 (Summary)

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers,
By County, 1967-68

Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, By Species and County of
Catch, 1967-68

TABLE I

NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID
1966-67 and 1967-68

Species	1966-67				1967-68			
	Number Taken			Avg. Price	Number Taken			Avg. Price
	Sold	Unsold	Total		Sold	Unsold	Total	
Badger	8	5	13	\$.93	5	5	10	\$1.80
Beaver	1,259	125	1,384	8.92	1,076	108	1,184	9.30
Bobcat	194	47	241	7.97	244	32	276	13.59
Coyote	52	76	128	2.79	75	94	169	2.13
Fox	116	52	168	1.47	67	62	129	1.54
Mink	595	48	643	6.25	463	19	482	5.35
Muskrat	43,899	261	44,160	.88	39,716	654	40,370	.64
Opossum	74	27	101	.40	44	14	58	.30
Raccoon	715	180	895	1.68	565	103	668	1.85
Ring-tailed Cat*	57	3	60	1.07	-	-	-	-
Striped Skunk	133	106	239	.64	975	85	1,060	.52
Spotted Skunk	52	10	62	.77	24	31	55	.87
Weasel	1	3	4	.50	4	-	4	.23
Totals	47,155	943	48,098		43,258	1,207	44,465	

*The Ring-tailed Cat was removed from the furbearers list and is now fully protected.

TABLE II

TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH
1966-67 and 1967-68
(From Trapper Submitted Reports)

Species	1966-67	1967-68
Badger	\$ 7.45	\$ 9.00
Beaver	11,226.77	10,009.15
Bobcat	1,546.85	3,315.25
Coyote	145.00	160.10
Fox	171.00	102.94
Mink	3,719.36	2,476.27
Muskrat	38,816.85	25,384.08
Opossum	29.45	13.05
Raccoon	1,204.40	1,046.39
Ring-tailed Cat*	61.13	-
Striped Skunk	84.60	502.90
Spotted Skunk	39.84	20.85
Weasel	.50	.90
Totals	\$57,053.20	\$43,040.88

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TABLE III

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS - 1967-68
BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALPINE	-	29	12	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
AMADOR	-	-	4	3	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7
BUTTE	-	13	1	3	3	3	1,219	-	74	-	-	-	1,317
COLUSA	2	-	-	-	3	-	3,361	2	17	28	2	-	3,415
CONTRA COSTA	-	75	-	-	-	3	564	-	16	-	-	-	658
DEL NORTE	-	-	5	1	2	-	-	-	30	-	-	-	38
EL DORADO	-	10	-	2	1	-	20	-	5	2	-	-	40
FRESNO	-	7	-	-	2	9	4,193	16	8	3	-	1	4,239
GLENN	1	148	3	2	1	4	2,686	3	21	5	1	-	2,870
HUMBOLDT	-	5	18	-	4	1	-	-	17	5	4	-	54
IMPERIAL	-	-	11	13	3	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	41
INYO	-	39	-	10	-	1	-	-	10	-	-	-	60
KERN	-	53	2	6	7	-	100	-	10	-	-	-	178
LAKE	-	1	10	-	-	85	185	-	7	-	-	-	288
LASSEN	1	12	67	17	-	3	91	-	-	3	-	-	194
LOS ANGELES	-	-	7	2	4	-	-	2	3	12	9	-	39
MADERA	-	-	-	-	1	-	6	-	-	2	-	-	9
MENDOCINO	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	5
MERCED	-	30	1	-	1	25	2,661	5	43	-	-	-	2,766
MODOC	4	7	14	1	2	10	563	-	9	5	-	-	613
MONTEREY	-	-	-	-	2	-	42	-	3	-	-	-	47
NAVAJO	-	-	-	-	7	28	12	-	28	6	4	-	85
NEVADA	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	5
PLACER	-	8	-	-	-	-	104	-	10	4	-	-	126
PLUMAS	1	94	16	13	-	-	47	-	16	-	-	2	189
RIVERSIDE	-	-	3	2	3	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	23
SACRAMENTO	-	117	1	1	5	40	3,941	5	26	15	1	-	4,152
SAN BENITO	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	10
SAN BERNARDINO	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	4
SAN DIEGO	-	-	4	12	7	-	-	9	1	16	2	-	51
SAN JOAQUIN	-	118	2	5	1	91	3,492	2	39	-	-	-	3,750
SAN MATEO	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
SANTA CRUZ	-	-	-	-	-	1	420	-	-	-	-	-	425
SHASTA	1	67	42	19	3	22	3,538	-	20	869	1	-	4,590

TABLE III (CONTINUED)

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
SIERRA	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	4	-	-	-	12
SISKIYOU	48	27	9	9	9	84	254	-	56	24	19	-	530
SOLANO	32	1	-	1	1	8	4,982	-	49	18	2	-	5,093
STANISLAUS	91	2	-	2	2	28	3,357	2	35	-	3	1	3,521
SUTTER	25	-	-	-	-	-	2,988	-	15	2	-	-	3,030
TEHAMA	3	-	-	-	-	-	24	-	2	-	-	-	29
TRINITY	-	13	40	34	3	3	-	-	18	1	1	-	110
TULARE	-	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	45
VENTURA	-	1	-	3	3	-	-	7	-	-	1	-	12
YOLO	33	2	-	5	5	27	908	1	40	16	3	-	1,035
YUBA	90	3	-	-	-	-	600	-	14	-	-	-	707
UNKNOWN	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
TOTAL ANIMALS TRAPPED	10	1,184	276	169	129	482	40,370	58	668	1,060	55	4	44,465
PERCENT OF TOTAL CATCH	T	2.7	0.6	0.4	0.3	1.1	90.8	0.1	1.5	2.4	0.1	T	
PELTS SOLD	5	1,076	244	75	67	463	39,716	44	565	975	24	4	43,258
PELTS NOT SOLD	5	108	32	94	62	19	654	14	103	85	31	-	1,207
TOTAL	10	1,184	276	169	129	482	40,370	58	668	1,060	55	4	44,465

NO TRAPPING WAS REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

CALAVERAS
KINGS
MARIN
MARIPOSA
MONO
ORANGE

SAN FRANCISCO
SAN LUIS OBISPO
SANTA BARBARA
SANTA CLARA
SONOMA
TUOLUMNE

TABLE IV
AVERAGE OF REPORTED FUR PRICES - 1967-68
BY SPECIES IN COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	POSSUM	RACCOON	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
ALPINE	-	5.82	15.42	1.00	2.50	-	.61	-	-	-	-	-
BUTTE	-	9.36	15.00	2.50	.44	11.50	.62	-	1.98	-	-	-
COLUSA	-	-	-	-	1.50	-	.69	-	2.13	1.00	.75	-
CONTRA COSTA	-	11.68	-	-	-	-	.53	-	1.98	-	-	-
EL DORADO	-	10.00	-	-	1.50	-	.58	.29	1.37	.60	-	.10
FRESNO	-	9.00	-	-	.85	1.20	.58	.42	1.19	.60	-	-
GLENN	-	11.15	6.50	3.25	1.50	7.38	.61	-	2.18	-	.69	-
HUMBOLDT	-	-	7.00	-	-	3.25	-	-	2.43	.60	-	-
IMPERIAL	-	-	8.27	1.04	1.17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
INYO	-	10.87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
KERN	-	11.04	9.00	2.00	1.57	-	.73	-	1.76	-	-	-
LAKE	-	8.00	3.50	-	-	6.10	.43	-	2.04	-	-	-
LASSEN	3.00	8.70	20.00	-	-	8.00	.54	-	-	.40	2.00	-
LOS ANGELES	-	-	8.33	-	1.75	-	-	-	-	.60	-	-
MADERA	-	-	-	-	.85	-	-	-	2.00	-	-	-
MENDOCINO	-	-	-	-	1.75	-	.64	.35	1.40	-	-	-
MERCED	-	9.32	5.00	-	1.50	6.32	.63	-	2.28	1.00	-	-
MODOC	1.50	6.43	13.86	2.50	2.00	2.48	.68	-	2.08	-	-	-
MONTEREY	-	-	-	-	1.20	7.85	1.05	-	1.85	-	.30	-
NAPA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEVADA	-	9.00	-	2.50	-	-	.58	-	2.06	-	-	-
PLACER	-	6.64	-	-	-	-	.64	-	2.37	-	-	.33
PLUMAS	-	9.63	7.81	2.70	-	-	-	-	-	.60	-	-
RIVERSIDE	-	-	7.00	1.00	1.17	-	.68	.25	-	.60	.80	-
SACRAMENTO	-	5.01	5.00	1.50	1.38	4.65	.65	-	1.42	.60	-	-
SAN BENITO	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.30	-	-	.55	-
SAN DIEGO	-	-	2.00	1.64	1.38	-	.67	.25	1.50	.40	-	-
SAN JOAQUIN	-	5.93	5.00	.75	2.00	4.05	-	.25	2.05	-	-	-
SAN MATEO	-	-	5.00	-	1.60	-	-	.25	-	-	-	-
SANTA CRUZ	-	-	-	-	-	10.00	.65	-	-	-	-	-
SHASTA	-	12.57	14.96	2.94	2.00	5.47	.63	-	2.06	.50	.75	-
SIERRA	-	-	-	-	-	3.50	.75	-	-	-	-	-
SISKIYOU	-	12.06	15.69	2.67	1.25	6.28	.66	-	1.69	-	1.50	-
SOLANO	-	8.86	-	-	1.00	4.14	.71	-	2.28	.67	.75	-
STANISLAUS	-	7.94	11.00	-	1.25	3.60	.61	.25	1.62	.67	.75	.15
SUTTER	-	8.38	-	-	-	-	.58	-	1.67	.50	-	-

TABLE IV (CONTINUED)

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
TEHAMA	-	6.20	-	-	-	-	.72	-	1.88	-	-	-
TRINITY	-	-	-	-	4.00	7.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
TULARE	-	11.04	9.00	2.00	1.57	-	-	-	1.76	-	-	-
YOLO	-	7.88	4.00	-	1.50	5.11	.76	-	1.25	-	-	-
YUBA	-	11.15	4.67	-	-	-	.80	-	1.80	-	-	-
UNKNOWN	-	-	-	2.50	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	1.80	9.30	13.59	2.13	1.54	5.35	.64	.30	1.85	.52	.87	.23