

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT - 1968-69

A total of 469 trapping licenses were sold for the 1968-69 fur trapping season, an increase of less than 1 percent from the 466 licenses sold in 1967-68.

	<u>1967-68</u>	<u>1968-69</u>
Licensees Reported	283	307
Licensees Did Not Report	<u>183</u>	<u>162</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	466	469
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap	97	86
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	186	221

Trapping effort was reported by 221 trappers in 1968-69. This is an increase of 18.8 percent from the 186 trappers who reported in 1967-68.

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1968-69 amounted to \$63,986.35 and represented an increase of 48.7 percent from the cash proceeds of \$43,041.88 realized by trappers in 1967-68.

Each year a portion of the fur catch is unsold. For the purpose of this report these unsold pelts have monetary value, based on the average statewide price per pelt for each species. Therefore, the estimated value of the 1968-69 fur catch was \$66,895.86, an increase of 46.8 percent over the 1967-68 estimated value of \$45,571.00.

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 1968-69 catch of 45,215 muskrats, reported by trappers, represented 90.6 percent of the total fur catch for the season, and was 12.0 percent higher than the catch of 40,370 reported in 1967-68. The \$34,186.09 received by trappers for muskrat pelts in 1968-69 was 34.7 percent increase over the \$25,384.08 realized by trappers in 1967-68.

The average price paid for muskrat increased to \$ .76 per pelt reversing the downward trend of the last three years.

Average prices also rose among the other principle furbearers.

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  
1967-68 and 1968-69 (Summary)

Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch - 1967-68 and 1968-69  
(Summary)

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers,  
By County, 1968-69

Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, By Species and County of  
Catch, 1968-69

TABLE I  
 NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID  
 1967-68 and 1968-69

Species	1967-68				1968-69			
	Number Taken			Avg.	Number Taken			Avg.
	Sold	Unsold	Total	Price	Sold	Unsold	Total	Price
Badger	5	5	10	\$1.80	25	4	29	\$2.40
Beaver	1,076	108	1,184	9.30	1,421	121	1,542	11.41
Bobcat	244	32	276	13.59	356	25	381	13.93
Coyote	75	94	169	2.13	306	43	349	4.51
Fox	67	62	129	1.54	203	86	289	2.76
Mink	463	19	482	5.35	611	43	654	6.51
Muskrat	39,716	654	40,370	.64	45,180	35	45,215	.76
Opposum	44	14	58	.30	126	20	146	.46
Raccoon	565	103	668	1.85	926	96	1,022	2.70
Striped Skunk	975	85	1,060	.52	65	147	212	.96
Spotted Skunk	24	31	55	.87	19	21	40	1.01
Weasel	4	-	4	.23	1	1	2	.50
Totals	43,258	1,207	44,465		49,239	642	49,881	

TABLE II  
 TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH  
 1967-68 and 1968-69  
 (From Trapper Submitted Reports)

Species	1967-68	1968-69
Badger	\$ 9.00	\$ 60.00
Beaver	10,009.15	16,218.97
Bobcat	3,315.25	4,960.56
Coyote	160.10	1,380.30
Fox	102.94	560.23
Mink	2,476.27	3,978.69
Muskrat	25,384.08	34,186.09
Opposum	13.05	57.95
Raccoon	1,046.39	2,501.33
Striped Skunk	502.90	62.53
Spotted Skunk	20.85	19.20
Weasel	.90	.50
Totals	\$43,040.88	\$63,986.35

TABLE III

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS - 1968-69  
BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
ALAMEDA													
ALPINE													
AMADOR													
BUTTE		19		2	15	2	2,006	2	62	1			2,109
GALAVERNAS							3,589		21	42			3,653
COLUSA		1					895		24				1,038
CONTRA COSTA		102							14	5	3		29
DEL NORTE			4	3			20		5				41
EL DORADO		10		4		2			4				3,116
FRESNO		2				8	3,080	10	4		1		4,958
GLENN		39			6	2	4,465	4	59	14			4,989
HUMBOLDT		5	37	1	18				97		5		163
IMPERIAL		10	2	1	4		22		1	7			47
INYO		36		10		9		1	5				61
KERN		17	9	8	10				3	2			50
KINGS													
LAKE			8	12	3	151	190		48				412
LASSEN		32	5	3			336		1	2			385
LOS ANGELES			28	25	28			7	7	4		1	100
MADERA													
MARIN													
MARIPOSA													
MENDOCINO													
MERCED		24	12		2	23	4,554	31	4	1	2		4,987
MODOC		12	43	12	1	30	1,036		19	2			1,150
MONO			6	16		6							28
MONTEREY					7		30		7	1			45
NAPA			7		7				3				17
NEVADA		35				1	350		6				392
ORANGE													
PLACER							72						85
PLUMAS		151	22	46	5	7	45		9	4			391
RIVERSIDE			17	44	14		100		2	70			185
SACRAMENTO		336			11	55	2,927	4	50	1			3,384

TABLE III (CONTINUED)

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPSSUM	RACCOON	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL	TOTAL
SAN BENITO	3												
SAN BERN.	13	23	43	70	19				2	10	10		150
SAN DIEGO	9			17	13				3				85
SAN FRAN.													
SAN JOAQUIN	117	3		3	12	115	3,377	37	57		1		3,722
SAN LUIS OBS.	1												1
SAN MATEO													
SANTA BARB.													
SANTA CLARA													
SANTA CRUZ													
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SHASTA	105	46	43	43	20	24	4,000	18	133	2	3		4,395
SIERRA	43	2	9	9		31	641	3					727
SISKIYOU	100	45	17	56	56	143	553		85	14	11		1,024
SOLANO	18	1		4	4	9	5,304		67		1		5,404
SONOMA					2								2
STANISLAUS	171	14			2	22	3,094	15	101	8			3,427
SUTTER	3					1	1,707		18	6			1,735
TEHAMA	1												1
TRINITY					4	3			7				17
TULARE	15	2	2	2	4			1	3				27
TUOLUMNE													
VENTURA					2			10					12
YOLO	41				3	1	2,328	3	4	10			2,390
YUBA	87				5	1	484		11				588
TOTAL ANIMALS TRAPPED	1,542	361	349	289	654	45,215	146	1,022	212	40	2		49,881
PERCENT OF TOTAL CATCH	.1	.8	.7	.6	1.3	90.6	.3	2.0	.4	.1	Tr.		
PELTS SOLD	25	356	306	203	611	45,100	126	926	65	19	1		49,239
PELTS NOT SOLD	4	25	43	86	43	35	20	96	147	21	1		642
TOTAL	29	381	349	289	654	45,215	146	1,022	212	40	2		49,881

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TABLE III (CONTINUED)

NO TRAPPING WAS REPORTED FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTIES:

ALAMEDA  
ALPINE  
AMADOR  
CALAVERAS  
KINGS  
MADERA  
MARIN

MARIPOSA  
ORANGE  
SAN BENITO  
SAN FRANCISCO  
SAN MATEO  
SANTA BARBARA  
SANTA CLARA

SANTA CRUZ  
SCHUMBERG  
TUOLUMNE

TABLE IV  
 AVERAGE OF REPORTED FUR PRICES - 1968-69  
 BY SPECIES IN COUNTY OF CATCH

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	POSSUM	RACCOON	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
BUTTE		10.74		3.50	2.88	11.25	.84	.60	3.11	1.50		
COLUSA		10.00					.85		3.44			
CONTRA COSTA		6.08					.83		2.22			
DEL NORTE							1.00					
EL DORADO		14.00		6.25		2.69	.76	.33	3.17		.60	.50
FRESNO		7.50			3.00	10.25			2.90	.88		
GLENN		11.78			3.00				3.54		1.10	
HUMBOLDT		17.30	9.36	5.00	2.75		.40		2.00	1.00		
IMPERIAL		4.67	12.50	1.00				1.00	2.90	1.00		
INYO		11.99		6.79		5.86			3.08	1.00		
KERN			8.54	5.25	2.73				1.94			
LAKE			5.00	2.00	3.00	7.70	.88		6.00			
LASSEN		15.96	18.50	7.00		4.84	.80		1.67			
LOS ANGELES	2.17		10.81	4.19	2.66				2.13	1.00	1.00	
MENDOCINO					5.00				2.88		.65	
MERCED		8.39	3.42		1.50	4.59	.67	.33	2.90	.50		
MODOC	2.25	12.90	17.78	7.86	2.50	4.76	.87		4.90			
MONO			23.33			6.33						
MONTEREY					2.71		.20		3.64	.75		
NAPA			10.00		2.00				2.25			
NEVADA		13.50			4.00	7.50	.77		4.23			
PLACER							1.00					
PLUMAS	2.28	10.46	26.00	5.34	1.80	8.79	.67		3.64	1.47		
RIVERSIDE			11.81	3.63	3.00		.41		1.50	1.00	1.50	
SACRAMENTO		8.48			1.97		.84	.67	2.66			
SAN BERN.	2.30	11.08	25.11	4.79	3.09				2.75	.50	1.50	
SAN DIEGO	2.78		12.24	4.57	3.19				3.83			
SAN JOAQUIN		7.94	13.33		2.00	7.60	.91	.30	3.32		.50	
SAN LUIS OBS.												
SHASTA	1.50	14.90	17.42	4.43	2.80	5.71	.90	1.00	1.17		.83	
SIERRA		10.00	12.50	2.63		8.00	.80	.50				
SISKIYOU		14.52	10.51	7.90	1.69	6.43	.16		1.76		1.10	
SOLANO		10.90	7.50		3.00		.98		3.76		.75	
STANISLAUS		8.92	6.36		3.00	5.70	.79	.39	2.17	.70		

TABLE IV (CONTINUED)

COUNTY OF CATCH	BADGER	BEAVER	BOBCAT	COYOTE	FOX	MINK	MUSKRAT	OPOSSUM	RACCOON	STRIPED SKUNK	SPOTTED SKUNK	WEASEL
SUTTER	"	10.00	"	"	2.50	"	.83	"	3.35	"	"	"
TEHAMA	"	12.98	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
TRINITY	"	"	4.75	10.00	3.33	3.50	"	"	3.71	"	"	"
TULARE	"	"	6.30	5.25	"	"	"	1.00	3.08	"	"	"
VENTURA	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	.55	"	"	"	"
YOLO	"	19.08	"	"	2.95	10.00	.81	"	2.63	1.25	"	"
YUBA	"	13.01	"	"	4.00	7.50	.78	"	3.58	"	"	"
STATEWIDE AVERAGE	2.40	11.11	13.93	4.51	2.76	6.51	.70	.46	2.70	.96	1.01	.50