

LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS REPORT

1970-71

A total of 631 trapping licenses was sold in the 1970-71 fur trapping season, a decrease of 5.0 percent from the 664 licenses sold in 1969-70.

	<u>1969-70</u>	<u>1970-71</u>
Licensees Who Reported Trapping Effort	286	226
Licensees Who Reported But Did Not Trap Or Were Unsuccessful	112	131
Licensees Not Reporting	<u>266</u>	<u>274</u>
Total Trapping Licenses Sold	664	631

Success in trapping effort was reported by 226 trappers in 1970-71. This represents a decrease of 21.0 percent from the 286 trappers who reported trapping effort in 1969-70.

Revenue received by trappers from the sale of furs in 1970-71 amounted to \$55,932.87. This represents a decrease of 26.2 percent below the \$75,835.48 reported for the 1969-70 season. The average income per trapper in 1970-71 was \$247.49. This is a decrease of 6.6 percent from \$265.00 per trapper in 1969-70.

Each year a portion of 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 1970-71 fur catch was \$57,732.72, a decrease of 28.4 percent from the 1969-70 estimated value of \$80,675.00.

Muskrats, as in the past, were first on the list both in number of pelts taken and revenue received for pelts. The 1970-71 reported catch of 46,742 muskrats represents 94.0 percent of the total fur catch for the season of 49,736 animals. Muskrat catch was down 9.3 percent from the catch of 51,525 reported for 1969-70. Revenue received for muskrat pelts in 1970-71 was down 7.5 percent from the \$49,576.13 received by trappers in 1969-70. Average price received for muskrat pelts was \$.99, up 2.1 percent from \$.97 in 1969-70.

Of the other furbearers, which represents 6.0 percent of the total fur catch, fox showed the greatest increase in value - 6.4 percent in average pelt price (\$2.67) over the 1969-70 price of \$2.51. Value of bobcat pelts (\$10.86) also showed a slight increase of 2.6 percent over the \$10.58 paid in 1969-70. Excepting muskrat, bobcat, fox and spotted skunk, all other furbearers reflected reduced fur prices. Numbers of mink and beaver pelts were down 60.0 and 58.6 percent respectively from 1969-70. Average prices received for mink and beaver pelts were down 50.4 and 43.7 percent respectively from 1969-70.

The following tables are appended:

Table I - Furbearers Taken and Average Prices Paid 1969-70 and 1970-71

Table II - Trapper Revenue From Fur Catch - 1969-70 and 1970-71

Table III - Number of Animals Reported Taken by Licensed Fur Trappers, By
Species and County of Catch - 1970-71

Table IV - Average of Reported Fur Prices, By Species and County of Catch -
1970-71

TABLE I
 NUMBER OF FURBEARERS TAKEN AND AVERAGE PRICES PAID
 1969-70 and 1970-71

Species	1969-70			1970-71		
	Sold	Number Taken Unsold	Total Ave. Price	Sold	Number Taken Unsold	Total Ave. Price
Badger	23	15	\$ 2.29	7	1	\$ 1.04
Beaver	1,178	123	8.71	419	120	4.90
Bobcat	472	116	10.58	295	24	10.86
Coyote	619	180	5.84	404	63	5.42
Fox	294	69	2.51	264	50	2.67
Mink	630	78	5.60	261	22	2.78
Muskrat	51,202	323	.97	46,516	226	.99
Opossum	138	40	.49	98	13	.42
Raccoon	1,072	102	2.54	661	58	1.60
Striped Skunk	230	237	.94	100	107	.80
Spotted Skunk	75	36	.79	18	7	.85
Weasel	0	0	-	1	1	.50
Totals	55,933	1,319	57,252	49,044	692	49,736

TABLE II

TRAPPER REVENUE FROM FUR CATCH
 1969-70 and 1970-71
 (From Trapper Submitted Reports)

<u>Species</u>	<u>1969-70</u>	<u>1970-71</u>
Badger	\$ 52.75	\$ 7.25
Beaver	10,262.65	2,051.25
Bobcat	4,994.88	3,204.50
Coyote	3,617.75	2,190.54
Fox	736.52	679.14
Mink	3,530.38	726.59
Muskrat	49,576.13	45,878.50
Opossum	67.17	40.85
Raccoon	2,721.35	1,058.80
Striped Skunk	216.90	79.70
Spotted Skunk	59.00	15.25
Weasel	-	.50
Totals	\$75,835.48	\$55,932.87

TABLE III

NUMBER OF ANIMALS REPORTED TAKEN BY LICENSED FUR TRAPPERS
BY SPECIES AND COUNTY OF CATCH
1970-71

County of Catch	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Opossum	Raccoon	Striped Skunk	Spotted Skunk	Weasel	Total
Alameda	-	1	-	-	-	-	13	-	8	-	-	-	22
Alpine	-	4	9	7	3	-	-	3	3	-	-	-	29
Butte	-	25	-	5	37	1	3,124	4	112	22	-	-	3,330
Colusa	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,147	-	8	-	-	-	1,155
Contra Costa	-	4	-	-	-	2	72	1	-	-	-	-	79
El Dorado	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	4
Fresno	-	13	-	1	-	-	2,293	15	5	2	-	-	2,329
Glenn	-	2	4	-	21	2	2,322	2	45	6	-	-	2,404
Humboldt	-	7	14	-	17	1	8	-	24	5	2	-	78
Imperial	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Inyo	-	22	-	3	-	2	-	-	5	-	-	-	32
Kern	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	4	1	2	-	12
Kings	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	-	-	-	12
Lake	-	-	2	-	14	12	70	-	5	-	-	-	103
Lassen	-	5	41	11	-	5	43	-	3	-	-	-	108
Los Angeles	-	-	3	18	9	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	34
Madera	1	-	-	1	5	-	821	-	2	-	2	-	832
Mendocino	-	-	-	-	-	6	871	-	9	-	-	-	886
Merced	-	24	26	4	2	45	4,971	22	66	1	-	-	5,161
Modoc	1	11	31	76	-	24	2,214	-	7	3	2	-	2,369
Mono	-	19	6	9	-	2	-	-	4	-	-	-	40
Monterey	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	7
Nevada	-	6	-	2	2	-	55	-	9	3	-	-	77
Orange	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	4
Placer	-	29	-	2	7	-	278	3	3	6	-	-	328
Plumas	-	40	8	22	1	7	13	-	1	21	-	1	114
Riverside	3	-	51	105	24	-	-	6	-	10	3	-	202
Sacramento	-	66	1	-	14	33	2,052	7	29	6	-	-	2,208
San Bernardino	-	-	36	51	10	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	101
San Joaquin	-	31	1	1	31	66	3,804	21	69	62	-	-	4,086
San Mateo	1	-	12	3	19	-	-	3	1	4	-	-	43
Santa Barbara	1	1	-	3	8	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	16
Santa Clara	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	27
Santa Cruz	-	-	-	-	-	-	206	-	-	-	-	-	206
Shasta	1	3	23	56	7	-	5,068	-	17	-	-	-	5,175
Sierra	-	60	-	21	2	15	1,223	7	39	11	1	-	1,379
Siskiyou	-	21	36	39	25	47	2,495	-	39	-	9	-	2,711
Solano	-	37	-	-	3	9	4,599	-	132	4	1	-	4,785
Sonoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	3
Stanislaus	-	6	4	1	2	4	1,769	1	10	-	-	-	1,797
Sutter	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,478	-	5	-	-	-	2,483
Tehama	-	14	3	2	5	-	239	10	37	10	2	-	322
Trinity	-	-	1	1	13	-	-	-	4	1	1	-	21
Tulare	-	33	3	7	12	-	77	-	1	-	-	-	133
Ventura	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Yolo	-	26	-	-	3	-	1,813	2	3	-	-	-	1,847
Yuba	-	24	2	7	12	-	2,589	-	2	-	-	-	2,636
Total Animals Trapped	8	539	319	467	314	283	46,742	111	719	207	25	2	49,736
Percent of Total Catch	.02	1.08	.64	.94	.63	.57	93.98	.22	1.45	.42	.05	.00	

No trapping was reported from the following counties:

Amador	Mariposa	San Francisco
Calaveras	Napa	San Luis Obispo
Del Norte	San Benito	Tuolumne
Marin	San Diego	