



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

The overview of available harvest and population information for furbearing species from the 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 seasons is presented in Attachment 3. Furbearer regulations are reviewed and published on a two-year basis. Regulations were last reviewed by Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission (Commission) in June 2020 and current regulations are published through June 30, 2022. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (department) staff will recommend seasons and bag limits for the 2022–2023 and 2023–2024 seasons for adoption as OARs.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Communication with local sporting groups, state and federal agencies, Oregon Trappers Association, Oregon United Sporting Dog Association, Oregon State Police, working groups, and other interested parties was received and meetings coordinated through the last two years.
- Two Commission-directed work groups, the Trap Check Work Group and the Beaver Management Work Group, convened in 2021 to consider trap check requirements and beaver management on federal lands. Multiple stakeholders participated in both work groups with virtual meetings livestreamed on the department's Youtube channel. Work group meeting minutes and video recording for each meeting were posted on the department website.
- Questions from interested persons, including the news media, were answered.

ISSUE 1

Proposals for 2022–2023 and 2023–2024 Furbearer Harvest and Pursuit Season Regulations.

ANALYSIS

Staff provided background and recommendation for regulation and season proposals for the 2022–2023 and 2023–2024 Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Regulations in Attachment 3. The proposals are supported by available information regarding harvest, catch per unit effort, market

prices, licenses, and reporting for furbearer species from the 2019–2020 and 2020–2021 seasons, as well as communications with public stakeholders. Due to late reports continuing to arrive through much of the 2021-2022 license year, the 2021-2022 data will not be complete for nearly another year. However, 2021 data is included as available.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt staff recommendations.
2. Amend staff recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Option 1

DRAFT MOTION:

I move to amend Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 635, Division 008 and 050 as proposed by staff to set regulations and seasons for the harvest and pursuit of furbearing mammals.

Effective Date: Upon Filing