

Agenda Item Summary

BACKGROUND

This is an overview of available harvest and population information for furbearing species from the 2013–2014 and 2014–2015 seasons. Furbearer regulations are adopted on a two-year basis. Regulations were set by Commission action in June 2014 and will expire June 30, 2016. Department staff will recommend seasons and bag limits for the 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 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, and other interested parties
- Topics were presented and comments were taken at public meetings (20 scheduled) including a Live Twitter Chat held throughout the state during May 2016
- Questions from interested persons, including the news media, were answered

ISSUE 1

Proposals for 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 Furbearer Harvest and Pursuit Season Regulations

ANALYSIS

Staff will present proposals for the 2016–2017 and 2017–2018 Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Regulations. The proposal includes available information regarding average pelt prices, harvest effort and number, and catch per unit effort for each furbearer species for the 2013–2014 and 2014–2015 seasons. Because of the short time between the April 15 furtaker reporting deadline, and the date this Commission packet was compiled, most information for the 2015-16 season was not available.

OPTIONS

1. Adopt staff recommendations.
2. Amend staff recommendations.
3. Reject staff recommendations.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Option 1.

DRAFT MOTION

I move to amend Oregon Administrative Rule Chapter 635, Divisions 050 and 200 as proposed by staff to set regulations and seasons for the harvest and pursuit of furbearing mammals.

EFFECTIVE DATE

Upon filing with the Secretary of State.