



AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

BACKGROUND

This is an overview of available harvest and population information for furbearing species from the 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 seasons. Furbearer regulations are adopted on a two-year basis. Regulations were set by Commission action in June 2018 and will expire June 30, 2020. Department staff will recommend seasons and bag limits for the 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 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
- Topics were presented and comments heard at twenty public meetings held throughout the state during May 2019
- Questions from interested persons, including the news media, were answered

ISSUE 1

Proposals for 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 Furbearer Harvest and Pursuit Season Regulations are presented in Attachment 3.

ANALYSIS

Staff provided background and recommendation for regulation and season proposals for the 2020–2021 and 2021–2022 Furbearer Trapping and Hunting Regulations in Attachment 3. The proposal is supported by available information regarding average pelt prices, harvest effort and number, and catch per unit effort for each furbearer species for the 2017–2018 and 2018–2019 seasons. Due to late reports continuing to arrive through much of the 2020-2021 license year, the 2019-2020 data will not be complete for nearly another year. However, 2019 data is presented when available.

OPTIONS

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

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

1. Option 1

DRAFT MOTION:

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

Effective Date: June 12, 2020