

# Survey Outcomes: Key Issues to Address

# Survey Stats

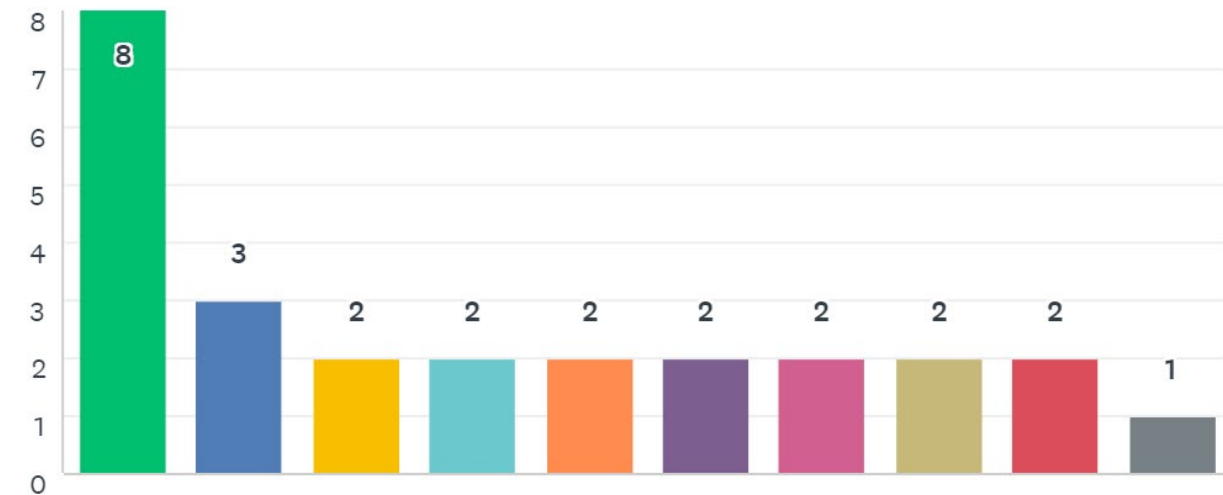
From scale of 1 to 5, how did first Trap Check Work Group go ?

- Average score was a 3

Feedback on first meeting included:

- Overall mixed feedback
- Still uncertainty regarding scope and mission of the charter, the goals of the group, and roles of attendees in meeting (Commissioners, ODFW staff, organization leaders)
- Helpful to go through mission and scope
- Focus of the work group on trap check time intervals, not trapping in general
- Importance of balance of speaking time

# Costs and Benefits



## Questions

- What are the additional burdens & financial implications of shorter trap check times?
- What are the additional costs to trappers?
- What are the costs to administer programs?
- For state funded trappers, are there ways to get additional funding to employ humane...?
- Who are impacted and how many people?
- What are the benefits of trapping for state/ODFW/trappers?
- What are the benefits of having animals on the landscape?
- What are the costs of potential damage that is averted by trapping?
- What are the cost impacts on species populations of not trapping?
- What effect is trapping having on current populations?

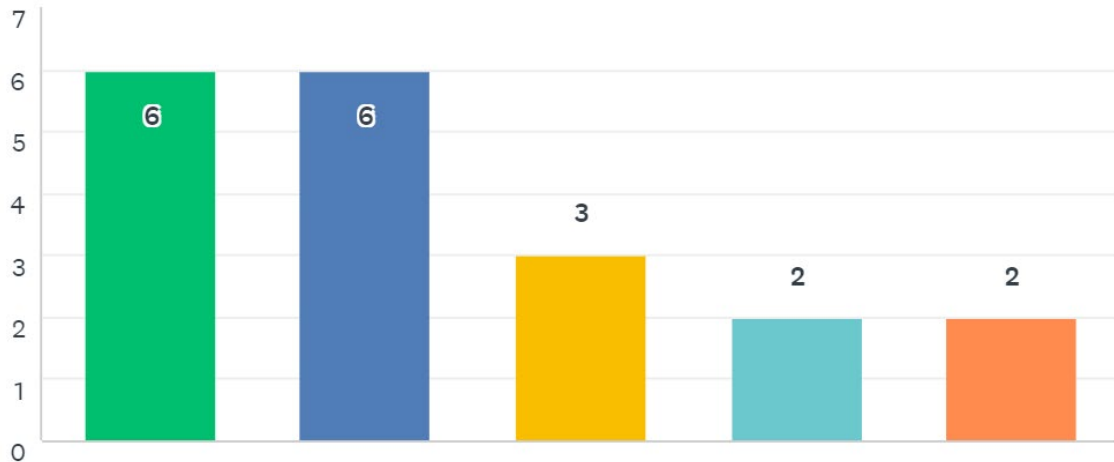
Additional Question:

What are the costs of prevention rather than trapping?

Comments:

Questions more general to trapping, and some are out of bounds of this scope

# Trap Checks



## Questions

- What are the pros and cons of moving from a 72-hour to a 48-hour check time?
- What are the barriers to reducing trap check times?
- How often are traps checked? Why are there variations by species and trap types?
- What are the time frames for checking traps?
- What will it take for the Work Group to reach consensus on supporting 24-48hr trap...

## Additional Question:

What are other states' rules/regulations on trap check intervals when they allow trapping of similar species?

## Comments:

This set of questions only should be integrated into meeting discussions.

# Ethics

Question	Votes
Are people anthropomorphizing the issue?	2
Explore ethical standards in both trapping and hunting.	3
Is the continuation of trapping due to tradition and heritage?	0

Comments: Not within scope of this work group.

## Additional Questions

- What is an ethical time period to keep an animal alive in a trap?
- How does Best Management Practice information regarding trap methods address the ethics and humaneness of trapping?
- How do we most effectively minimize pain and suffering of wild animals?
- How do we best minimize non-target take?

# Additional Questions

## **Purpose and Work Group make-up**

- What is the purpose of this Work Group process when this process occurred in the years 2003-2012?
- Why are groups which have an economic stake in the issue left out of this process?

## **Why/why not shorten trap check times?**

- Is there a biological reason for altering current trap intervals in Oregon?
- How do biologists and the scientific literature benefit from altered trap check intervals?
- Why can't trappers, whether state trappers or furbearer trappers check times in a short time period?

## **How to shorten trap check times?**

- As trap check times are modernized, what kind of flexibility do trappers need for things out of their control (weather/road conditions)?
- What advancements have been made in trapping technology that could help ease the burden on trappers if we reduce trap check time intervals?

## **Enforcement**

- How does OPS enforcement trap check times and determine intent of the trapper when enforcing violations?
- How well enforced are current trapping regulations?
- What do we know in terms of compliance with current regulations?
- How many animals and non-target animals are trapped in each of the different categories?

## **Costs/Benefits of Trapping to ODFW**

- How much does ODFW save from trappers collecting wildlife data vs. doing the population survey work themselves? How can data be gathered without trapping and at what cost?