

ODFW Commission Trap Check Work Group Timeline

- 2001 HB 3147 established 48 trap check for furbearers and “on a regular basis” for predators with the definition to be defined by ODFW Commission. BMP Task Force formed, presented findings (including recommendations on trap check times) in Jan 2003 (see [2003 Trap Check Final Summary.pdf](#))
- 2003 July- Commission directed staff to compose a working group and return with recommendations on predator trap checks. [2003 Intro to Predator Check Process.pdf](#) provides a Commission update (Oct 2003) on the 2001 and early 2003 events.
- July-Dec- The Working Group met three times.
- December- The Commission requested a range of draft options relating to potential trap check intervals for predators from the Predator Trap Check Working Group.
- 2004 January- Commission received another update and public comment in January Commission meeting. The Commission packet is prepared for February 2004 Commission meeting and working group participants are kept in the loop regarding documents to be presented as part of that agenda item (see [2004 Trap Check Letter.pdf](#)).
- February- The staff presented numerous options for consideration by the Commission and did not provide a staff recommendation. In addition to the required fiscal analysis ([2004 EIS Commission Packet.pdf](#)), the Commission packet included an economic report ([2004 Economic Summary.pdf](#)) based on data provided by the working group members that provided an economic assessment on each of the recommendations.
- Commission decided on Option #2 (vote 4-2) for predatory animal trap checks with a 76 hour for live traps, 7 day for live traps during damage, and 30 day for kill traps.
- 2012 March- APA Petition for rulemaking regarding multiple trapping regulations was received in March. Petitioners included HSUS, Predator Defense, Oregon Chapter of the Sierra Club, Audubon Society of Portland, and Cascadia Wildlands. Regarding trap checks, the petition requested a rule change to a 24 hour trap check requirement for all trappers. The Commission rejected the petition in April meeting but directed staff to address the topics in the upcoming June Commission meeting where furbearer regulations were already slated to be adopted.
- June- Staff suggested numerous rule changes but none to the trap check times ([2012 Trap Check June Commission.pdf](#)). Commission made numerous changes to the furbearer regulations but no changes were made to the trap check times. The Commission (B. Levy, B. Webber, H. Akenson, G. Wolley, L. Anderson) voted unanimously in adopting the rules.
- 2020 No changes to trap check requirements are made in the furbearer rule adoptions in 2014, 2016, 2018, and 2020.