

# OKLAHOMA TRAPPING SURVEY



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## INTRODUCTION

In the summer of 2023, the Wildlife Department conducted a survey focused on trapping activity and perceptions of trapping in Oklahoma. This is the first time that the Wildlife Department has focused an effort on trapping. Some data on trapping is collected annually on the Wildlife Division's Game Harvest Survey, but response rates for species targeted by trapping are typically too low to analyze with strong confidence. The goal of this survey was to better understand trapping activity in the state. Additionally, we wanted to know why people who had previously trapped didn't trap in the last year, if those who haven't trapped are interested in trapping in the future, and how the department can better facilitate recruitment, retention and reactivation related to trapping. The results describe trapping activity in the state and will influence communication strategies and program objectives for teaching about trapping. This will also help the Department to understand how we can talk about trapping so that those who are not interested in participating in trapping remain supportive (or at minimum have a neutral viewpoint) of the activity.

## METHODS

We used a push-to-web methodology for this survey first sending a pre-notification letter to selected participants. This letter (mailed May 11, 2023) alerted selected participants that a survey was forthcoming, what the survey was about, and how they could participate online. A week later, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the first postcard with QR code was mailed to participants. A final reminder postcard was mailed to participants who had not yet responded on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. We also used one email reminder sent in between the two postcard invitations on May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (to those with a valid email address on file). All mailing documents can be seen in Appendix B.

The sample was created by combining the entire populations of Resident Trapping License holders (N=933), Resident Fur (N=1087), Resident Fur Dealer (N=16), Resident Professional Trapper (N=6) and a random sample of Lifetime and Senior License holders (n=3,851; who within their Lifetime Licenses have the license privilege to trap furbearers).

The survey instrument was created in Survey Monkey and contained 28 questions (Appendix A). We first asked if the participant had trapped in the previous 12 months, if yes they were then asked about species sought, type of land trapped and where, number of trap lines run, trap types used, reason for trapping each species they target, number of animals harvested, what they feel is the biggest factor in the decline of trapping, age they first started trapping, how they learned to trap and perceptions of population trends for those species they target. If respondents did not trap in the previous 12 months, we asked them if they had ever trapped before and for those who had trapped before we asked them what kept them from going out in the previous year and if they would be interested to trap again in the future. If they selected, they would be interested, we asked how ODWC could assist in them getting back to trapping, what about trapping interests them, and what species they would be interested in trapping. If respondents who had trapped in the past, or who had never trapped selected that they were not interested in trapping in the future, we wanted to know why they do not have an interest. Finally, we asked all respondents if they hunt game birds and if knowing that trapping may help in the management of game birds, would that change their activity related to trapping. The last section asked

their age, gender, home zip code, license held and if there was any other feedback they have for the department.

We compared early responders with those who responded to the second postcard (late-responders) to determine if there were significant differences between the two groups contributing to nonresponse bias. It is understood that late respondents can be more readily compared to those that didn't respond to the survey. Due to this being a specialized survey about trapping, those with no connection to trapping may have been less likely to respond thinking that the survey did not apply to them, or they had nothing to contribute. That is why nonresponse bias analysis is important.

## RESULTS

The survey closed with 837 responses. The average age of respondents was 50 years old while the average age of those sampled was 52. The respondent pool was 92% male and 56% held a Lifetime License. The response rate based on license type can be seen in Table 1. A higher percentage of trappers responded to this survey than sampled, while Senior License holders responded in a lower number. All other license types were comparable to the percent that comprised the sample. This difference provided more active trappers in our respondent pool.

Table 1: Response rate based on licenses sampled.

License Type	Sample		Response	
Disabled Veterans Lifetime Combo	237	4%	18	2%
Lifetime License	2,265	38%	312	37%
Resident Fur License	1,087	18%	129	15%
Resident Fur Dealer	16	.3%	10	1%
Resident Professional Trapper	6	.1%	3	.4%
Resident Trapper	933	16%	212	25%
Senior Citizen Lifetime	1,349	23%	135	16%
Unknown license type			18	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,893</b>		<b>837</b>	

A demographic comparison between early and late respondents can be seen in Table 2. In this report, we describe all trappers as one group, whether they responded early or late as it could be assumed trappers would have a similar interest in participation in this effort. We report the differences in nonresponse answers for those who do not trap when we ask about possible interest in trapping. This is because those that already have an interest may have been more likely to respond than those that do not when they saw that it was a survey about trapping.

Table 2: Comparison of early and late respondents by selected demographic and item variables

	Early Respondent	Late Respondent
Gender	92% male	91% male
Average age	49.1	52.4
License Type	54.7% lifetime	58.2% lifetime
Trap	29.7% trapped in the last 12 months	23.5% trapped in the last 12 months

## ANALYSIS OF TRAPPERS

Two hundred and forty-five respondents denoted that they had trapped in the last 12 months. We then asked those 245 trappers what species they targeted in the last 12 months. Seventy-three of these respondents (30%) held Lifetime Licenses. For those that had trapped in the last 12 months, we asked what species they targeted (Table 3).

Table 3: Participation in trapping of different species in Oklahoma (n=242)

	Badger	Beaver	Bobcat	Coyote	Gray Fox	Mink	Muskrat	Nutria	Opossum	Raccoon	Red Fox	River Otter	Striped Skunk	Weasel
Number of Respondents	10	87	123	146	39	3	5	0	92	187	36	16	48	3
Percent of Trappers	4%	36%	50%	60%	16%	1%	2%	0%	38%	76%	15%	7%	20%	1%

For each targeted species, we followed with a series of questions about their activity related to those species. This included information on number of days they spent in the last year tending traps, how many traps they set out over the course of the last 12 months and the number of individuals harvested in that time frame (Table 4).

Table 4: Average number of days spent tending traps, number of traps set and number of individuals harvested over the last 12 months.

	Avg. Days Tending Traps	Avg. Number of Traps Set	Avg. Number of Individuals Harvested
Badger	48.60	14.20	1.50
Beaver	35.18	8.85	9.20
Bobcat	32.80	7.99	1.66
Coyote	41.96	10.47	10.33
Gray Fox	38.26	7.60	0.84
Mink	26.67	2.67	0.33
Muskrat	39.00	14.25	9.00
Opossum	44.30	10.67	12.49
Raccoon	38.02	9.97	16.25
Red Fox	34.19	5.90	0.70
River Otter	33.13	6.94	1.38
Striped Skunk	53.56	10.77	31.96
Weasel	35.00	3.50	0.00

When asked what county they trap most often (not by species), the most selected answer was Sequoyah County in east-central Oklahoma. The range of other counties selected can be seen in Figure 1 with warmer colors meaning more people reported trapping in this county. If the county does not contain a color that means that no respondents selected it as their most trapped county.

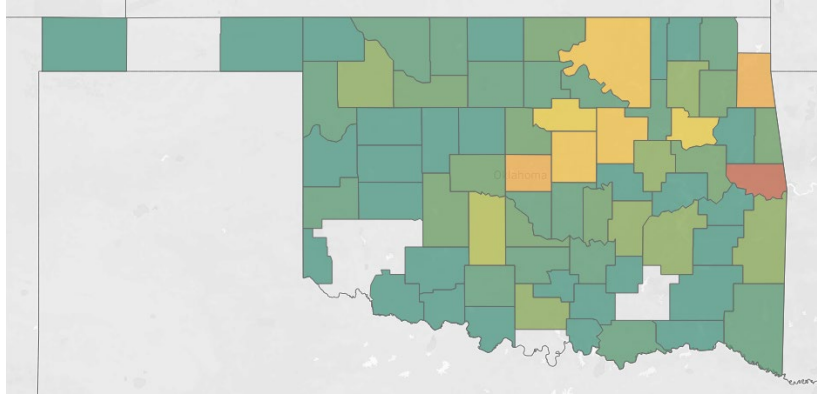


Figure 1: County trapped most often (n=237)

We asked respondents what type of land they used for each of the species they targeted. Trappers answered overwhelmingly that they targeted species on private land (Figure 2). Weasel and mink showed a large percentage on public land, but both of those species only had three respondents that targeted them so this cannot be seen as representative.

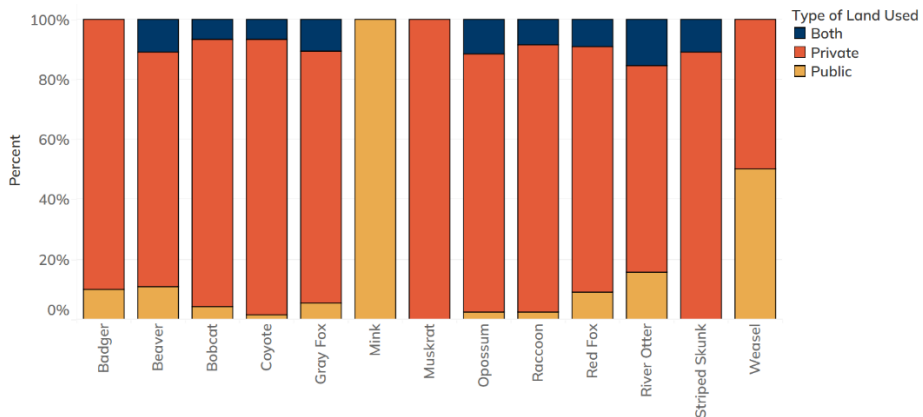


Figure 2: Type of land used to trap various species in Oklahoma

Next, we asked about each species that they target and what they believe the population to be doing over the last five years (increasing, decreasing, or staying the same; Figure 3). Those trappers that target, coyote, muskrat and raccoon most often reported those populations are increasing. Red fox and gray fox had the most selections of the population decreasing, but for both species of fox, answers were similar between getting smaller and staying about the same.

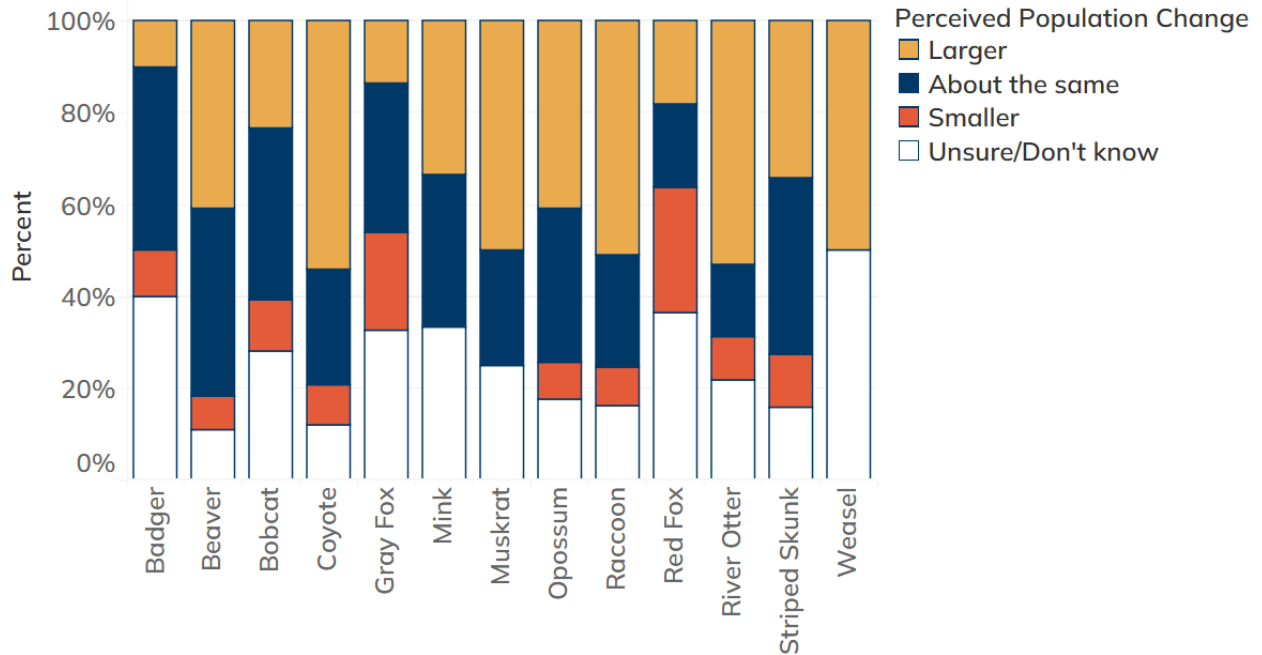


Figure 3: Perception of population level changes over the last five years across different species in Oklahoma

The next section focused on what types of traps are being used to target different species. We asked trappers whether they were using foot-hold, cage trap/live trap, enclosed trigger trap, or body gripping traps. Foot-hold traps were the most often used with body-gripping showing up more with semi-aquatic animals (beaver, river otter). Striped skunks were most often trapped with live traps.

Table 5: Ranking of usage of different types of traps for different species of furbearers

Species	1	2	3	4
Beaver (n=83)	Foot-hold Body-gripping	Cage Trap/Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap	-
River otter (n=32)	Foot-hold	Body-gripping	Cage Trap/Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap
Raccoon (n=176)	Foot-hold	Cage Trap/Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap	-
Striped skunk (n=45)	Cage Trap/Live trap	Foot-hold	Enclosed trigger trap	-
Bobcat (n=115)	Foot-hold	Cage Trap/Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap	-
Badger (n=10)	Foot-hold	Cage Trap/Live trap	-	-
Gray Fox (n=37)	Foot-hold	Cage Trap/Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap	-

Red Fox (n=33)	Foot-hold	Cage Trap/Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap	-
Mink (n=3)	Foot-hold Cage Trap/Live trap	-	-	-
Muskrat (n=4)	Foot-hold	Cage Trap/Live trap	-	-
Opossum (n=86)	Foot-hold	Cage Trap/Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap	-
Weasel (n=2)	Foot-hold	-	-	-
Coyote (n=135)	Foot-hold	Cage Trap/Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap	-

Trappers also reported why they target certain species based on six proposed reasons: nuisance/damage control, fur sales, harvest for the meat, challenge of trapping/skills/technical aspect, disease control, and reduce any impact the species may have on game animals. The most often targeted species by respondents to this study (raccoon, bobcat, coyote, opossum) varied with raccoon, coyote and opossum being trapped for nuisance/ damage control and bobcats being targeted for the challenge. All the most popular species have a second most selected response of “reduce impact on game”.

Table 6: Most selected and least selected reasons for targeting different species of furbearers

Species	Most selected response	Second selected response
Beaver (n=83)	Nuisance/damage control	Challenge of trapping
River otter (n=32)	Challenge of trapping	Fur sales
Raccoon (n=176)	Nuisance/damage control	Reduce impact on game
Striped skunk (n=45)	Nuisance/damage control	Reduce impact on game
Bobcat (n=115)	Challenge of trapping	Reduce impact on game
Badger (n=10)	Fur sales	Challenge of trapping (tied)
Gray Fox (n=37)	Challenge of trapping	Fur sales
Red Fox (n=33)	Challenge of trapping	Fur sales//Nuisance/damage control (tied)
Mink (n=3)	Challenge of trapping	Fur sales
Muskrat (n=4)	Nuisance/damage control	-
Opossum (n=86)	Nuisance/damage control	Reduce impact on game
Weasel (n=2)	Fur sales	Challenge of trapping (tied)
Coyote (n=135)	Nuisance/damage control	Reduce impact on game

One question focused on the suspected decline of trapping and trappers in Oklahoma. We asked trappers what they believe are the greatest threats to the future of trapping in Oklahoma. The results can be seen in figure 4.



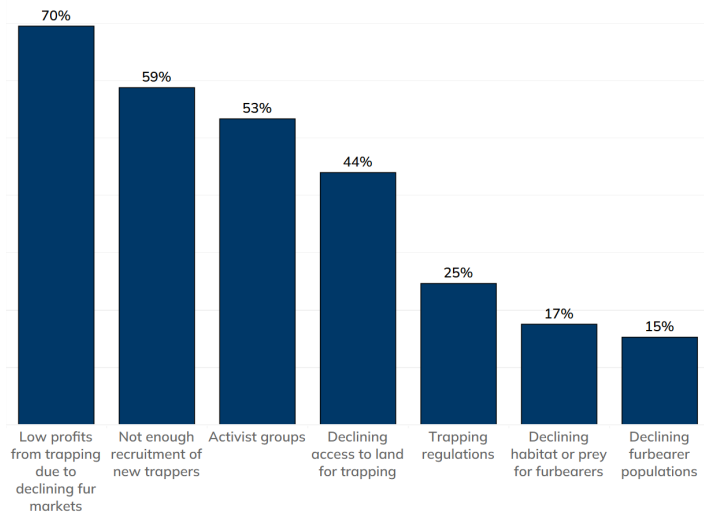


Figure 4: Percent of trappers selecting different threats to the future of trapping in Oklahoma (n=223)

Finally, we asked trappers when they started trapping. The most often reported answer was between 11-20 years old with 37% of trappers reporting this time frame. The second most often reported was 10 or younger with 29% reporting this age range. A combined 11% reported learning how to trap at age 41 or older, 13% between the ages of 21-30 and 10% between 31-40. When asked how they learned to trap, for those age 10 or younger, 70% were taught by an older family member or friend. For those 11-20, 51% were mentored by an older family member or friend but 37% reported being self-taught. For all other age ranges, self-taught was the most selected answer meaning that, in comparison to hunting, this may be less of a community focused endeavor.

### ANALYSIS OF NON-TRAPPERS

The first question that we asked of those that said they did not trap in the previous 12 months was if they had ever trapped before. Of the 592 respondents that had not trapped in the previous 12 months, 45% had trapped before. When considering nonresponse bias, the percent of people who had ever trapped before was higher for those that responded to the survey early compared to those that had responded late. Sixty-four percent of respondents who responded late (n=173) had never trapped before in comparison to 51% that had never trapped in the early respondents (n=419). It is likely that the actual percentage of those that have never trapped is closer to the percent reported by the late

respondents. Also, Lifetime License holders tend to be more avid outdoorspeople than the general hunting public. As we only sampled Lifetime License holders the percent of people who had trapped before in their life is likely much higher than the general hunting population. It is recommended to add this question to the 2023 Game Harvest Survey to get a more accurate representation of non-active hunters and their previous participation, interest in trapping, and perception of trapping.

For those who said they had trapped before, but not in the last 12 months, we asked them why they were no longer actively trapping. The most selected answer was that they had “other priorities”. “Other” reason was the second most selected with a lot of the write-in responses amounting to having a need to trap in the past but no longer had that need. Both groups of non-active trappers were asked if they would have interest in trapping in the future. Those who had trapped before were much more interested in trapping in the future than those that had not (Figure 5).

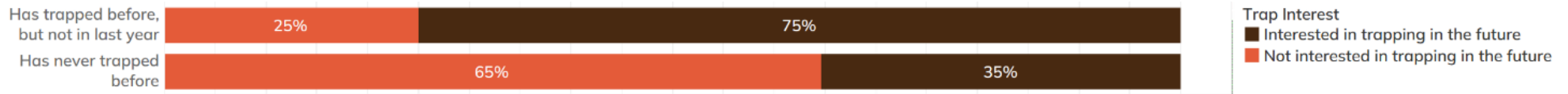


Figure 5: Comparison of those who had trapped before (top bar; n=268) and those that had not trapped before (bottom bar; n=325) by whether they are interested in trapping in the future (brown) or not (orange)

For both groups (those who had trapped and those who had not trapped) the percent of respondents interested was higher in early respondents than it was in late respondents (Figure 6).

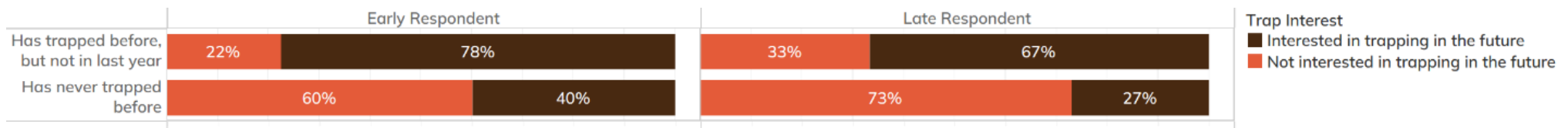


Figure 6: Interest in trapping in the future by whether they had trapped before and by whether they responded to the survey early (n=419) or late (n=174).

For those uninterested in trapping, forty-six percent selected that they just simply weren't interested and had no specific reason why they are uninterested. The second most selected response was that they have no use for the animals they would trap (24%), and 16% said they aren't sure what to do with the animals they would trap which could be similar issues. Only 8% of respondents stated that they were not interested in trapping due to their concerns with the humaneness of trapping. A similar percentage felt they have nowhere to go to trap. The expense of trapping and the ease of understanding regulations were the least selected answers. Fifteen percent selected "other" with the vast majority writing in they were too old to start/learn.

Those interested in trapping were proposed the question of what most interests them about trapping. Overall, the most selected response was use of trapping for nuisance/damage control (77% of respondents selected). "Another reason to be outdoors" was also highly selected as was the protection of game species. The top three reasons for interest were the same between those that had trapped before and those that had not. They were also asked what species they would be most interested in trapping and the top selected answers were coyote (81%), raccoon (78%) and bobcat (73%). We also proposed an open-ended question asking how the Wildlife Department could help them to start actively trapping. Answers written in included instruction on trapping skills and trapping regulations, ideas of where to go, and bounties on certain nuisance animals. More details on the open-ended data can be seen in the next section of this report and full open-ended comments are seen in Appendix C.

To better understand possible communication/incentive strategies for increasing the number of trappers in Oklahoma, we asked some questions related to trapping and game birds. There is some research ongoing looking at the impact of mesocarnivore predators on ground nesting bird populations. We asked all respondents if they hunt game birds and which they target. Fifty-one percent of respondents target turkey, 28% target quail, 13% target pheasant and 39% do not target game birds. We then asked if researchers determined there was an impact of mesocarnivore predators on ground nesting egg success would it affect their activity related to trapping. For those that had trapped in the last 12 months, 39% stated that they would trap the same as they do now, 58% said that they would trap more. Those who had not trapped recently were less likely to have this information influence their trapping activity (Figure 7).

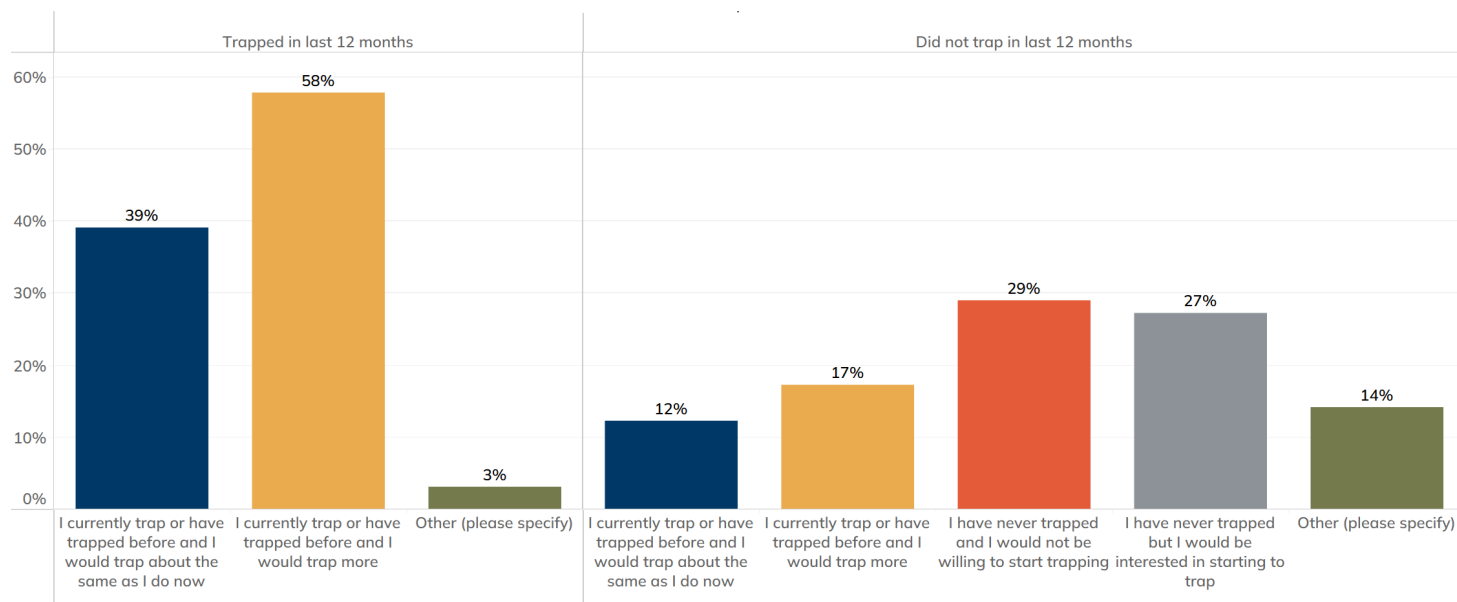


Figure 7: The influence on trapping activity if respondents were informed that trapping mesocarnivores aids in the population recovery of upland game birds separated by those that trapped in the last 12 months (left frame, n=225) and those that did not (right frame; n=579)

## OPEN-ENDED FEEDBACK FROM ALL RESPONDENTS

We asked two open-ended questions on this survey and used NVivo to code the responses into six general codes. The first open-ended question was asked of those who would be interested in trapping in the future but do not currently actively trap. We asked what the Wildlife Department could do to assist in them becoming an active trapper. The last question we asked of all respondents was if they had any general feedback for the Department. As both of these questions supply the Department with actions they could take related to trapping, these responses were analyzed together. Responses overlapped, but could be put into **barriers, issues with regulations, communication needs, education preferences, specific skills sought, and fur market issues**. De-identified open-ended responses can be seen in Appendix C.

In terms of **barriers** that the Department could help address, a major theme centered around making trapping “worth it” for the trapper. Bounties were mentioned many times as the fur market has gone down, respondents stated there was no reward for time, energy, and money that they put into trapping. Along with this, a few respondents mentioned that the price of traps is too high and would like traps supplied to them. Time, age, and nowhere to go are also barriers to trapping more. Respondents would also like more WMAs open to trapping. A sub-theme of barriers were **regulations**

that respondents mentioned that keep them from trapping more. A longer season was a very popular response, as was opening the use of different types of traps than are currently legal. Respondents want to be able to night-trap predators and including trapping privileges within the hunting license purchase was also mentioned. Respondents also mentioned that they would like the time required to check traps to increase in some cases as it makes it more difficult to factor in the time to go back to the trapping location to check their lines as frequently as required. Finally, many respondents mentioned that trapping regulations would benefit from being easier to understand.

Under **communication**, respondents gave several ideas for how the Department could better talk about trapping. Just talking about trapping as much as hunting and fishing, will give it more focus and possibly encourage more people to participate. One interesting idea was that ODWC could facilitate connecting people interested in trapping with active trappers or with landowners looking for help with trapping. Also, talking about how trapping benefits the ecosystem could encourage more people who don't realize the benefits it provides become interested.

Ideas for **education** about trapping was the code with the most tags in open-ended responses. Lots simply mentioned trapping classes which the Department began putting on in 2022. Communicating more about these classes and possibly conducting more classes across the state would be beneficial. Connecting individuals to trapping mentors could be a beneficial piece of these classes and the Department may be able to partner with Oklahoma Furbearers Alliance to put these classes on. Both online and in-person were mentioned for the format of classes. Many people suggested a "getting started with trapping toolkit" available on the website. Due to the amount of people that responded they were self-taught, this could be very beneficial. Drilling down, the **specific skills** that people mentioned wanting to learn were species specific tips, what traps to use, how to process fur, how to read different signs of species, specifics on humane trapping, details of regulations and areas allowed to trap.

Finally, in terms of the **fur market**, there was general feedback that the decline of the fur market has significantly influenced trapping activity as there is no economic incentive. Respondents also mentioned the need for fur dealers spread out across the state as they don't want to drive far distances to sell their fur.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Although the nonresponse bias testing illuminates that there may be less interest in trapping than the survey results show, there is still a good amount of interest from Lifetime License holders. This should be taken into consideration when developing priorities going forward.
  - We should ask about previous activity and interest in trapping on the 2023 Game Harvest Survey to understand the interest level of our entire hunting population.
- The possible effect of predation on game birds by mesocarnivores may have an influence on the amount that people trap. Those who currently trap were most likely to select that they would trap more (58%), 17% of those who had trapped before and had not trapped in the last 12 months said they would trap more and 27% of those who had never trapped before said they would be interested in learning how to trap.
- Many people said they do not know how they would use the animals that they trap as a reason for not being interested in trapping. Highlighting the use of trapped animals (other than selling for fur) may be a way to increase trapping participation.
- To address declining trapping activity, ODWC can use the data on why trappers believe the activity is declining.
  - “Not enough recruitment” and “declining access to land to trap” were two of the reasons selected that ODWC could address with communication about trapping to non-trappers and communication about trapping opportunities on public land.
  - ODWC also cannot keep activist groups from talking about trapping, but we can use the USFWS lessons on how to talk about trapping to talk about the good it can do in Oklahoma.
- Coyote, raccoon, and bobcat are the species that most of the respondents interested in trapping denoted they would want to trap. These three species are also the topmost trapped by active trappers. Focusing on these species and even setting up a mentorship program to teach skills related to these species could be the most beneficial way to recruit new trappers.
- Create a trapper’s directory that landowners could call to learn to trap nuisance animals on their properties working with Oklahoma Furbearer Alliance.
- The number of self-taught individuals was very high so a “how-to beginner toolkit” on our website would be extremely beneficial and could be shared via social media to recruit those interested.
- Contact survey respondents with information on educational opportunities related to trapping put on by the Department.
- Further educate about the traps legal to use for different species. Both in survey responses and in open-ended comments there is confusion about why certain traps are legal to be used for some species and not others.



Oklahoma Trapping Survey

1. Please enter your unique survey ID number. This can be found above your name and address on the front of the postcard that was mailed to you.

(If you no longer have this number, please hit next).



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\* 2. Did you trap in Oklahoma during the last 12 months?  
*This would include trapping during the 2022-2023 furbearer season (Dec 1, 2022- Feb 28, 2023) as well as any open season species taken in the last 12 months.*

- Yes
- No



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3. What did you target while trapping in Oklahoma in the last 12 months?

*Check all that apply.*

- |  |                                      |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver        | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Fox     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mink        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutria        | <input type="checkbox"/> Muskrat     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raccoon       | <input type="checkbox"/> Opossum     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Striped Skunk | <input type="checkbox"/> River Otter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bobcat        | <input type="checkbox"/> Weasel      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badger        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Fox      |                                      |

4. What county in Oklahoma did you trap most often?

If you do not know the county, what is the nearest city?



Oklahoma Trapping Survey

**For each of the following questions, please consider only trapping activity that you did in Oklahoma during the last 12 months (May 2022- May 2023).**



5. Please enter the number of days that you tended trap lines for each of the below species during the last 12 months.

Beaver	<input type="text"/>
Otter	<input type="text"/>
Nutria	<input type="text"/>
Raccoon	<input type="text"/>
Striped Skunk	<input type="text"/>
Bobcat	<input type="text"/>
Badger	<input type="text"/>
Gray Fox	<input type="text"/>
Red Fox	<input type="text"/>
Mink	<input type="text"/>
Muskrat	<input type="text"/>
Opossum	<input type="text"/>
River Otter	<input type="text"/>
Weasel	<input type="text"/>
Coyote	<input type="text"/>

6. How many total traps did you set during the last 12 months when targeting the following species?

Beaver	<input type="text"/>
Otter	<input type="text"/>
Nutria	<input type="text"/>
Raccoon	<input type="text"/>
Striped Skunk	<input type="text"/>
Bobcat	<input type="text"/>
Badger	<input type="text"/>
Gray Fox	<input type="text"/>
Red Fox	<input type="text"/>
Mink	<input type="text"/>
Muskrat	<input type="text"/>
Opossum	<input type="text"/>
River Otter	<input type="text"/>
Weasel	<input type="text"/>
Coyote	<input type="text"/>

7. Please enter the number of individuals that you harvested over the last 12 months.

Beaver	<input type="text"/>
Otter	<input type="text"/>
Nutria	<input type="text"/>
Raccoon	<input type="text"/>
Striped Skunk	<input type="text"/>
Bobcat	<input type="text"/>
Badger	<input type="text"/>
Gray Fox	<input type="text"/>
Red Fox	<input type="text"/>
Mink	<input type="text"/>
Muskrat	<input type="text"/>
Opossum	<input type="text"/>
River Otter	<input type="text"/>
Weasel	<input type="text"/>
Coyote	<input type="text"/>

8. For any of the below species you targeted, did you attempt to trap on public land, private land, or both types of land during the last 12 months?

	Public	Private	Both
Beaver	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Otter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nutria	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raccoon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Striped Skunk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bobcat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Badger	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gray Fox	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Fox	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mink	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Muskrat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opossum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
River Otter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weasel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coyote	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. What type(s) of trap(s) did you use when targeting the following species? *Check all that apply.*

	Foot-hold	Cage trap/ Live trap	Enclosed trigger trap	Body gripping trap
Beaver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Otter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nutria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raccoon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Striped Skunk	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Muskrat	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Opossum	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
River Otter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weasel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coyote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

10. Why do you target the following species while trapping?

*Check all that apply.*

	Nuisance/damage control	Fur sales	Harvest for the meat	Challenge of trapping/ skills / technical aspect	Disease control	Reduce any impact the species may have on game animals
Beaver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Otter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nutria	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Raccoon	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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River Otter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weasel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Coyote	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify)

11. In the area that you trap, for each of the following species, please select if you believe the population is smaller than five years ago, about the same as five years ago, or larger than five years ago

	Smaller	About the same	Larger	Unsure/Don't know
Beaver	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Otter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Nutria	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Raccoon	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Striped Skunk	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Bobcat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Badger	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gray Fox	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Red Fox	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Mink	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Muskrat	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Opossum	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
River Otter	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Weasel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Coyote	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

12. What do you believe are the greatest threats to the future of trapping in Oklahoma?

*Check all that apply.*

- Activist groups
- Low profits from trapping due to declining fur markets
- Declining habitat or prey for furbearers
- Trapping regulations
- Declining furbearer populations
- Declining access to land for trapping
- Not enough recruitment of new trappers
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

13. How old were you when you first learned to set traps?

14. How did you first learn how to set traps?

- Self-taught
- Mentored by older family/friends
- Mentored by a peer
- Wildlife Department workshop or other educational workshop
- Other (please specify)



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\* 15. Have you ever been trapping?

- Yes
- No



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16. What was the **main reason** you did not trap during the last 12 months?

- Nowhere to go
- Other priorities
- Dissatisfied with trapping regulations
- Fur market down
- Lack the technical know-how to feel confident trapping
- Don't have the equipment to trap
- No use for the animals that I harvest while trapping
- Other (please specify)



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\* 17. Are you interested in trapping in the future?

- Yes
- No



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18. What about trapping interests you?

*Check all that apply.*

- Use of trapping for nuisance/damage control
- Ability to sell/use furs
- Skill needed to set a trap
- History of trapping
- Species/land management
- Another reason to be outdoors
- Controlling disease spread
- Protection of game species (ex: removing nest predators)
- Other (please specify)

19. What species would you be interested in trapping?

*Check all that apply.*

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beaver        | <input type="checkbox"/> Red Fox     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Otter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Mink        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nutria        | <input type="checkbox"/> Muskrat     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raccoon       | <input type="checkbox"/> Opossum     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Striped Skunk | <input type="checkbox"/> River Otter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bobcat        | <input type="checkbox"/> Weasel      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Badger        | <input type="checkbox"/> Coyote      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gray Fox      |                                      |

20. In what way could the Wildlife Department best assist you in starting to actively trap?



21. Why are you not interested in trapping?

- Humaneness of trapping
- Nowhere to go
- Not sure how to set traps
- Not sure what to do with the animals I would trap
- No use for animals that I would trap
- Trapping regulations are not easy to understand
- Too expensive
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above/just not interested



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22. Which, if any, of the following game birds do you typically hunt in Oklahoma?

- Turkey
- Quail
- Pheasant
- None of the above

23. If researchers determined that trapping mesocarnivores (coyote, raccoon, opossum, etc.) was one of many ways to assist in the management of upland game birds (along with necessary habitat management) how would this affect or not affect your activity related to trapping?

- I currently trap or have trapped before and I would trap more
- I currently trap or have trapped before and I would trap about the same as I do now
- I have never trapped but I would be interested in starting to trap
- I have never trapped and I would not be willing to start trapping
- Other (please specify)



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**The following questions are optional but will assist the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation in better serving you.**

24. In what year were you born? (enter 4-digit birth year; for example, 1976)

25. Gender: How do you identify?

- Man
- Non-binary
- Woman
- Prefer to self-describe, below

Self-describe:

26. In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter 5-digit ZIP code; for example, 00544 or 94305)

27. What type of license do you hold (in addition to the trapping license when required)?

- Lifetime license
- Annual/5-year license
- Senior license

28. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share with the Wildlife Department?

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APPENDIX B: MAILED SUREY MATERIALS



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Wildlife Conservation Commission

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Dear

In about one week, you will receive a postcard from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) requesting your participation in an online survey.

The Wildlife Department selected you from our pool of hunting license holders to provide your feedback about trapping in our state. The goal of this survey is to better understand trapping activity and interest. Whether you are a current trapper, have trapped in the past, or have never trapped before, we would like your feedback on the topics we are researching.

The questions will cover current trapping activity while also asking those who haven't trapped recently why they no longer trap. And it will ask those who have never trapped what has kept them from being interested in trying and/or pursuing trapping. The survey will only be available online and should take no longer than 10 minutes of your time. You will be able to find the survey by scanning the QR code with your phone on the postcard you will receive and entering your unique ID#. Your feedback is extremely important to us.

In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to the Wildlife Department :

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Thank you in advance for you participation in this effort. The Wildlife Department appreciates our hunters and trappers and uses this feedback to help guide decision making at the Department that will best match the needs and desires of our constituents.

Sincerely,

Betsey York

We manage and protect fish and wildlife, along with their habitats, while also growing our community of hunters and anglers, partnering with those who love the outdoors, and fostering stewardship with those who care for the land.

P.O. Box 53465 Oklahoma City, OK 73152 (405) 521-3851

# Oklahoma Trapping Survey

Help the Wildlife Department better serve you!

Scan the QR code to participate in a survey about trapping. Whether or not you trap we want to hear from you!

Please enter your survey ID number found on the front of this postcard above your name and address.

Picture: Brandon Brashear

For questions, contact  
(405) 590-2583



**SCAN**



# REMINDER: Oklahoma Trapping Survey

You were selected to take part in our trapping survey and we have not received your response! Scan the QR code to participate in the survey about trapping. Whether or not you trap we want to hear from you!

Enter your survey ID number found on the front of this postcard above your name and address.

Picture: David Morris

For questions, contact  
(405) 590-2583



**SCAN**



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APPENDIX C:

20. *In what way could the Wildlife Department best assist you in starting to actively trap?*

- My wife and I bought a home here 2 years ago on 20 acres. We came from Wa. state and had coyotes prowling our fences there. Packs were 10-15 there, not much trouble, fairly small. Here, they appear larger and in multiple packs. Our first sightings were 2 to 3 at a time, not fearful... We've heard enough dogs taken by coyotes in Wa. but I'm not sure how often it happens here. Mostly farmland and it looks to be a non issue; most near us have good fencing and secure their animals. I AM curious about the coyote populations in our area; if they are over populating?
- A "getting started" guide with equipment lists. A guided "intro to trapping" at a wma led by a biologist or game warden for learners with limited experience or teachers.
- Information on general trapping knowledge and location to trap
- Don't think I need assistance
- Provide training and resources to remove species from local ponds
- Post fur prices and list of fur buyers
- Just access to land
- Free trapping land close
- Knowledge
- Instructional classes/videos
- Not a matter of the department it's more of a matter of me just getting my ass out there.
- Educational videos. I don't know any trappers so I would have to learn through online materials
- Education trapping mentor
- Help with understanding the behavior of animals I would like to trap.
- Make it year round or spring summer or fall something between spring turkey and deer season would be nice
- Advertise.
- Not sure need some literature
- More programming and education about trapping and how it helps maintain balance in the ecosystem would educate and encourage more people to become interested. Hunting and fishing currently garner more attention.
- Showing me the way and where to trap!
- You need to make your give warnings when someone is about to make a bad choice! In an attempt to purchase my 23-24 trapping license I unknowingly purchased my license 3 days earlier than I should have. And was charged full price for a 3 day license that I didn't get to use for even a second. Then had to purchase it a second time for the year for it to be valid. I mean its \$10 which is more than fair but it's still pretty damn unethical and scam like to charge someone full price for 3 days! Just another way oklahoma steals from their citizens I suppose!
- Maybe some material on how to get started in trapping? are there any classes coming up that would help someone learn how to get started?
- Give some pointers in the Regulations under the trapping section
- Unknown at this time. I don't have the time for it right now.
- I just like going trapping . I learn something new every time I go out.



- Posting info online
- A short course on trapping and equipment operation would be helpful. You could even offer this online as pre-recorded sessions.
- More buyers through out the state. It is too difficult to store and transport the fur.
- Not sure - Literature? Never have trapped so this is first time I've considered it. Many on the list are easier to hunt in season to reduce numbers
- Education classes on trapping, skills and hands on training
- Hold classes or develop videos
- I have not sought information so it may already exist but I would like to have more knowledge in front of me that includes legalities and opportunities.
- Free traps?
- Haven't really thought of it from that direction. Honestly just need more time or to get my kids involved which includes me to help them.
- You're round trapping on certain species.
- More information on how to trap
- Maybe having a list of places that need more trapping done with a list of invasive species/species that need to be managed
- More education about how and why
- More fur dealers
- A skills workshop would be great.
- No assistance needed
- The understanding of how to trap the correct way, so the animals aren't harmed by slipping out of the traps, knowing how I can help the predator situation
- Knowledge of laws related to trapping
- More clarification of Trapping regulation and reduction of trap limitations
- I don't know
- Make the knowledge of traps readily available.
- There's not much incentive with the price of furs. I think if prices went up people would trap and small game/ bird numbers would improve drastically. There are too many predators right now
- By holding meetings county wide, to try and get land owners to open up land. Trappers and hunters are stopping for this reason. IMO
- The equipment to start with.
- Raise fur prices
- Provide online resources such as a toolkit providing a compilation of written articles and how to's, videos and webinars to support Oklahomans get started with basic tutorials, necessary materials and tips. It would be helpful to have this centrally located on the department of wildlife's website.
- I just need to get new traps is all
- More public hunting and trapping land in southwest oklahoma.
- Include trapping license with hunting license
- I'm not really sure
- Get the land managers on fort sill to allow trapping
- How to videos
- Training classes and seminars
- Longer seasons

- Start a bounty program
- If fur prices were high enough to make it worth it.
- Info on laws and regulations
- Instructional tips
- The prices of furs the past few years has gone so low it actually cost the trapper/ land manager more than the total payout of furs for the season.
- Get fur prices up. Only time I trap now is when I have coyotes messing with my livestock. Or set a bounty. Something that helps reward us. Hard to set a good trap line and not make any money at it and I don't have the time to run around trap for no reward. I run Coon hounds and they take up my time running them. So I'm still doing my part with Coon control just not so much coyotes and beavers anymore.
- Provide traps
- More educational resources.
- Bounty on coons
- Legalization of night hunting and night optics for coyotes
- More clear and comprehensive game regulations.
- Nothing,its my time schedule at present
- Send traps and info to properly learn how to trap correctly.
- Trapping will need to wait until I retire, unless I can trap in town.
- It would be beneficial if there were a way for the wildlife department to incentivize trapping nest predators to increase the population of ground nesting birds. I don't believe a "bounty" system is sustainable but perhaps the department may be able to put out more newsletters on the benefits of trapping predators or even simple recipes to better utilize the animals being trapped that would otherwise just be left unused by most outdoorsmen. I believe sharing historical uses, both as furbearers and meat sources, for less desirable game may increase interest in trapping for a wider variety of people across the state
- Auto book or on line trapping for beginners
- More classes on trapping would be good.
- Where and how? Limited public lands in OK.
- How to camp in my area
- Finding places to trap.
- How to classes
- Education on tapping and traps.
- Extending trapping season
- Seminar on nest predator control to improve turkey poult production
- Promote trapping.
- Give a list of water ways that are easily accessible for trapping.
- Not a lot but making regulations a bit easier to understand would help.
- Trapping guides. Some kind of material to read. Watch on YouTube.
- Find me more time
- I think one big issue people have is the time it takes making set and working hides to not make any profit it's just not super profitable for the effort put in! Raccoon is a huge nuisance animal of the state and people don't trap because the work that goes into trapping coons with no value in the fur anymore! Hope this is helpful thank you
- More education

- Create a contest in different counties to help motivate more people become interested in trapping.
- I need a readily available market or a righteous reason. Otherwise it's just wanton waste.
- Most trapping occurs on private property. Not having access to land is a major deterrent.
- Allow four coil spring traps. And allow it available to trap local wma's.
- After thinking about this for a bit, and I have questions. What animal do you want to be actively trapped? Is there a population problem that needs to be addressed. Just knowing about that would be a bit of an encouragement, along with animal specific enticements. Or is this to simply promote trapping in general? If so, to what end? I don't really know how to answer this question, because I don't know where it's coming from. I need more context.
- Incentives or "bounties" on nuisance/overpopulated critters.
- I don't know!
- Provide more locations where trapping is allowed.
- Increase bobcat limit to allow predator reduction when needed for game species management. Make raccoon legal to trap year around.
- Equipment is expensive would help if we could get some kind of discounts on traps.
- Having a clinic for people like me who have never trapped
- Beginner tips
- I just need to do some actual training with trapping, and building my skill level.
- Knowing where to go to trap based on the species. Identify other uses outside of trading the pelts of a trapped animal and how to identify healthy animals and properly prepare the meat for consumption
- Try to get prices up and let us have longer season on nuisance animals so can help turkey population
- Do not know
- At the moment I can't state anything
- Information
- The wildlife department has everything pretty easily available during seasons. Just got to get my self motivation and get outdoors.
- Provide better and more clear information on trapping regulations and how to tag furs to be sold, possibly a whole page in the regulations book detailing this information
- More info on where its legal to trap
- Unsure.
- Info about getting started. A booklet or magazine
- Offer a class
- I can't think of anything that isn't already offered
- Provide clear rules and guidelines.
- Additional literature
- Classes on how to trap
- I would like someone to connect with to ensure I'm following all regulations, I need more locations to trap animals with minimal risk to domesticated species.
- Where and how to make sure my traps are set within regulations. I can trap WMA but I don't want to get a ticket or set an illegal trap.
- I'm in my 50's. I'm more interested in mentoring than actively trapping myself.
- More public hunting areas

- Get the fur market to return
- Go back to hunting license for trapping is all one needs. It is a sport that youth can enjoy as well as adults
- Offer classes in my area of the state.
- Allow different types of traps other than what is allowed now.
- Better explain the regulations and what traps are legal for what species.
- They can't, I have to decide myself
- Keep it legal, and rules and regulations in place
- Longer trapping season.
- Allow trapping from November 1 till March 31
- Better trapping regs. Bigger traps sizes and body grips for beaver. Fur market don't support the catch of nest raiders. I "believe" fewer coons would increase all bird populations. Coon stretched and dried is worth a dollar. Not really worth harvesting an animal for fur prices to protect birds.
- Education on setting traps
- There's not any places to trap or really hunt anymore. Private acres big enough to hunt but not enough to trap. I guess don't even have time anymore...
- Free traps
- Change the rule about marking land where you are trapping. This is an invitation for thieves.
- More literature and classes
- I would like to see a bounty especially for the nuisance and nest raiding animals. Many states use a bounty system for coyotes much like Utah, I believe is \$50 per pair of ears.. I would be tickled with half of that
- Fur and pelts are worth nothing in todays time. Need better prices
- A regularly updated book on the rules would be nice(unsure if this is already a thing), also recommendations for traps and books on how to use them effectively.
- I'm not sure. But as I get older and learn more about trapping I can see myself getting into trapping. But I just don't have the extra time or Money right now.
- Open up public land for trapping
- Be pro trap and hunt instead of indifferent to the point of harassing.
- Have more areas open to public access and a longer season
- Supply more land/public land.
- Continue to fight for the rights to hunt, trap, fish, proper wildlife management for future generations.
- Market goes back up and expenses of supplies comes back down
- Provide more information on rules and regulations, and maybe best type of baits or traps to use for different animals
- Bountys on overpopulated furbearers, such as opossum and raccoon
- Information on how to get started.
- I think The Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation is doing a fantastic job and I don't see anything they could assist me with trapping. But I can say I've heard about people in other areas who deal with their traps being stolen as well as the fur bearers that are caught in the trap. But I do have personal experience with people stealing my game cameras and SD cards in the past as well as dealing with a lot of poaching and night hunting in my area in Seminole County. But I can say that I know the game warden in my county and the county over from

Seminole called Pottowatomie County (who actually gave me my hunter certificate and is one of my role models) do not put up with doing anything illegally just as I don't. But I have never been disappointed in the ODWC and I think you guys do a good job and no I don't think I need any assistance but if I did I would give a call.

- Fur market, access to more land
- Need to reopen public land to have places to trap. Maybe close public to dogs for month of January and let us trap
- Since any foreseeable trapping would be for the humane and live removal of nuisance animals from the property, your updated and informative website is enough.
- Probably saying more things to me about trapping like other surveys.
- More access to trapping land
- How to articles Available on department website
- Legalize the use of snares
- To provide public places to trap with permission.
- Authorized fur prices
- Promote more research and data that shows how predators and other animals effect other wildlife
- Put raccoons, bobcats and fox into the nuisance category. Take away seasons and regulations on them. They should all be able to be hunted the same way as coyotes. Every hunter that I know feels the same way and are willing to do whatever is necessary to replenish our Turkey population.
- Skills training and updates
- I heard or read of a bounty offered by game and fish once, not sure if it's even this state but 5 dollars was offered per coyote ear turned in, such a bounty could be offered except instead of monetary rewards submissions of photos or proof of harvesting a nuisance or nest raider species would allow the hunter/trapper wildlife tags or licenses free the following year, it could be a credit based program where say the harvest of a predator is a credit and is worth 5 points if someone harvests 4 that's 20 points or dollars towards a tag of their choice the following year
- Have more space for people to trap. Public space
- Show clearly on the next Oklahoma department of wildlife where one can trap and talk to the game wardens so that they can kindly inform on the rules and regulation of each public land area
- Extend trapping season. Pay bounty on animals that are hurting other wildlife population. Have trapping season on red fox, the same as a gray fox. A trap cannot tell the difference.
- Increase access/land available for trapping.
- More updates on wildlife management areas of when and how many can be trapped and more specific regulations on the wildlife being trapped
- I believe raccoons and possibly other predators are keeping game species like Turkey from re-establishing themselves and increasing their population. If ODWC believes this to be true then anything to lengthen seasons, provide techniques, publish data would be helpful. Also, if ODWC could help landowners re-establish game birds, that would be good.
- List people in area who need help to control
- No assistance really

- Just information on how to From beginner on Trap around cattle How to take care of furs Reading sign Which trap to use (explain the trap) Where to sell furs Basically any info is good info Kind of intimidating to get into
- Types of traps and seasonal issues
- Better education
- I'm am good on that part
- Just a relocation place
- Nothing. Just need to get time for it
- Only trap hogs when they are a nuisance
- Help with the price of furs and trap prices
- Bring the fur market back
- Some way to control hogs
- Use Outdoor Oklahoma with articles on trapping & the benefits on small game & bird species populations. Is their a list of available of active trappers that can be contacted for info for the novice
- Maybe teaching different techniques of how to use live traps
- Price of fur
- IDK
- Not sure usually did it for money
- More trapping opportunities on public land
- Have online or in person instructional classes on trapping, setting traps and running trap lines
- Guidance/seminars
- Put a bounty on these animals
- Instructions on how to trap specific species
- More trapping information and online courses
- Would like to learn how to set traps for specific species without endangering other wildlife.
- Rules, regulations, and guidance for live trapping.
- Keep permits low priced. Make it easier for me to take my kids trapping (kind of like free fishing days). And send out informational material on how to trap specific animals and what seasons are best to do it
- Might be helpful to attend a class on trapping - no one in my family has ever done any trapping, so not sure how to even start.
- Provide traps

*28. Do you have any other feedback you would like to share with the Wildlife Department?*

- Social media crew doing a great job! I feel that they are representing the department and state extremely well. I would also like to see the wildlife expo make a comeback, was able to go several times and it was a great event.
- Let the game wardens and biologists manage their respective lands. NOT the commissioners.
- Please create a longer youth deer gun season. I have two sisters and it is hard for my dad to take us all hunting in one weekend. Please make the season longer.

- Started trapping to lessen impact of beaver on new property I purchased , have found it to be a great activity for later in the winter after most hunting seasons over
- I am very unsure on regulations regarding trapping I do hunt hogs and coyotes on occasions I do know coons are very plentiful in the areas I deer hunt and they play havoc on my feeders for that reason I would love to see them thinned out one way or another if possible
- I appreciate all the hard eork you guys do. Keep it up:)
- It would be great to numbers of Quail return. I hunted Quail years ago but traded my shotgun for a Digital Camera. My wife and I enjoy spotting and watching Bird behavior. It would be interesting to learn better management techniques within Oklahoma and surrounding states.
- I would purchase a new hat every year if you would go back to a nicer hat from years past!
- I'm a WCO. Most of my trapping is commercial. I want to trap furbearers for pelt sales but there's no money in it and the time consumption is more than I can currently bear. The market is the primary impediment to growth of the hobby. Which is fine. More calls for me about human/wildlife conflict to resolve. But if you're trying to grow it, I think that's the main issue.
- when I lived in Nichols Hills, I trapped, countless raccoons, skunks, opossums, and squirrels. As they were a nuisance, because I had an abandoned home next to me. I own quite a few expensive live traps and I would definitely be interested in trapping coyotes and other nuisance animals if needed. I own some land in Edmond, as well as land and Logan County and Carter County.
- Thanks for your service and work to prevent poaching and all illegal gaming.
- The amount of traps that we can use for recreational traps needs to be increased. It's unfair that someone from out of state can come in and use any amount they want, but we are limited as residents to a certain amount.
- I eat what I kill. That's mostly why I no longer trap. Predator control is different though.
- I feel that the decline in game birds is related to increased predator populations due to decreased interest in trapping.
- I do a lot of fishing, just not interested in trapping
- Thank you for doing a great job!
- Very enjoyable trapping. My 5 yr old daughter helps and loves it
- Yes, Bring Back Our Quail Population!
- None, other than that I love the department and what they do it is a great program!!!!!!!
- Occasionally have a sale on lifetime licenses and you may be surprised at how much revenue it generates.
- I'd like to see the number of traps for non professional trappers to be increased , like to see the use of cable restraints, or snares & bodygrip traps on land especially on private lands
- Greatly appreciate the work you do
- I appreciate the concern the ODWC has for our environment even though I will not be trapping, if it's for the better good, then so be it.
- Make all of your annual licenses active for 1 year from the date of purchase
- Yes, obtaining licenses is faster and more convenient than wa. state!
- Thanks for a job well done.
- I would like to see body grippers legalized, even if it was only for water trapping. If you set drowners, what is the difference?
- Love you guys!
- I wish the Wildlife Expo at the Lazy E was every year. So much useful information!

- I would love to see the department put on trapping classes. Specifically coyotes and bobcats but also include raccoons and opossums
- I have one thing I would like to say, as a livestock bird owner why is it that the trapping of raccoons is only during the trapping season? I think that the trapping of raccoons should be year round for the protection of livestock birds such as chickens, quail, chucker, water fowl, etc., without having to trap during the fiscal season
- Trying to help turkey population
- Seems like hawks have increased a ton sense I was in my 30s, coyote too. Are hawks over protected? I bet they are a huge factor on the quail population
- I appreciate the expansion of trapping methods in regards to body gripping traps for water sets.
- thank you for inquiring and researching for more outdoor opportunities
- Oklahoma is in the top 10% for outdoor activities and hunting/fishing species; change my mind.
- One of these days i would love to draw a bull elk hunt in this state
- Please consider extending furbearer seasons and providing incentives to help the wild turkey populations. The modifications made to turkey season in 2023 are a great start but we need to massively thin out the predators to give these populations a fighting chance.
- Extend deer gun season
- Appreciate all you do!
- I'm not a hunter. I just fish.
- I trapped beaver to protect ponds on our property years ago but in general don't like trapping due to how animals can suffer. Beaver traps we used killed the animal quickly without them suffering.
- Please open public wma's in western Oklahoma to legholds in February. I would gladly trap a week in Black kettle or beaver that's overrun with coyotes. And let everyone use a body grip trap as long as its half-submerged for beaver.
- Doing a great job!! Keep up the work and if I can do anything to help, I'm willing to do it thanks again.
- I think we should go to one buck per year. I like what how we pushed back turkey season. Proud to be able to hunt, fish and trap in our great state!
- Y'all do a great job. Thank you for what you do
- I believe trapping would benefit from having a longer season.
- App is great. Keep it up! Lets Go Outdoors!!!
- I believe the fall of trapping is due to its high level of involvement and low level of monetary return. I trap because I enjoy it not because it's profitable but it is a lot of work
- I run hounds. Specifically coon hounds. With the strict trespassing laws and no where to hunt I've nearly quit.
- There are too many predators! Bobcats/coyotes/racooons
- Legalized snare trapping would bring in a younger generation of trappers. Lightweight, not expensive, and very effective at catching all types of predators.
- I hope this survey is read, and taken in consideration, I think with Deer hunt leasing in Oklahoma that many other species will over populate, or be killed off because the hunters and trappers of other species than deer are being shutdown, because of fines, mad deer hunters, and land owners who just aren't educated in how to manage the outdoors together. I hope this



helps in some small way, and I'm not bashing deer hunters, I love they're sport also and it is needful to control population.

- Continue the good work. Conservation is important to everyone not just outdoorsme
- Very happy with the job they are doing
- Trapping to indiscriminate
- I've only been in Oklahoma 5 years so my opinion farther back than that would be useless. Missouri seemed to promote trapping more than Oklahoma at least before I moved. Oklahoma not allowing the use of cable restraints and connibears takes away a couple very effective tools from trappers.
- As a predators hunter I feel oklahoma should pass a new law allowing us to hunt predators at night using green lights, night vision, spotlights etc. this would be more affect since they are more active at night than in the day. This would help some of the coyotes in oklahoma. Something similar to the Texas night hunting law. I know a number of predator hunters that feel the same way and will have better luck reaching their seasonal limit. Please take this into consideration and thank you very much.
- Thank y'all for all you do I am a bow hunter and love it I just got my life time hunting and fishing I am excited to learn how to hunt a lot of other animals Oklahoma has to offer
- I strongly advocate for predator/pest control. There should be more opportunities for hunters to participate in these activities, specifically on Wildlife refuges where aerial depredation is already taking place.
- I enjoy seeing things like this. It gives me hope that we can continue this country lifestyle and hopefully encourage youngins to keep it going. Also the push to better our wildlife is a big plus.
- Need longer ckeck time on live traps bob cat season needs to start January first and run till march 15 for the prime fur season and to give kittens more time to mature
- I wish more primary research from the ODWC was accessible on the Department website.
- Bring back Tribal license @gov Stitt
- We need the law changed where we can run snares on private property. To catch coyotes and wild hogs crossing fence lines. Even if we would have to run deer stops on the snare
- Great job by all in the department
- Trapping is not an option on my property because I have pets and other game that I don't want to get trapped although I also have coyotes and bobcats occasionally on the property on my game cameras. If they become a danger to my pets I will hunt them but not try trapping them
- Legalize body grip traps for bob cats and coons and extend checking to 48 hours. Saves time and fuel. They're dead when they hit the trap unlike a foot hold. This would lower the cost of trapping and would allow remote land owner to trap nest raiders.
- I trap coons because they do not help any thing and I think they eat Turkey eags
- No, we enjoy the animals on our place...coyotes have kept quail down. We are seeing a few pheasant...happy to see. The deer are only having one or two fawns because of available food sources. We had a few years the does would raise 3. It's a joy to see our granddaughter enjoying hunting....teaching as we were taught....take legally, don't waste and enjoy.
- Raise the bobcat limit
- Bring back check in stations or make e-check easier to use and more reliable and it not always screw up.
- Department doing a great job

- I feel that the limits bobcats should be raised. Bobcats affect the mortality of other animals and have a huge impact (fawns, quail, turkey) just to name a few.
- Please expand trapping education.
- As you all know! Trapping is a very good way to manage the predators, think long and very hard before trying to outlaw!!! And don't be asking the liberal democrats, they will steer you in a terrible direction!
- We have too many coyotes.
- They should allow to use snares
- Make lifetime licenses with a payment plan
- I enjoy trapping and hunting. As well as being out in the wildlife.
- I want a job in wildlife conservation lol
- Thank you for everything you do for wildlife conservation.
- I think a change to the trapping regulations is needed. On public lands we should be able to trap hogs in homemade live traps. This would also help with the gamebird population.
- Love more workshops
- We need more turkeys. Do away with crossbows, except for handicapped and elderly, and airbows. Archery season was originally set up for devices drawn in the presence of game.
- Y'all are doing great! Keep up the good work! Also I've heard rumors of an early velvet season to be considered. I'm not sure how I feel about that yet.
- People need to be willing to learn. The game bird population is down because there isn't enough incentive for young fellas to get out. Make a trapping class hire some old timers make a kit get people who love bird hunting out in the woods to trap.
- Trapping is very important. It is vital to maintaining health and population of other game animals.
- It would be fantastic if the trap type constraints were more free. Just my opinion, but snares should be a green light in all cases from educated trappers. Conibear or body traps should also be a green light when trapping beaver.
- Acquire more public land
- Thorough information on trap sets for different situations for beginner trappers on all species trapped in Oklahoma and more info on the greater good that trapping has to offer for those who are on the fence or against trapping
- APPRECIATE WHAT YOU ARE DOING FOR THE SPORTSMAN AND OUTDOOR PUBLIC.
- Make nighttime coyote/hog hunting easier and free
- Keep up the good work but please make all regulations easier to follow. It can cause some anxiety trying to follow hunting/fishing regulations. Again, thank you for keeping wildlife strong.
- I'm very happy to see these surveys and would help this group when ever needed
- Opossum are a nuisance and need to be hunted more. There is false information being projected that they control the tick population.
- I believe due to the decrease in fur prices a lot of people have stopped trapping and now our game birds are on a downward spiral!!!!
- I'd like to see more promotional ads by the Department of Wildlife for Trappers and Trapping Season.
- I'd love to see our young people get interested in trapping. I believe it is a dying sport because people think it's inhumane.

- If the Wildlife Department is able to, please figure out what is causing the decrease in the turkey population. Also, please find a way to encourage more younger people to try hunting and help young hunters in learning new skills.
- Allow foot-hold coyote trapping on all public lands.
- Question #10 above should only have two options. I regard to trapping there is a great need for it. Western Oklahoma is where I do the majority of my hunting and it is a real problem out there. Especially racoons and coyotes.
- You folks do a good job. Thanks
- I understand turkey populations are on decline. I believe wild hogs and other predators are a lot to blame. I agree trapping would help alleviate that to some extent.
- I am very interested in this helping with ground nesting birds.
- Legalize other methods of use such as snares and four coil springs.
- Maybe advertise, promote more fur trading events?
- Just keep up the good work and thanks for all the wildlife department has done over the years.
- I'd love to see more people get into the sport, and help the turkeys!
- Don't restrict trapping or any other kind of hunting including hound hunting more than it already is.
- I personally enjoy the art of trapping but am not especially fond of the idea of anything sitting in a trap for extended periods of time. That being said I do feel responsible to be a steward of the land and do plan on trapping more in the future for select species that would greatly benefit ground nesting birds etc
- If you encourage things other than deer and turkey people will hunt them
- Need to better understand effect of predation and predator control on wild turkey.
- Keep up the good work and make nonresident deer hunters draw for a tag and not over the counter. Raise their prices on tags like we have to pay in other states
- populations of coyotes are getting bigger where I live.
- Appreciate the efforts to keep these traditions and values alive in our communities
- Wish for deer muzzleloader would extend season like others , would do controlled burns on public areas to better the habitat for turkeys and other animals that would benefit from getting rid of the under brush and tall grass areas they use to use
- Worried about accidentally trapping dogs and domestic or feral cats.
- I haven't gotten into trapping because I am primarily interested in hunting for food purposes. I also live in Tulsa and am not able to check trap line on a regular basis.
- I don't have the time to learn trapping, but I do support others doing it
- Thank you for sending me this I trapped for 20 years and this is first time I done this It should be done more often We need more kids trapping
- The predators are getting abundant an should be thinned out some what. I have some acres an see bobcat, an coyotes alot
- It would be nice if duck season started two weeks later, and lasted two weeks longer at the end of the season
- Separate hand gun season for deer
- There needs to be more clarification on Indian hunting rights and requirements on public land.
- Your dept is doing a great job thank you
- used to raise chickens, no longer does because of the amount of raccoon predation. put out deer feeders and they are overrun with raccoons. raccoons are almost to the level of a pest.

- not at this time. not good health so no longer able to trap.
- Mountain lions are hurting hunting and trapping in the panhandle
- Open up trapping season. Raise bag limits higher to allow more harvest. Haven't noticed as many fox around his area. believes coyotes and raccoons are biggest nest predators.
- I would like to see more people interested in trapping more trapping events
- Loosen the restrictions on trapping on public. I hunt Cherokee/Gruber and James Collins allot. The predators are out of control.
- I hunt Cherokee management area and the number of turkey nests that I came across that were raided. Predator control needs to be a main focus in coming years.
- What is up with the "non-binary" crap? Keep the woke bullshit out of Oklahoma hunting.
- I would really like to have someone contact me about how I can help with conservation within my area, Tulsa too Henryetta, I will be trapping this season dec 23- feb 24, I would also like to volunteer and help any way I can.
- please provide more hands on workshops.
- Trapping is a big part of my life, I wish we could use more traps, and up the limit on foxes, where I live I am over ran with foxes, I limit out on foxes every year, but it's not doing any good, the population is getting out of hand, just a few weeks ago I cought a red fox killing my chickens, he killed 30 of them, I also wish we could use conabear traps and snares, we trappers want a little more freedom, but I'm afraid my generation will never get to experience the things our dads and Grandpas did with all the rules changing and all that, witch I understand with the way most people are theses days, but I hope y'all will give this a thought and up the number of traps you can use and the number of grey foxes your allowed
- Hogs and bears are more destructive than all the species combined listed above I believe.
- I would like someone to come trap nuisance animals on my land. There's a guy that works with the state but he is never available.
- Would like to see regulations to carry both muzzle loader and shotgun as deer and turkey seasons overlap.
- Would like to see clarification on primitive means means of hunting and trapping like snares with dearlock. As well as Spring Pole. Dad fall. And other Primitive means of trapping. For sustainability and and food Procurement.
- Need to open squirrel season for entire year.
- I wouldgladly assist in any way to improve the habitat / trap predators to improve upland bird populations
- never stop trapping.
- Pittsburg County is spelled wrong in this survey.
- I theorize that turkeys are to blame for reduced quail numbers as well as fur bearers.
- Info on tribal regulations asked a warden two weeks ago at a store he couldn't answer my questions I had
- If we could set dates to use foot holds on public land for more than just water sets I think it would be beneficial in reducing predator numbers and possibly increase or help turkey populations. Other than a few guys using cage traps there's thousands of acres with virtually no predator control that just creates refuges for the predators.
- Land access is harder to come by any more. Unless landowners have problems with pigs or beavers it's hard to get acces without Texan lease money. Reducing the Texas hunters would be the best for all of Oklahoma hunting and the wildlife of Oklahoma

- STOP SELLING OUR BEAR!!! The population cant handle the hunting being prescribed... you had it right 8yrs ago. Bear is not a meat animal for sustenance... they are being sold to out of state TROPHY HUNTERS. Their presence is of too great a value to trade with blood hunters. I am a sustenance hunter... i need bear. They plant forests. They make habitat. We are already under seige for water and air in SE Oklahoma... leave the bear be... they mostly belong to Arkansas anyway (wow did you read this far? Kuddos and thank you)
- Turkey has been scarce since I was a boy and started hunting. Would trapping other certain animals help the turkey population?
- I mentioned something about a bounty system, if that was every applied I would love to see an adult bounty and a youth division! Something to give more kids a desire to be outdoors. Anything involving the next generation outdoors would be great
- Make all WMA's same as state wide trapping February 1st. Not just part of them but all of them.
- Need more public land
- More management of numbers or fur bearing animals
- Not really, I did have a question though about if we can trap hogs, but that can probably be answered by an internet search
- The 20 trao limit for non lifetime license holders doesn't make sense to me because I'm still paying for all the licenses that the lifetime license covers.
- If yall could make the draw in hunts (elk) easier to win that would be great
- The deer ticks are ridiculous even in winter!
- I know wildlife officers and biologists are spread thin, but it would be good to see them offering more educational venues like hunters ed, conservation and such instead of the primary way they are seen in choctaw county...with a ticketbook.
- n/a. raccoon population growing around southeast Oklahoma.
- extend deer season there are way too many deer. we don't need predators to introduce just increase bag limit and season length. do something to get the turkeys and quail back. don't lower the crappie limit.
- I love hunting! I have pasted that love of hunting and the outdoors with my children. With that being said, I'm saddened that I will be losing my hunting public land area come next year!! It will make it very difficult for my children and future generations miss out on the opportunity to hunt and enjoys the outdoors. So thanks for that Wildlife Dept.
- Really liked the ease of using website TY
- I had a great first year of trapping looking forward to a lifetime of it
- Thank y'all for makin it so easy to buy tags and permits online, it makes my life and a hunter, fisherman, trapper, etc a whole lot easier to buy all of the stuff I need to do all that, thank y'all for protecting and serving all the wildlife in this wonderful state.
- I have not trap since I left the farm. I sold the farm. I trapped rodent.
- Back in the day body grip traps were band do to the coon hunters, why or how is it more dangerous than using a drown stake method? Trappers would have better success. Other states have regulations such as water depths for body grips and size. If it's due to the fact that dogs get in them then why is it ok if you have a narco license???? That's the pot calling the kettle black! I love trapping and and love what God gave me and that includes wildlife so if I was able to use body grip traps there would be no chance of a three legged beaver running around. My main argument is if it's ok for me to purchase a narco license and use them then

why isn't it ok if I purchase a fur and trapping license and use them?? I'm still the same person but hold a different piece of paper. The reason I don't get a narco license is because I don't believe in wasting wildlife what so ever and will not just pitch the beaver aside like a piece of trash. Thank you and God bless!

- Make it legal to sale fish to public from the fishermen..mainly catfish and striper. Not only will it financially help the fishermen, but also help the economy in Oklahoma by being able to locally source our fish, cutting costs of ordering farm raised foreign fish that tastes like crap. And replacing it with quality, local fish that make restaurant sales go up and makes the lives of the outdoorsmen financially better at the same time, especially in times such as these
- Not really I just appreciate everything that y'all do in keeping our land managed.
- I do not think a velvet antler season is a good idea.
- We have to have a meaningful hide market before anyone will trap.
- I hope Oklahoma will pursue and encourage more people to trap. Raccoons do more nest predation than all other predators and coyotes take a heavy toll on our fawn and turkey crop. Keep up the good work people.
- I know Odwc has trapping classes, I think it would be cool if you joined with Oklahoma fur bearers alliance for a joint training.
- No not other than what I said in the last question which I'm unsure if I answered correctly but I can say what I said is what I thought of but I thank you for letting me give you all a survey of my thoughts and knowledge as well as opinions.
- Just need places to trap and protection for dog hunters who steal traps
- Is there any help available from you to help with the beavers??
- Keep up the good work on the website.
- no not at this time, want quail to come back but too old to hunt.
- Not really but maybe some more surveys about different things.
- I coon hunt with hounds
- Please let resident start hunting for predators at night
- You guys and gals are great
- Wish more people would trap
- I am sure that the predator population is out of control in areas where there is good habitat for them. A example of this is the Poteau River in Wister WMA. I am out on it alot A.M. and P.M. and the number of racoon is very,very high. Very little pressure is put on them anymore so they just keep building up until some disease or something cuts the numbers. I wish there was some value for them to reduce their numbers some with out going into the hole monetarily! Same thing with beavers out there.
- I implement a year round program for raccoon and other nest predators. I have noticed a significant increase in small birds and rabbits in the last 4 years since I started trapping my area. My 1st year in Oklahoma I caught 14 bobcats on 80 acres. Population around me is much more under control.
- I hunt with hounds and do not approve of trapping for having fear a hound would or could get caught.
- Encourage trapping
- I don't hunt upland game birds anymore due to the lack there of and turkeys are the same. I think Oklahoma should have a SOS on hogs and organized teams to combat the ants but that's just me I guess. Thanks

- Should allow snare and body grip on public land like Arkansas.
- Trapping in Oklahoma is great!
- Thanks for all your conservation efforts in the state!
- Put all predators and animals that destroy nest into the nuisance category, just like you have with hogs. Let people go out at night and shoot these animals with whatever means they prefer with out having to jump through the hoops of permits and other paper work. Get rid of furbear season, our turkey and bird population are shrinking and predator population is very high.
- My grandpa is a life long trapper and is the only trapper around our area that I know of so if it wasn't for him I would never have trapped.
- I would like to see more Eastern Turkeys bred n raised in certain areas to turn wild and disperse themselves throughout my county
- Phone numbers of game wardens in our county
- Even tho I wasn't successful in my trapping I'm still learning. I do intend to trap this up coming season maybe get a teacher to go with me to help me be more successful. I only hunt my private land do to I don't trust other hunters. Thank you I hope I was helpful I'm still learning and maybe the next time I will be able to help more with this survey
- Trapping for me as an outdoors man. I love the challenge. Just how smart the animals are when it comes to setting traps. How they can set off the trap and not get caught. Taking my kids with me and seeing their face when you come to the set and it's a successful catch. My 8 year old is all about it. It's hard to be consistent with trapping for me because some time I can't check them every 24 hours so I have to set them off and trap weekends. But all and all trapping has been a blast with the short time I have been doing it.
- Would really like to see Turkey and quail populations restored in Oklahoma. I have approx. 118 acres of what I think would be good habitat but there are none there. I would be happy to work with ODWC on projects to help restore habitat and conditions for these game birds.
- what is the status of research into declining turkey populations in OK?
- Open Raccoon hunting up to night vision and Thermal year round. Without dogs
- I have considered having a small wildlife rescue on my small farm
- Thank you all for trying to make the outdoor experience a better one everyday
- The turkey numbers in southern Muskogee county have declined for several years. I haven't harvested a bird on our family land since 2020 to try and take it easy on them, only letting the youngsters kill birds. I wish we could reduce the turkey season to two weeks total. The illegal take of turkeys won't be affected either way, but keeping the honest hunters to a two week period seems more impactful than bumping the one-month season back. The birds we hunted were very active in mid-May.
- I enjoyed hunting and trapping in younger years but now due to health I am not able to do that any more. But I do believe in the enjoyment of being able to hunt, trap, and fish greatly.
- Would like to see deer season changed in southern Oklahoma due to climate change and due breeding season .
- Trapping hogs would be good.
- Just trap and relocate
- Trapping provides income for some. Also helps control predators.
- Where's the market for this great tool for wildlife? Will or can the Great State of Oklahoma help in this cause, that the Feds and EPA trying to destroy this industry.

- The feed back I have in my area. People predator once in a while and the generations before are the ones, if able, who trap.
- Lower numbers of coyote and hogs I believe would raise the number of turkeys and quail for all to enjoy
- Would fully support the bird predator trapping idea, and nuisance wildlife especially raccoon n coyote are really becoming an urban nuisance and anything that would encourage trapping is good.
- We need to open up all trapping year round like Texas and stop requiring tags for bobcats. My area is over run with bobcats and coyotes. We need to start a coyote trapping league that landowners can call to let them trap. This would ensure the people know what they are doing. I have let several people trap/hunt coyotes and bobcats, but most don't know what they are doing and just educate the animals.
- Hope what little bit of trapping I do will help make a difference in the future of hog population
- The coyotes need to be controlled
- To increase the interest so that more folk's would trap more to help the deer and turkey populations
- Over run with raccoons
- I have witnessed the devastating affect of the explosion in the population of ground predators has had on game & non game animals & birds over my lifetime
- There are way too many bobcats, coyotes and raccoons. And that is why there are not that many quail around anymore.
- Don't know how these answers will help. The only trapping I have done was for a class at OSU in 1968. Only trapped mice, rats, moles and gophers. All the other creatures I turned in were gathered as roadkill. I got to be a pretty good gatherer of those animals, but that's not really trapping.
- I can't think of any at this time other than open more public land to rifle hunt doe
- What about the live scope and crappie guides and crappie fishermen I believe they are taking the best breeding population out of the lakes
- I do believe trapping helps with our predator control problems along with calling and shooting them. But due to age I quite trapping. Thanks all .
- There are only man or woman. This is the last place I would expect to see a box for anything besides a man or woman box to check
- Need coyote control in our area
- They have no fur, but caught 18-24 armadillos in the last couple years.
- Is it legal for me to shoot and or trap and kill a beaver, if they are killing my trees?
- there is another person that does some live trapping on my property
- focus on population management so that populations don't explode.
- Keep up the good work in all you do
- My basic trapping was live trapping to keep raccoons away from my chickens . After they kept returning gave up on live traps.
- I'd be interested in any info applicable to those who live in rural areas of city limits (I live in Noble, but not in city environment).
- Love to hunt but eyes have gotten to bad
- Need to start a program for Feral Hogs.
- 4 point rule on bucks



- I believe a bounty program could promote trapping in the state, to make up for the declining fur market
- I wish trapping was more popular, I've seen raccoons on trail cams with eggs and have my feeder emptied out in one or two nights by dozens of raccoons during deer season. I help manage a pecan grove that has a major beaver problem it feels indefinite bc there seems to be no interest in trapping like there was even when I was a kid.
- I'm glad that you guys are looking for ways to improve anyone's outdoor experience. More information about trapping and hunting in general could be sent out via general mail to inform more people about hunting and trapping options