

Predator Management

Options for Addressing Three
Structural Issues in Title 14 of the
California Code of Regulations

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Goal

- Review state of predator management in California

Task

- Review existing policies and regulations
- Identify and address inconsistencies

Timeline

- Structural concerns (Today)
- Ecological concerns (January 2015)
- Ethical concerns (May + September 2015)

Title 14, Chapter 5: Furbearing Mammals

Section 460. Fisher, Marten, River Otter, Desert Kit Fox and Red Fox

Structural Issue

- Unintentionally creates fully protected species

Options for Change

1. Insert “for fur”
2. Insert “except in accordance with the provisions of Section 401 of these regulations”

Title 14, Chapter 5: Furbearing Mammals

Section 465.5. Use of Traps

Structural Issue

- The fusion of sport and depredation in the same section is problematic because each requires a different regulatory process

Options for Change

1. Amend to establish two separate subsections: (a) for sport, and (b) for depredation. If this happens, do we need to establish separate rules for sport and depredation? And, if so, what do those rules look like?
2. Prohibit all use of body-gripping traps for depredation control
3. Exempt foot-snares at subsection (g)(5)

Title 14, Chapter 6: Nongame Mammals

Section 472. General Provisions

Structural Issue

- Section does not appropriately reference Fish and Game Code Section 4152, which stipulates nongame mammals *that are found injuring growing crops or other property* may be taken at any time or in any manner

Option for Change

1. Insert “that are found injuring growing crops or other property”