

Nutria Eradication Program Update

Field Update

Since March 2018, the nutria eradication efforts in California have:

- Completed full and/or rapid assessments on over 1 M acres
- Executed entry permits with over 3,500 landowners
- Set up 3,183 camera stations (687 currently active)
 - Conducted 22,790 camera checks
- Confirmed nutria within 442 sites
- Deployed 4,617 trap sets for a total of 58,487 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 2,083 nutria (since Mar 2017)
 - o Merced- 1,334
 - o Stanislaus- 630
 - o San Joaquin- 105
 - o Mariposa- 12
 - o Fresno- 2

Of 1,769 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.17 sex ratio (M:F)
- Of the females captured:
 - 23% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 60% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 69% of adult (>14 months of age) females have been pregnant
- o 1,974 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- Litter size ranged from 1-13, with an average of 5.7
 - Average litter size for adult females (> 14 mos.) in California is 6.4