

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 million acres
- Executed entry permits with 4,000 landowners
- Set up 3,848 camera stations (868 currently active)
- Conducted 30,866 camera checks
- Confirmed nutria within more than 450 sites
- Deployed 5,235 trap sets for a total of 68,964 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 2,355 nutria (since March 2017)

Merced: 1,482
Stanislaus: 737
San Joaquin: 109
Mariposa: 12
Fresno: 5
Madera: 1

Of 2,208 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1 male to 14 females sex ratio
- Of the females captured:
 - o 24 percent of juvenile (2-6 months of age) females have been pregnant
 - o 62 percent of subadult (6-14 months of age) females have been pregnant
 - o 67 percent of adult (more than 14 months of age) females have been pregnant
- 2,443 fetal nutria have been removed from the population
- Litter size ranged from 1-13, with an average of 5.8
- Average litter size for adult females (more than 14 months of age) in California is 6.4