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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 3,800 landowners
- Set up 3,448 camera stations (813 currently active)
 - Conducted 26,983 camera checks
- Confirmed nutria within > 450 sites
- Deployed 4,874 trap sets for a total of 64,376 trap nights
- Taken or accounted for the take of 2,208 nutria (since Mar 2017)
 - Merced- 1,403
 - Stanislaus- 680
 - San Joaquin- 108
 - Mariposa- 12
 - Fresno- 5

Of 2,208 necropsies, the data has shown:

- 1.14 sex ratio (M:F)
- Of the females captured:
 - 24% of juvenile (2-6 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 62% of subadult (6-14 mos.) females have been pregnant
 - 67% of adult (>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 (> 14 mos.) in California is 6.4