Second Century Initiative
Live Trap Give Away Program

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Program Objectives

• Enhance pheasant and duck nest success
• Expose people to the trapping tradition
• Ensure South Dakota’s hunting and trapping heritage remains strong for the next 100 years
• Reduce predator numbers
• Get the next generation involved and interested in outdoor recreation, conservation and wildlife management while increasing broad support for habitat
Live Trap Give Away Program

- Registration
  - 5,300 participants
- Provided over 16,000 live traps
Second Century Initiative
Nest Predator Bounty Program
Bounty Program

• April 1 – August 12, 2019
• 54,470 total tails
• Species break-down
  • Minnehaha
  • Beadle
  • Yankton
  • Turner
  • Grant

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<td>Striped Skunk</td>
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<td>Opossum</td>
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<td>Red Fox</td>
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<td>Badger</td>
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Bounty Program

• Electronic Affidavit

• Capped at $590 per household
Bounty Program - Results

- Number of tails submitted per county
Bounty Program

• Some statistics.....
  • 3,151 Participants
    • 90% East River
• Age
  • Ranged from 3 to 92 years old

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Summary

- Fiscal Information

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Program Accomplishments

- Removed over 54,000 predators
  - Primarily in eastern South Dakota
- Exposed people to the trapping tradition
  - Over 7,700 total participants
  - Trapping 101 courses
    - 603 total participants
    - 387 youth and 216 adults
  - Ethics SD (partnership with 4-H)
    - 50 youth
    - High interest for programs in 2020
- Increased trapping awareness and participation
  - High level of media coverage
  - Increased license sales (up 6.7%) from 2018
Summary

• Short Video

Plans for 2020

• Engage GFP Commission
  • Review survey results
    • 83% of South Dakotans approved of the program
      • Control of predators
      • Protect pheasant and duck nests
    • GFP has implemented predator removal efforts for decades on properties owned by the Department
  • The Department has the desire to implement the nest predator bounty program in 2020
    • Asking for Commission approval
    • Eligible species?
    • Cost per tail?
    • Budget?
    • Time frame?
Questions / Comments?