Division of Wildlife

Second Century Initiative
Live Trap Give Away Program

Kevin Robling, Deputy Secretary and Keith Fisk, Wildlife Damage Program Administrator

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
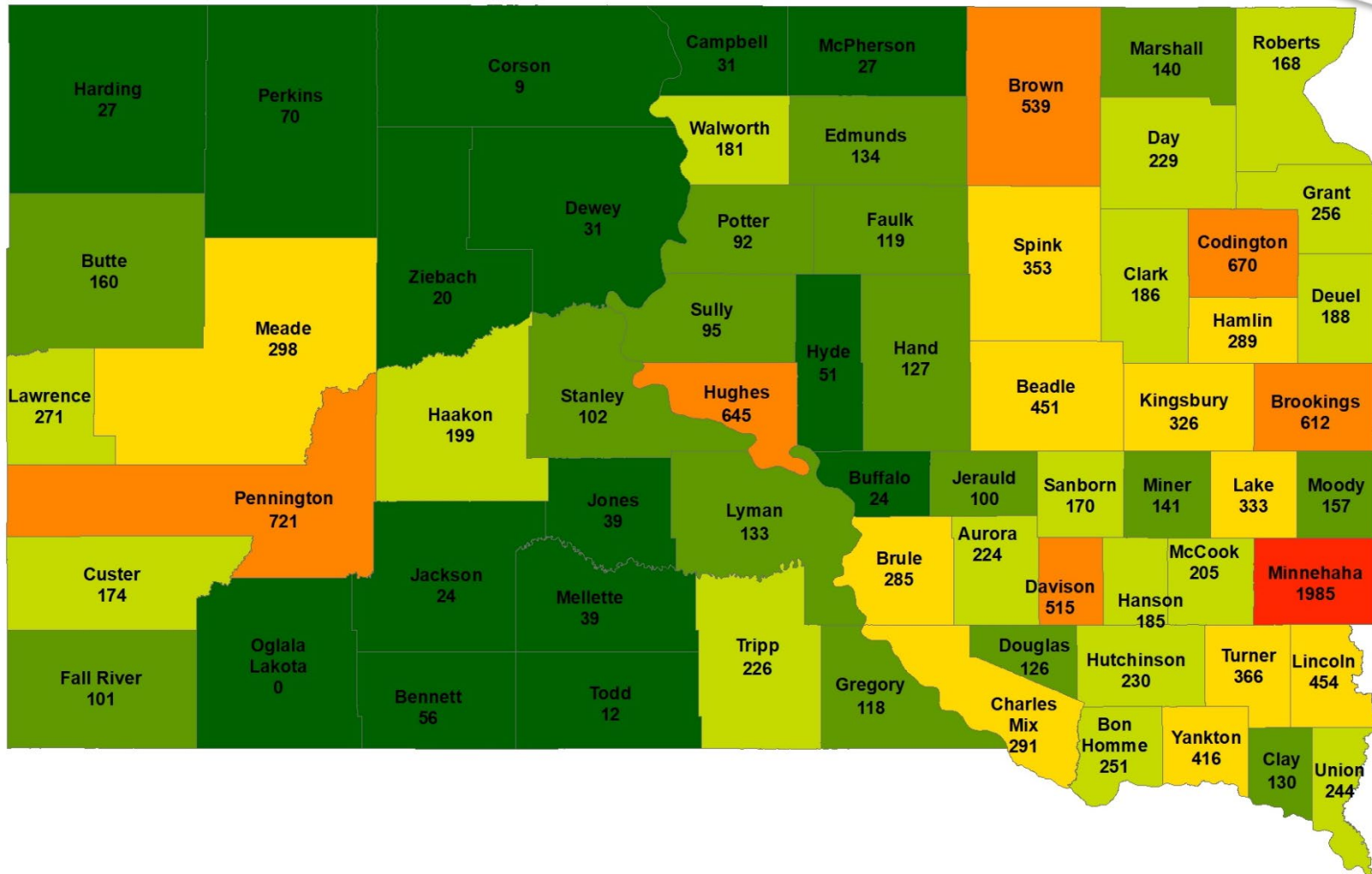
Live Trap Give Away Program

- Registration
  - 5,300 participants
- Provided over 16,000 live traps

Trap Distribution

SOUTH DAKOTA
Game, Fish & Parks

Second Century Initiative
Nest Predator Bounty Program

Bounty Program

- April 1 – August 12, 2019
  - 54,470 total tails
  - Species break-down
  - Top 5 counties (tails)
    - Minnehaha
    - Beadle
    - Yankton
    - Turner
    - Grant

Species	Total
Raccoon	43,779
Striped Skunk	6,001
Opossum	3,706
Red Fox	494
Badger	490
Total	**54,470**

Bounty Program

- Electronic Affidavit
  - Capped at $590 per household

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)

I, **WILLIAM HAUGER** of BRANDT, SD, do solemnly swear that the following described animal(s), of which the complete tail(s) now are exhibited by me to a Game, Fish and Parks official, have been killed by me and that true and correct information is given below concerning the facts relating to the killing of the animal(s).

And I do further swear that no allowance or bounty has been received or paid for the killing of the animal(s) and that there is due me for killing such animal(s) the sum of **$100.00**.

Species	Number of Tails	Kill Location (County)	Method	Date of Kill	Bounty Due
Raccoon	10	Deuel	Trapping	04/10/2019	$100

I declare and affirm under the penalties of perjury that this claim has been examined by me, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, is in all things true and correct.
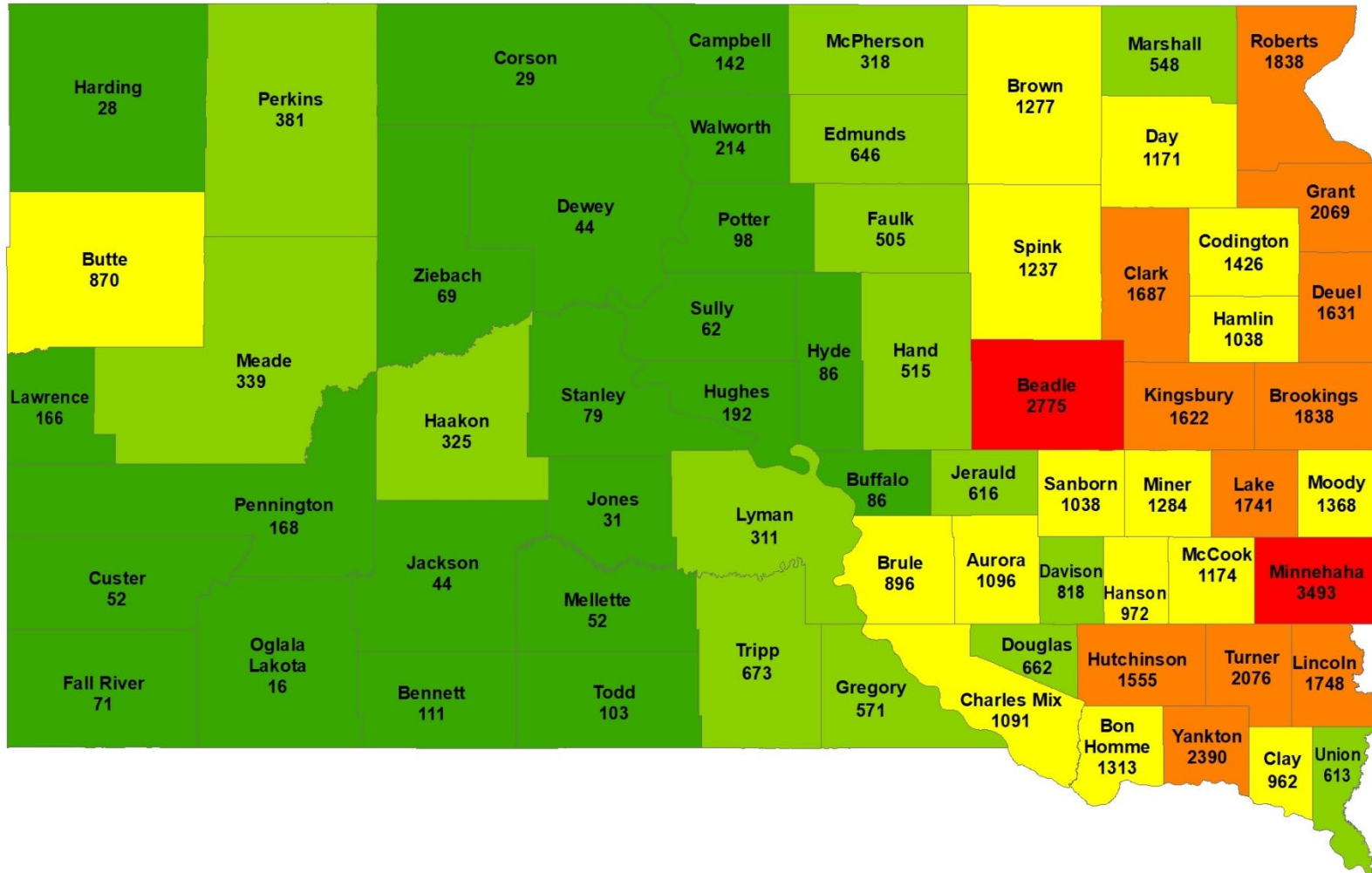
Claimant Signature

Sworn to before me this 16 day of April 2019. I certify that the above-named claimant presented the complete tail(s) to me on this date and that I have caused the complete tail of the animal to be removed.

Department of Game, Fish, & Parks Official Signature

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

Age Class	# of Participants	Age Percentage	# of Tails	Tail Percentage
0-17	407	12.94	6054	11.11
18-30	460	14.63	9083	16.68
31-50	806	25.63	15294	28.08
51-70	1073	34.12	18219	33.45
>70	399	12.69	5820	10.68

Summary

- Fiscal Information

2019 Program Expenditures	
Category	Expenditure
Live Traps	$958,171
Payment for Tails	$547,400
Salaries/Benefits	$190,915
Miscellanous	$35,778
Total	**$1,732,264**

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

https://www.ksfy.com/content/news/Colman-dad-bonds-with-son-through-Nest-Predator-Bounty-Program-508349011.html

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?