



ILLINOIS  
DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL  
RESOURCES

# MEMORANDUM

to: Director Colleen Callahan

from: Stan McTaggart, Chairman, State Furbearer Committee *SM*

date: July 1, 2019

subject: State Furbearer Committee's June 2019 Recommendations

The State Furbearer Committee held their meeting on June 13th, 2019 in the Heron Room at IDNR Springfield. The Advisory Committee recommends approval of the following project from State Furbearer Funds:

### Grants

There were no eligible grantee applications to consider for furbearer projects in 2019.

### The Committee approved funding for:

Fur Takers of America Fur Trappers College	\$ 3,000
Illinois Furbearer Trapping Workshop for IDNR staff	\$ 5,000
Taxidermy funding for state paid Educational Displays	<u>\$ 2,000</u>
	<b>\$10,000</b>

The Committee also reaffirmed its support of a DJ Case & Associates contract to implement fur hunting and trapping education strategies and update the online training courses.

### The Committee approved funding for these parts of the DJ Case project proposal:

A Revised Trapper Education Plan	\$14,000
Maintenance of the Online Trapping Education Web Course	\$ 6,000
Upgrade and Operate the <i>Wild Illinois History</i> Website	\$17,000
A Public Opinion survey on attitudes towards Trapping	\$42,000
Coyote in the Classroom, Education Curriculum Package	<u>\$35,000</u>
	<b>\$114,000</b>

The project portion for the Training Workshop for Interpreters \$29,000 was not funded.

The Committee also recommended spending up to \$100,000 on gray fox research.

**Recommended Funding - The total Furbearer Fund Education expenditures approved for 2019 was \$124,000 and \$100,000 for Furbearer Research.**

Please indicate your approval of the Division of Wildlife funding recommendations by signing below. Your earliest response will be most appreciated. Funds are currently available for the recommended projects.

Upon your decision staff of the Office of Resource Conservation will inform the State Furbearer Committee and IDNR staff.

DIVISION RECOMMENDATION

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Stan McTaggart, Chairman  
State Furbearer Committee

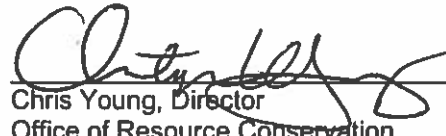
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OFFICE RECOMMENDATION

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Chris Young, Director  
Office of Resource Conservation


7/8/19  
Date

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AGENCY DIRECTOR SIGN-OFF

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Colleen Callahan, Director  
Department of Natural Resources

7-8-19  
Date

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Attachments