

Fur Sale Manager Report

Several members have contacted me regarding why our sale in Fallon this year is scheduled before the end of the cat season. The upcoming sale is scheduled for Saturday February 22nd and Sunday the 23rd, 2025. There are two major reasons this is the situation. The first is that the Wildlife Commission extended our cat and grey fox season 30 days more than we have had during the past several years with the closing date extended to the end of February instead of around the 15th. Which is great for our trapping season!

The major question is why not just change our date to a later time. Of the 11 western states, during the months of February and March there are at least 14 fur sales during this short period. For years, in order to avoid conflicts, the major sale managers have agreed to select their date and not change. Nevada for years has had the last full weekend in February This puts us on the 22nd and 23rd this year plus several years in the future unless we can all agree to make a shift.

If we made a change this year, our sale would be at the same time as Oregon's (OTC) big sale in Prineville. They can't change theirs or it would conflict with Idaho's. The one thing we all know is that there are a limited numbers of western state cat buyers and the last thing we want to do is split up the buyers by having several sales on the same date. In order to avoid conflicts, several states have gone to sales during the week instead of weekends.

I know some of you will have cats not dry or you will catch more after our sale. My suggestion is to get what you have at the fur sale tagged even if not dry enough to sell. Later caught cats need to be tagged on March 10th. I know good cat buyers will be at the tagging. Your other great option is to make reservation at the OTC sale in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Same buyers as we have in Fallon.

Reservations for our sale start after January 1st even if it just an estimate. Have a great season!