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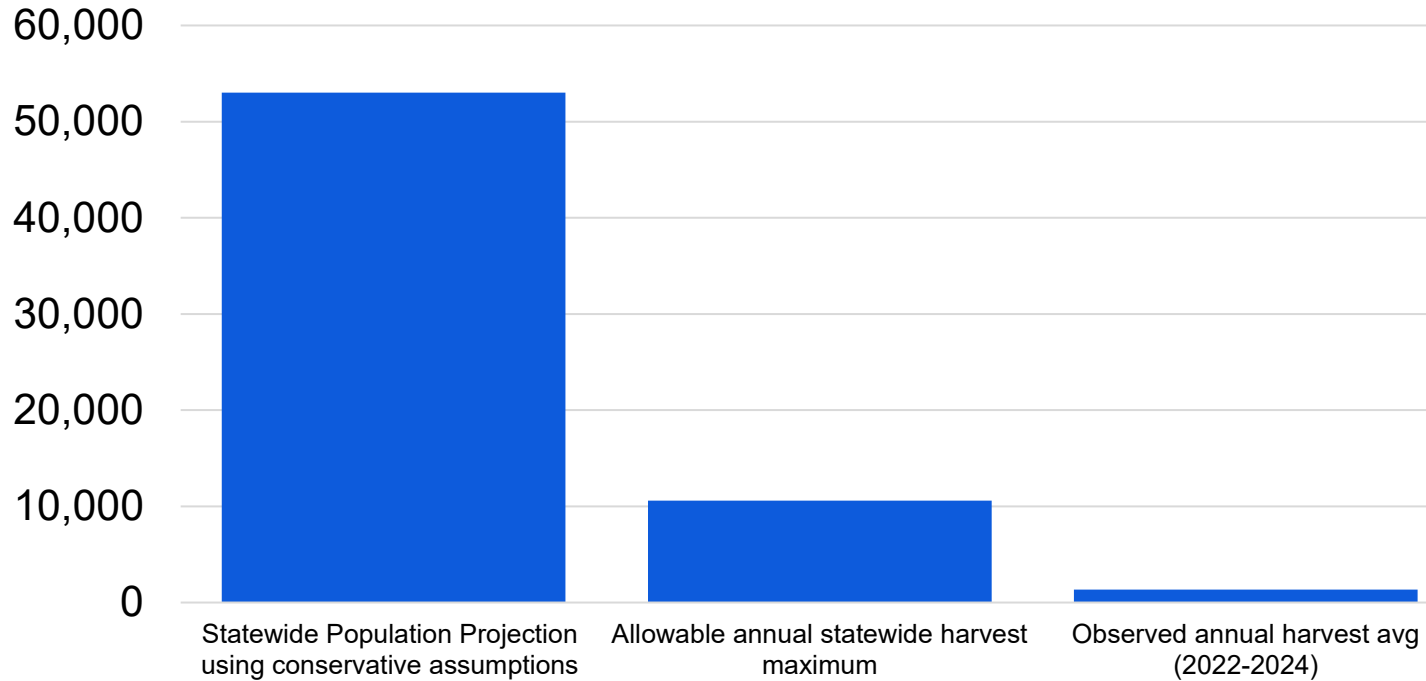
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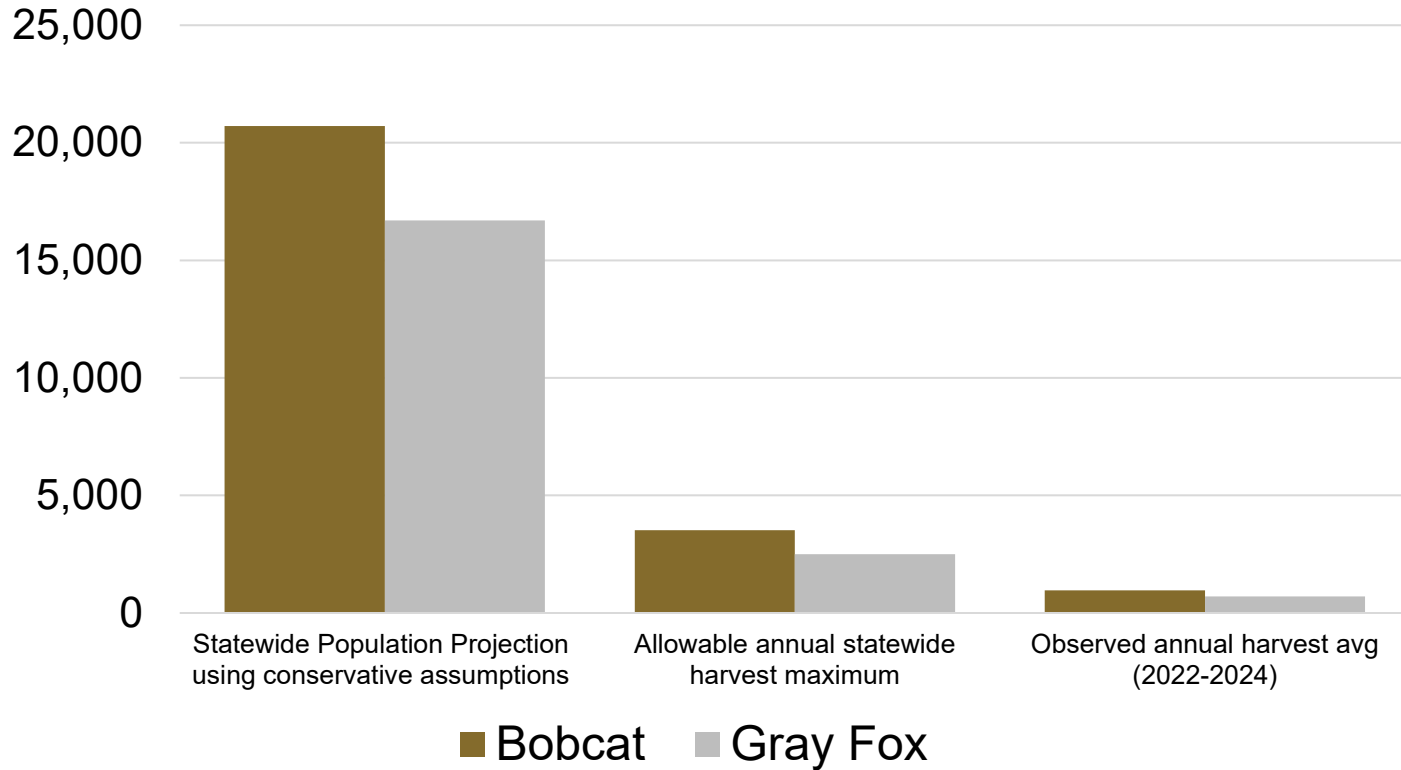
Beaver



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Bobcat and Gray Fox

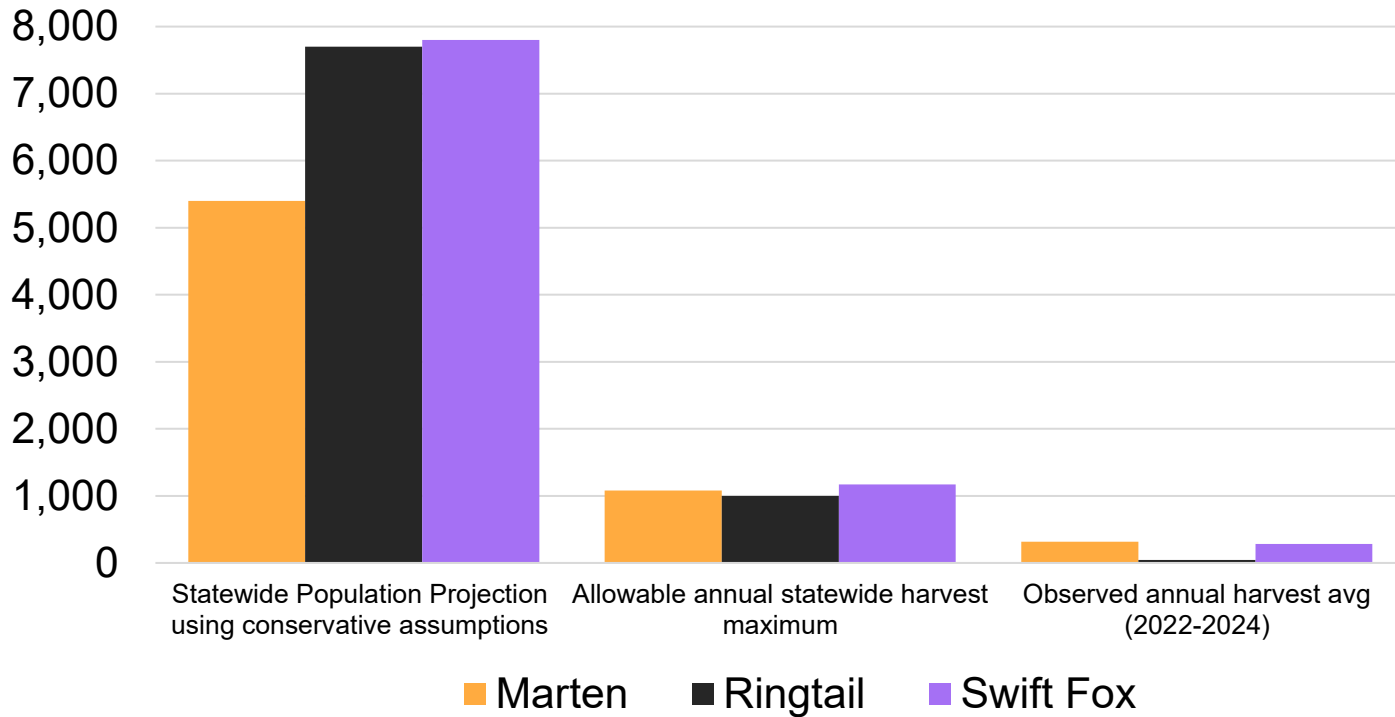


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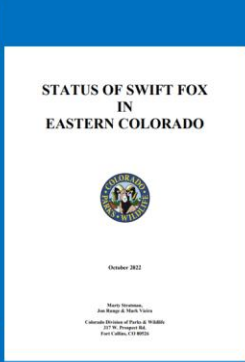
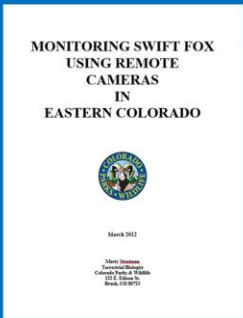
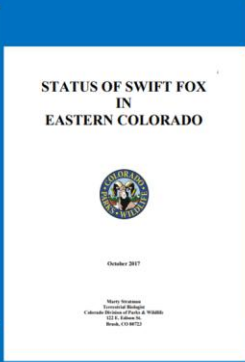
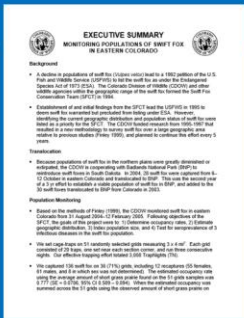
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Marten, Ringtailed-Cat and Swift Fox



Beaver Conservation and Management Strategy





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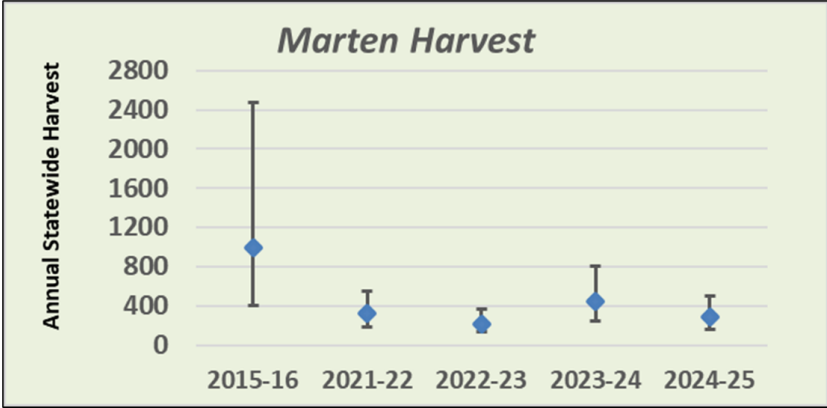
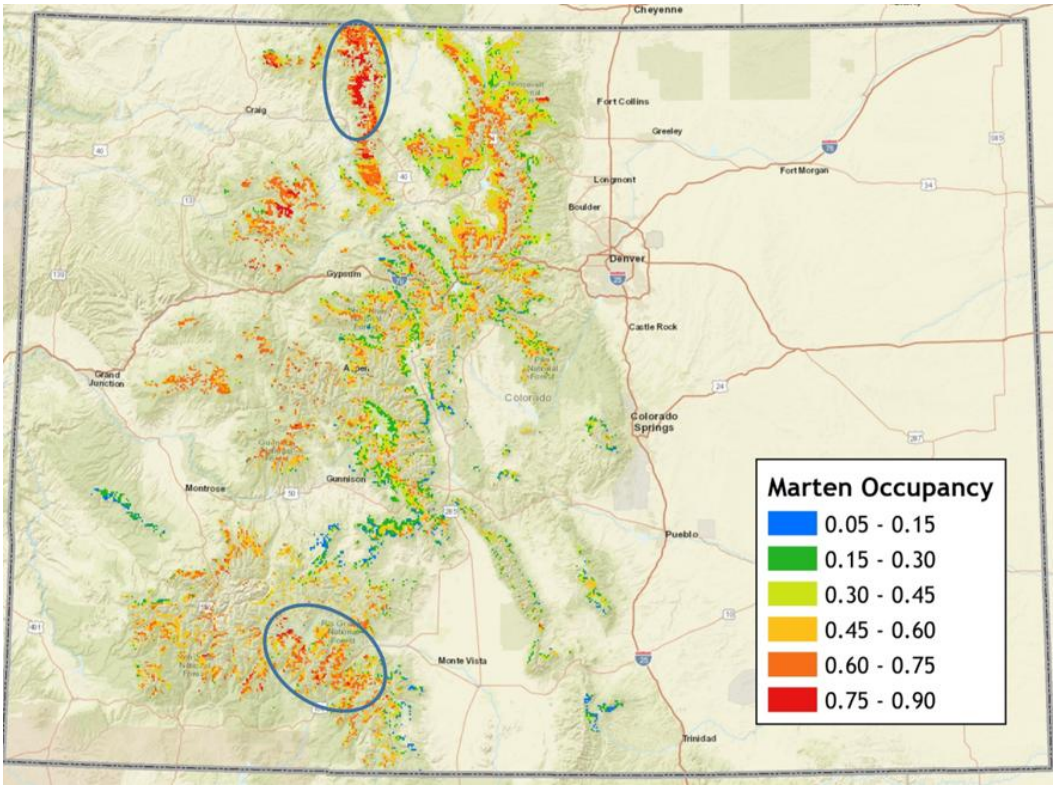
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Annual Mortality Density	Harvest Gender Composition	Harvest per Successful Unit Effort	Prey Abundance	CPW Manager Knowledge & Judgment



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CRS 33-1-101(1): "It is further declared to be the policy of this state that there shall be provided a comprehensive program designed to offer the greatest possible variety of wildlife related recreational opportunity to the people of this state and its visitors...."

CRS 33-1-104(2): "The commission shall establish objectives within the state policy, as set forth in section 33-1-101, which will enable the division to develop, manage, and maintain sound programs of hunting, fishing, trapping, and other wildlife-related outdoor recreational activities. Such objectives shall employ a multiple-use concept of management."

CRS 33-1-106(1): "...the commission shall have authority in this state, by appropriate rules and regulations, to: (a) Determine under what circumstances, when, in which localities, by what means, what sex of, and in what amounts and numbers the wildlife of this state may be taken and, further, to shorten, extend, or close seasons on any species of wildlife in any specific locality or the entire state when it finds after investigation that such action is necessary to assure maintenance of adequate populations of wildlife or to preserve the proper ecological balance of the environment."



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Daily Bag Limit Alternatives



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Daily Bag Limit Alternatives

First Alternative: Staff Preferred

- Daily bag limit of 15: Badger, bobcat, beaver, coyote, muskrat, striped skunk, western spotted skunk, raccoon, red fox, mink, opossum, pine marten, ring-tailed cat, gray fox, swift fox, long-tailed weasel, and short-tailed weasel.



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Section 33-6-107(9): “For the purposes of this section, any person, any member of such person's family, or any employee of the person may hunt, trap, or take black-billed magpies, common crows, starlings, English or house sparrows, common pigeons, **coyotes, bobcats, red foxes, raccoons,** jackrabbits, **badgers,** marmots, prairie dogs, pocket gophers, Richardson's ground squirrels, rock squirrels, thirteen-lined ground squirrels, porcupines, crayfish, tiger salamanders, **muskrats, beavers,** exotic wildlife, and common snapping turtles on lands owned or leased by the person without securing licenses to do so, but only **when such wildlife is causing damage to crops, real or personal property, or livestock.** Any person may kill **[striped and western spotted] skunks** or rattlesnakes when necessary to protect life or property. The pelts or hides of any mammals taken under this subsection (9) may be transferred, possessed, traded, bartered, or sold by a person who holds an appropriate small game license. ”

Section 33-3-103(1): “The state shall not be liable for: (a) Damage to livestock caused by **coyotes, bobcats,** or dogs. It is the intent of the general assembly that the division shall use whatever proper means are available **to effectively minimize depredation to livestock by coyotes and bobcats.**”

Daily Bag Limit Alternatives

Second Alternative:

- Bag limit of 8: Badger, bobcat, beaver, coyote, muskrat, striped skunk, western spotted skunk, raccoon, and red fox.
- Bag limit of 4: Mink, opossum, pine marten, ring-tailed cat, gray fox, swift fox, long-tailed weasel, and short-tailed weasel.



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Limit

Daily Bag Limit



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Summary

1. Compromise among stakeholders
2. Adherence to statutory directives
3. Prioritization of limited resources



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