



During the SNAMP Annual Meeting in October the Fisher Team presented a mid-2010-11 population year update on adult female survival. We pointed out that adult female survival as of October 2010 had been quite low compared to for the previous two years of the study, and, in response to a question, indicated that we had reported our observations of low adult female survival to both the Bass Lake Ranger District and to the Department of Fish and Game. Our purpose for reporting this observation to these MOU partners was to provide a “heads up” in the event that the trend for low adult female survival during population year should worsen. Several members of the public raised questions/concerns about the Fisher Team’s preliminary observation of low adult female survival as part of feedback from the meeting. One suggestion was that PPT and Fisher schedule a meeting during spring 2011 to discuss the preliminary data on relatively low adult female fisher survival, which might lead to recommendations on fisher management.

SNAMP Fisher is committed to sharing important preliminary data with the public and our MOU partners during the SNAMP Annual Meeting as well as during the Fisher Team Integration Meeting each July. Importantly, however, we feel it is neither necessary or appropriate to schedule a special spring meeting during 2011 focused solely on fisher survival for several reasons. Related to fisher life history and the timing of parturition, the population year begins April 1 and ends March 31, and we therefore cannot calculate a final annual estimate of adult female survival until after March 31, 2011. Second, as part of our yearly Fisher Team Integration Meeting, we will report on adult female survival for population year 2010-11 as part of the session on “Indicators for Fisher Management.” By waiting until July 2011, we will have the opportunity to fully assess the data and complete all necessary analyses prior to reporting these important data. Third, we will be presenting several talks/posters on the SNAMP Fisher Study during the upcoming 2011 Meeting of The Western Section of the Wildlife Society in Riverside California on February 9, 2011 (see web link for details on the conference: http://joomla.wildlife.org/Western/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=212&Itemid=324) . One of the scheduled talks will focus on a combined analysis of data on fisher survival from the SNAMP Fisher Study and the Kings River Fisher Study. The Powerpoint from this oral presentation as well as those for the posters will be uploaded to the SNAMP web site for public viewing/access within a week of the conference. Finally, we are actively working on a manuscript describing information on fisher survival and causes of mortality. Once completed, this manuscript will be submitted to the Journal of Wildlife Management for peer-review and eventual publication. This manuscript will include appropriate recommendations for management based on the results of the finalized analyses to this point in the study.