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B.C. Trapping  
Regulations  
Synopsis  
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**APPROVED TRAPS AND TRAP PARTS\***

- KILLING TRAPS**
1. Kania Trap
  2. Hanson Trap
  3. Submarine Trap
  4. Series 2 Woodstream Conibears
- HOLDING TRAPS**
1. Padded jaw leg-hold traps
  2. Live box traps
- TRAP PARTS**
1. Offset replacement jaws (for existing traps)
  2. #120 Woodstream Conibear springs and safety hooks
  3. Padded jaw and lever replacement parts
  4. Submarine trap supplies

\*Other traps and/or parts may be approved and added at a later date.

**APPLICATION FOR TRAPPER ASSISTANCE**

1. Trapper's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Trapper's Social Insurance Number \_\_\_\_\_

3. Provide copies of immediately past year's fur harvest with application. Only fur harvest receipts dated after July 1, 1985 will be accepted.

4. Submit applications to Minister's Trapping Advisory Committee, Ministry of Environment and Parks, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

**NOTE: APPLICATIONS MUST BE COMPLETE AND FUR HARVEST RECORDS SUBMITTED BEFORE ASSISTANCE WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE TRAPPING ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

**TRAPPER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ENDS MARCH 31, 1987.**

# BRITISH COLUMBIA TRAPPING



## REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS

### 1986-1987



Muskrat

*This is only a summary of the law.*

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WILDLIFE BRANCH,  
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Ministry of Environment and Parks

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### SCHEDULE A—REGIONS

The open seasons for trapping are now organized by wildlife management region.

The province is divided into eight regions for the purpose of wildlife management. Each region is subdivided into management units (M.U.'s) as follows:

- Region 1 — Vancouver Island—M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-15
- Region 2 — Lower Mainland—M.U.'s 2-1 to 2-15
- Region 3 — Thompson/Nicola—M.U.'s 3-12 to 3-20, 3-26 to 3-46
- Region 4 — Kootenay—M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40
- Region 5 — Cariboo—M.U.'s 5-1 to 5-15
- Region 6 — Skeena—M.U.'s 6-1 to 6-29
- Region 7 — Omineca/Peace—M.U.'s 7-1 to 7-56
- Region 8 — Okanagan—M.U.'s 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26

Trappers are required to obtain a Park Use Permit to trap that part of their trap-line occurring within a Provincial Park. The permit can be obtained for a fee of \$12.

### WILDLIFE BRANCH OFFICES

A brief listing is provided below. Refer to regional schedules for more information.

Headquarters—Wildlife Branch,

Ministry of Environment and Parks,  
Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

Regional Headquarters

Subregional Offices

- 1. Nanaimo
- 2. Surrey
- 3. Kamloops
- 4. Nelson
- 5. Prince George

Williams Lake-Penticton  
Cranbrook  
Fort St. John-Smithers

### DEFINITIONS

"leg-hold trap" means a trap or device, other than a snare, which is set in such a way as to capture the animal for which it is set by the leg or foot.

"fur-bearer" means any fox, badger, beaver, marten, fisher, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, land otter, sea otter, raccoon, skunk, red squirrel, weasel (ermine), wolverine, wolf, coyote and black bear.

"killing trap" means any trap or trapset that is designed to kill an animal.

"modified leg-hold trap" means a trap which has a space between the jaws of the trap when in a closed position or has manufactured pads made of a rubber-like substance fastened to the trap jaws.

"killing snare" means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the neck.

"foot snare" means a snare that is designed to capture the animal for which it is set by the foot or leg.



### COIL SPRING CUSHION HOLD TRAP

#### BRITISH COLUMBIA TRAPPER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The purpose of the Trapper Assistance Program is to provide funds for assistance to individual trappers for some of the costs associated with the purpose of approved manufactured humane traps.

#### CRITERIA FOR TRAPPER ASSISTANCE

Trappers wishing to obtain assistance in obtaining humane traps must provide the following information.

1. Social Insurance Number.
2. Full name and address.
3. Provide immediately past year's (July 1, 1985 to June 30, 1986) fur harvest or production—this can be in the form of:
  - (a) copy of trapper report to Ministry office
  - (b) receipts from a fur buyer or auction
  - (c) copies of fur royalty export permits
  - (d) letter from auction or fur buyer itemizing number and species bought.
4. All trappers restricted to \$500.00 maximum assistance (*see Assistance Schedule below*) over entire period of program.
5. All trappers must obtain prior approval before buying approved traps or trap parts.
6. Assistance payments (limited to annual allotment) will only be issued to a trapper who complies with the above criteria and who supplies the Trapping Advisory Committee with an itemized receipt of the traps or trap parts that they have bought.

#### ASSISTANCE SCHEDULE

Assistance will be governed by fur production each year (to the \$500.00 maximum limit) based on 5% of the year's fur harvest (after \$1,000) as illustrated below:

Trappers Fur Harvest in Dollars (\$)	Assistance (\$) including tax
0-999	nil
1,000	50
2,000	100
3,000	150
4,000	200
5,000	250
6,000	300
7,000	350
8,000	400
9,000	450
10,000	500

## REGULATIONS

Major changes in this year's regulations are shown in colour, in the following pages.

These regulations apply to all ungranted Crown land in the Province.

1. A person commits an offence where he sets a trap for, hunts, kills, takes or captures a fur-bearing animal in an area of the Province unless he is:
  - (a) the registered holder of the trap-line for that area, or
  - (b) authorized by the regulations or a permit.

2. Registration of a trap-line on Crown land may only be granted to a person 19 years of age or older who is a citizen of Canada or has the status of a permanent resident of Canada.

No more than one trap-line shall be registered to a person. Registration of a trap-line does not:

- (a) give the holder of a trap-line any proprietary rights in wildlife, or
- (b) restrict the rights of another person:
  - (i) to hunt, or
  - (ii) to capture wildlife where authorized by regulations or a permit.

3. A person who knowingly damages or interferes with a lawfully set trap commits an offence.

4. A person who leaves a trap set after the last day of the open season for the trapping of fur-bearing animals commits an offence.

5. The boundaries of a registered trap-line are defined by the Regional Manager. The relinquishment or transfer of a trap-line must be approved by the Regional Manager.

6. No person shall continue to hold a registered trap-line unless he is in possession of a valid licence to trap and either

- (a) carries on active trapping on his registered trap-line to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager.
- (b) obtains permission from the Regional Manager to temporarily discontinue the active use or partially discontinue the use of his registered trap-line for a period not exceeding 2 years.

7. Where the holder of a registered trap-line fails to

- (a) renew his licence, or
  - (b) use his trap-line,
- the Regional Manager shall cancel the registration of his trap-line.

A person fails to use his trap-line, where within a year he fails to take from the trap-line

- (a) fur-bearing animals of a value of \$200, or
- (b) 50 pelts,

except where it is unreasonable to expect that value of animals or pelts to be harvested from the trap-line.

## SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

### SCHEDULE C

#### Region 1

**Wolverine**—No open season on Vancouver Island.

#### Region 2

**Wolf**—2-1 to 2-4, 2-6 to 2-11 — No open season.

#### Region 3

**Beaver, Land Otter, Muskrat**—3-16, 3-17, 3-27 to 3-46 — October 15 to April 30.

**Wolf**—3-28 to 3-31, 3-38 to 3-41 — November 1 to February 15.

#### Region 4

**Coyote**—4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-40 — October 15 to February 28.

**Beaver**—4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34, 4-35—November 1 to April 30. 4-36 to 4-40 — October 15 to April 30.

**Fisher**—4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-35 — No open season.

**Wolf**—4-1, 4-6 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-19, 4-23, 4-27 to 4-33 — No open season

**Muskrat**—4-1, 4-34, 4-35 — November 1 to April 30. 4-36 to 4-40 — October 15 to April 30.

**Land Otter**—4-36 to 4-40 — October 15 to April 30.

**Black Bear**—4-36 to 4-40 — October 15 to May 15

#### Region 5

**Beaver, Land Otter, Muskrat, Squirrel**—5-7 to 5-9, 5-11 — November 15 to February 28.

**Mink, Weasel, Wolverine, Marten, Fisher, Bobcat, Raccoon, Skunk, Fox**—5-7 to 5-9, 5-11 — November 15 to February 15.

#### Region 6

**Wolf**—6-3, 6-11, 6-14 — November 15 to February 15. 6-12, 6-13 — No open season.

**Weasel**—6-12, 6-13 — No open season. 6-3, 6-14 — November 15 to February 15.

**Beaver, Land Otter, Muskrat**—6-12, 6-13 — November 15 to April 30. 6-19 to 6-29 — October 1 to May 31. 6-3, 6-11, 6-14 — November 15 to February 15.

**Squirrel**—6-3, 6-11 to 6-14 — November 15 to February 28.

**Mink, Weasel, Wolverine, Marten, Fisher, Bobcat, Raccoon, Skunk, Fox, Coyote** — 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14 — November 15 to February 15.

**Black Bear** — 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14 — October 15 to May 15. There is no open season on the white (Kermode) or blue (Glacier) colour phases of black bear anywhere in the Region.

**Lynx**—6-16 to 6-29 — November 1 to February 28.

#### Region 7

**Beaver, Land Otter, Muskrat**—7-42, 7-47 to 7-56 — October 1 to May 31.

**Lynx**—7-42, 7-47 to 7-56 — November 1 to February 28.

### COMPULSORY REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Any wolf taken by trapping on Vancouver Island and any bobcat, lynx and wolverine taken by trapping in Kootenay Region must be submitted for inspection to an official of the Ministry of Environment and Parks for the purpose of collecting information required for management of these species.

Reporting must occur on a monthly basis (e.g., end of each month).

Information required for compulsory inspection includes:

- the location where the animal was trapped
- the date the animal was killed
- the number of traps used and days set before the animal was killed
- the sex of the animal
- a tooth from all bobcat and lynx taken in Kootenay Region.

Note: gloves should be worn while handling wolf carcasses as a precaution against contracting hydatid disease.



### SCHEDULE B— OPEN SEASONS

The open season for trapping of each species of fur-bearing animals in each region during each year (all dates inclusive) is indicated in the accompanying table (Schedule B).

Where seasons in Schedule B do not apply to the entire region, they are marked by an asterisk (\*), and these seasons, with descriptions of the periods and management units involved, are contained in Schedule C.

Region	Beaver Land Otter Muskrat	Squirrel	Wolverine Marten Fisher Mink Weasel	Bobcat Raccoon Skunk Fox Coyote	Lynx	Black Bear	Wolf
1	Nov. 15–Feb. 28*	Nov. 15–Feb. 28	Nov. 15–Feb. 15*	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	No open season	Nov. 1–Apr. 30
2	Nov. 15–Feb. 28	Nov. 15–Feb. 28	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	No open season	Nov. 1–Feb. 15*
3	Nov. 1–Apr. 15*	Nov. 1–Mar. 15	Nov. 1–Feb. 15	Nov. 1–Feb. 15	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	No open season	No open season*
4	Nov. 1–Apr. 15*	Nov. 1–Mar. 15	Nov. 1–Feb. 15*	Nov. 1–Feb. 15*	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	No open season	Nov. 1–Feb. 15*
5	Oct. 15–Apr. 30*	Nov. 1–Mar. 15*	Nov. 1–Feb. 15*	Nov. 15–Feb. 15*	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	Oct. 15–May 15	Nov. 1–Feb. 15
6	Oct. 15–May 24*	Nov. 1–Mar. 31*	Nov. 1–Feb. 28*	Nov. 1–Feb. 28*	Nov. 15–Feb. 15*	Oct. 15–May 31*	Nov. 1–Feb. 28*
7	Oct. 15–May 24*	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	Nov. 15–Feb. 15*	Oct. 15–May 31	Nov. 1–Feb. 28
8	Nov. 1–Apr. 15	Nov. 1–Mar. 15	Nov. 1–Feb. 15	Nov. 1–Feb. 15	Nov. 15–Feb. 15	Oct. 15–May 15	No open season



## TRAPPING REGULATIONS

1. A person commits an offence where he traps unless he
  - (a) has held a trapping licence prior to August 1, 1983,
  - (b) is authorized to trap, or
  - (c) has completed a trapper education course which is approved by the director.
2. A person commits an offence where he
  - (a) uses a leg-hold trap (except a leg-hold trap designed for wolves) which is fastened solidly, if there is more than 30 cm of chain between the trap and where it is fastened,
  - (b) uses a leg-hold trap designed to trap wolves which is fastened solidly, if there is more than 60 cm of chain between the trap and where it is fastened,
  - (c) traps beaver, otter, mink or muskrat on land by means of a leg-hold trap, unless the trap is equipped with a submerging device,
  - (d) uses a leg-hold trap which has teeth or other projections on the jaws of the trap,
  - (e) uses a killing snare on land unless the snare is:
    - (i) equipped with a locking device or,
    - (ii) designed to catch squirrels,
  - (f) traps a wolverine, marten, fisher, weasel, skunk, squirrel or raccoon except by means of a killing trap or a live box trap,
  - (g) sets spring poles or running poles unless they are equipped with a killing trap,
  - (h) uses a trap equipped with a spearing device,
  - (i) traps, hunts, kills or takes a black bear, except by the use of a rifle, shotgun, or bow,
  - (j) traps a wolf, fox, coyote, lynx or bobcat, except by means of a killing trap, a modified leg-hold trap, a live box trap or a foot snare, or
  - (k) uses a snare made of wire heavier than 20 gauge unless licensed or authorized to trap.
3. (1) A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap commits an offence unless he examines the holding or non-killing traps he has set on his trap-line at least once every 72 hours.
- (2) A holder of a licence, permit or other authorization to trap on private property commits an offence unless he examines the holding or non-killing traps he has set on private property at least once every 24 hours.
4. A person who traps within 200 m of a dwelling commits an offence unless he is using,
  - (a) if the trap is set on land, a live box trap, or
  - (b) if the trap is set on or in water,
    - (i) a Conibeare trap not larger than size No. 330, or equivalent,
    - (ii) leg-hold traps not larger than size No. 2, or
    - (iii) submarine traps.

## FUR TRADING REGULATIONS

1. Licensed fur traders must submit a full and complete return of all wildlife that has been or is in his possession for each calendar month, within 30 days of the last day of the month to which the report relates. A Fur Trader's Return Form is provided for that purpose.
2. The Assigned Trapper Number of every trapper from whom furs are received (except furs taken under a hunting licence, permit or on a reserve) must be recorded on the monthly return beginning Oct. 1, 1985.

## FUR ROYALTIES

- (1) Where a person in possession of a pelt or skin of a fur-bearing animal not raised in captivity on which a royalty has not already been paid under this section, fails to pay to the Minister of Finance royalty on each pelt and skin in his possession, as prescribed by regulation, he commits an offence.
- (2) Section (1) above does not apply to the holder of a trapping licence, or a person exempted from holding a trapping licence when selling pelts, lawfully taken by him, to the holder of a fur trader's licence.

A person who kills a fur-bearing animal under the authority of a licence to hunt wildlife is exempt from paying a royalty in relation to the pelt or skin of that animal, unless he intends to offer the pelt or skin for sale.

### SCHEDULE OF ROYALTIES

(a) On each beaver .....	0.76
(b) On each bobcat .....	4.18
(c) On each coyote .....	1.82
(d) On each fisher .....	4.48
(e) On each fox .....	1.79
(f) On each lynx .....	10.60
(g) On each marten .....	1.31
(h) On each mink .....	0.87
(i) On each muskrat .....	0.14
(j) On each otter .....	1.66
(k) On each raccoon .....	0.70
(l) On each skunk .....	0.10
(m) On each squirrel .....	0.04
(n) On each weasel .....	0.05
(o) On each wolf .....	2.79
(p) On each wolverine .....	6.13
(q) On each black bear .....	1.50

### LICENCE FEES

The fees payable for the issuance of a trapping licence shall be:

- (1) For a trapping licence issued to a resident in the Province to trap game ..... 13.00\*
- (2) For a duplicate licence issued to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his trapping licence has been lost or destroyed ..... 4.00

Trapping licences shall be valid from the date of issuance to June 30 following.

\*Includes \$3.00 impost for Habitat Conservation Fund.



## ADVISORY SECTION

Wildlife Branch reserves the right to remove nuisance animals from Crown land, whether or not the Crown land in question is under a trap-line registration.

Registered trap-line tenure within Provincial parks is subject to the provisions of the *Park Act* and Park Regulations.

Trapping within ecological reserves is prohibited.

You are reminded that under sections 231 and 402 of the *Criminal Code* of Canada it is an offence for anyone to wilfully cause or permit to be caused unnecessary pain, suffering, or injury to an animal or injury to any person.

As approved humane traps become available, trapping regulations restricting or prohibiting the use of certain other traps in the capture of various animals, will be brought into effect.

Any raw pelt or skin of a fur-bearing animal shipped out of the Province must be accompanied by a Royalty Fur Export Permit.

Any trapper accidentally capturing a weasel on the Queen Charlotte Islands (M.U.'s 6-12 and 6-13) is requested to forward such weasels to the Ministry of Environment and Parks Office.

### MODIFICATION OF LEG-HOLD TRAPS

A modified leg-hold trap is a leg-hold trap with padded or offset jaws.

Trappers can modify existing leg-hold traps to comply with the trapping regulations. Standard coil spring or long-spring can be modified by the following methods:

1. The jaws may be ground to allow a  $\frac{1}{16}$  to  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch space between the jaws when close, or
2. A type of shim may be fastened between the jaws (near the sides of the jaws) causing the trap to remain open  $\frac{1}{16}$  to  $\frac{1}{32}$  inch when in the "closed" position.

Various wolf trapping sets are illustrated in the Canadian Trappers' Manual on pages 7, 7A and 7B.

Some existing leg-hold traps may be modified by replacing standard jaws with offset jaws or padded jaws and replacement level. Replacement levers are required with padded jaws as standard levers will not close the trap properly.

### MESSAGE TO THE TRAPPER

Beginning October 1, 1985 the ASSIGNED TRAPPER NUMBER (A.T.N.) is required by the Fur Trader when exporting fur, paying fur royalties and when selling fur.

Please remember to write your A.T.N. on a slip of paper or letter when shipping your fur to a fur trader. This will prevent delays in getting your furs to market and cash returns to you.

If you lose the ASSIGNED TRAPPER NUMBER CARD, please contact the address below for a duplicate:

FUR SECTION  
Wildlife Branch  
Parliament Buildings  
Victoria, B.C.  
V8W 2Y9

NOTE: Fur traders cannot ship or sell your fur without recording your A.T.N.