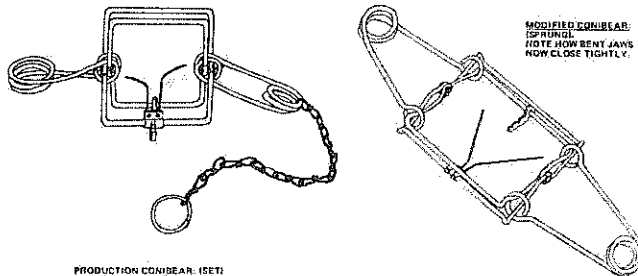


# INSTRUCTIONS FOR MODIFICATION OF CONIBEAR TRAPS

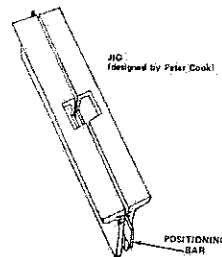
(Models #220 and #330 only)

Jaws of Model #220 Conibear traps should be bent  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch, while jaws of Model #330 Conibear traps should be bent  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch.

- This modification:
- takes under 5 minutes per trap
  - increases speed and humaneness of kill
  - decreases size of trap - gives better strike location, surer catch
  - by hastening speed of kill, pelt is not rubbed by possible struggling of animal
  - in #220, #120 models, ensures greater ease of handling, as springs do not jump around corner of trap frame.
  - is recommended by the Ontario Trappers' Association, especially for racoon, marten, fisher, beaver and otter.



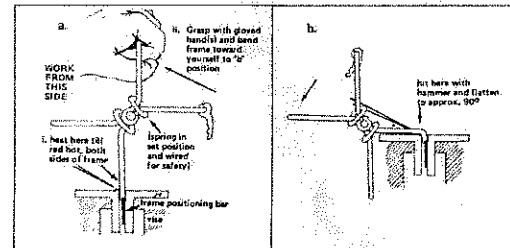
- Equipment needed**
- Vise
  - Jig (supplied on request by CAHT as funds allow)
  - heavy gloves
  - Welder's acetylene torch (butane torch not powerful enough)
  - hammer
  - wire (for wiring springs in 'set' position)



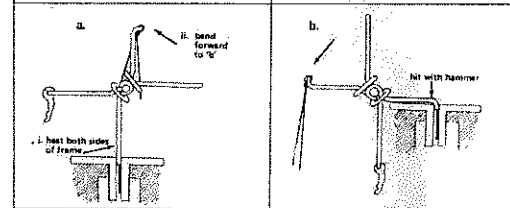
### Instructions

1. Before you start, study diagrams and read this carefully
2. Wire springs in set position for safety and convenience of handling
3. #330 - when bending jaw with trigger dog, push dog up to side of trap frame, and lodge above area to be bent
4. Check that frame positioning bar on jig is in correct place for trap being modified
5. Put jig in vise
6. Put trap in jig, and close vise tightly;
7. DO CHECK POSITION OF TRAP BEFORE BENDING EACH JAW!!!!

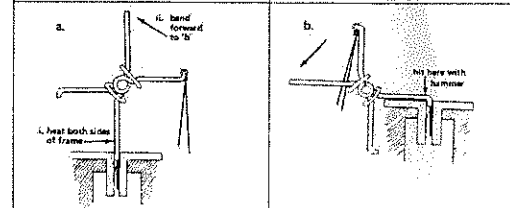
Step 1.  
Diagrams drawn from side view. Position of operator is to left of Diagrams



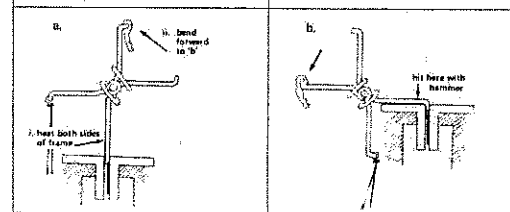
Step 2.  
Change position of trap as shown. Follow instructions as in Step 1.



Step 3.  
TAKING CARE TO POSITION TRAP AS SHOWN, follow instructions as in Step 1. (Note position of trigger).



Step 4.  
Change position of trap as shown, follow instructions as in Step 1.

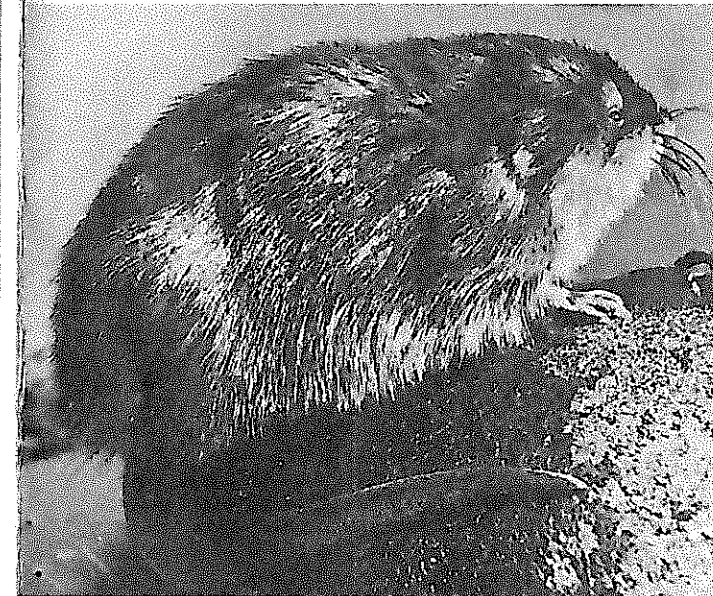


# BRITISH COLUMBIA TRAPPING



## REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS

### 1979-1980



Muskrat

This is only a summary of the law.

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Ministry of Environment

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### SCHEDULE A—ZONES

The five trapping zones, based on broad climatic conditions, are basically the same as for previous years. However, they have been redescribed using the new "Management Units" as given below:

For the purpose of these regulations:

1. The Management Units (abbreviated to M.U. or M.U.'s hereinafter) shall be those set out in B.C. Reg. 415/75.

2. The Province shall be divided into five zones as follows:

"Zone 1" shall mean and include Management Units 1-1, 1-2, 1-3, 1-4, 1-5, 1-6, 1-7, 1-8, 1-9, 1-10, 1-11, 1-12, 1-13, 1-14, 1-15  
2-1, 2-2, 2-3, 2-4, 2-5, 2-6, 2-7, 2-8, 2-9, 2-10, 2-11, 2-12, 2-13, 2-14, 2-15  
5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-11  
6-3, 6-11, 6-12, 6-13, 6-14

"Zone 2" shall mean and include Management Units 3-1, 3-2, 3-3, 3-4, 3-5, 3-6, 3-7, 3-8, 3-9, 3-10, 3-11, 3-12, 3-13, 3-14, 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-21, 3-22, 3-23, 3-24, 3-25, 3-26  
4-1, 4-2, 4-3, 4-4, 4-5, 4-6, 4-7, 4-8, 4-9, 4-10, 4-11, 4-12, 4-13, 4-14, 4-15, 4-16, 4-17, 4-18, 4-19, 4-20, 4-21, 4-22, 4-23, 4-24, 4-25, 4-26, 4-27, 4-28, 4-29, 4-30, 4-31, 4-32, 4-33, 4-34, 4-35

"Zone 3" shall mean and include Management Units 3-16, 3-17, 3-27, 3-28, 3-29, 3-30, 3-31, 3-32, 3-33, 3-34, 3-35, 3-36, 3-37, 3-38, 3-39, 3-40, 3-41, 3-42, 3-43, 3-44, 3-45, 3-46  
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"Zone 4" shall mean and include Management Units 6-1, 6-2, 6-4, 6-5, 6-6, 6-7, 6-8, 6-9, 6-10, 6-15, 6-16, 6-17A, 6-17B, 6-18  
7-1, 7-2, 7-3, 7-4, 7-5, 7-6, 7-7, 7-8, 7-9, 7-10, 7-11, 7-12, 7-13, 7-14, 7-15, 7-16, 7-17, 7-18, 7-19, 7-20, 7-21, 7-22, 7-23, 7-24, 7-25, 7-26, 7-27, 7-28, 7-29, 7-30, 7-31, 7-32, 7-33, 7-34, 7-35, 7-36, 7-37, 7-38, 7-39, 7-40, 7-41, 7-43, 7-44, 7-45, 7-46

"Zone 5" shall mean and include Management Units 6-19, 6-20, 6-21, 6-22, 6-23, 6-24, 6-25, 6-26, 6-27, 6-28, 6-29  
7-42, 7-47, 7-48, 7-49, 7-50, 7-51, 7-52, 7-53, 7-54, 7-55, 7-56

## FISH AND WILDLIFE BRANCH OFFICES

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

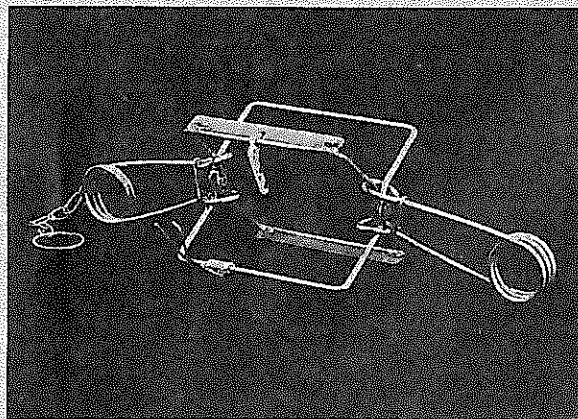
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| Regional Headquarters | Subregional Offices |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Nanaimo            |                     |
| 2. Burnaby            |                     |
| 3. Kamloops           | Penticton           |
| 4. Nelson             | Cranbrook           |
| 5. Williams Lake      |                     |
| 6. Smithers           |                     |
| 7. Prince George      | Fort St. John       |

### B.C. Trappers Association CONIBEAR TRAP MODIFICATION

This striker bar modification causes a greater clamping force which increases the speed and humaneness of kill.

The modification is recommended by the B.C. Trappers Association and the Ministry of Environment.



#### Instructions for Installing Striker Bar

1. All striker bar material is  $\frac{1}{8}$ " thick.
2. The bar on the trigger side of the jaw must have an opening to allow trigger operation as shown.
3. Striker bar should be welded to trap as shown.
4. Striker bar should just bypass the underside of opposite jaw when trap is in sprung position or closed.
5. Sizes of bar are:

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Conibear #120 (or #110) | $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{2}$ " x $\frac{1}{8}$ " |
| Conibear #220           | $6\frac{7}{8}$ " x $\frac{3}{4}$ " x $\frac{1}{8}$ " |
| Conibear #330           | $9\frac{1}{4}$ " x $1$ " x $\frac{1}{8}$ "           |

## REGULATIONS COVERING THE REGISTRATION OF TRAP-LINES

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

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

1. Registration of a trap-line, after January 1, 1975, shall only be granted to one or more residents of the Province who are Canadian citizens 18 years of age or over, provided no persons or groups of persons shall hold more than one registered trap-line at one time and,

(a) where as of January 1, 1975, the holder of a registered trap-line is a resident alien eligible for Canadian citizenship, he shall establish Canadian citizenship on or before September 30, 1975, to retain and re-register a trap-line; or

(b) where the holder of a registered trap-line is a resident alien not yet eligible for Canadian citizenship, because of the waiting period required, he shall, to retain a registration to a trap-line, file with the Director on or before September 30, 1975, a notarized affidavit that he has applied for Canadian citizenship, including the date citizenship is expected to be granted, whereupon the Director may approve the trap-line registration.

2. The boundaries of a registered trap-line shall be defined by the Director or his authorized agent.

3. (a) A trap-line registration shall expire on June 30 following date of registration.

(b) The holder of a registered trap-line must, between July 1 and September 30 each year, re-register his trap-line in order to retain registration.

4. 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 Director or his authorized agent; or

(b) obtains permission from the Director or his authorized agent to temporarily discontinue the active use or partially discontinue the use of his registered trap-line.

5. No person shall trap within the boundaries of a trap-line registered under these regulations unless

(a) he is the registered holder of that trap-line; or  
(b) he is authorized by permit to do so by the Director or his authorized agent.

### 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, and coyote.

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

# SPECIAL RESTRICTIONS

## SCHEDULE C

This schedule contains descriptions of closures and open seasons in portions of zones as indicated by asterisks in Schedule B.

### Zone 1

**Wolverine**—There shall be no open season on wolverine in Vancouver Island.

**Land otter**—In Vancouver Island the open season on land otter shall be from December 1 to March 15.

**Beaver**—In Vancouver Island the open season on beaver shall be from December 1 to April 15.

**Wolf**—In Management Units 6-3, 6-11, 6-12, 6-13, and 6-14 the open season on wolf shall be from November 14 to March 31.

**Wolf**—In Management Units 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, and 5-11 the open season on wolf shall be from November 1 to February 28.

**Coyote**—In Management Units 5-7, 5-8, 5-9 and 5-11 the open season on Coyote shall be from November 1 to February 28.

### Zone 2

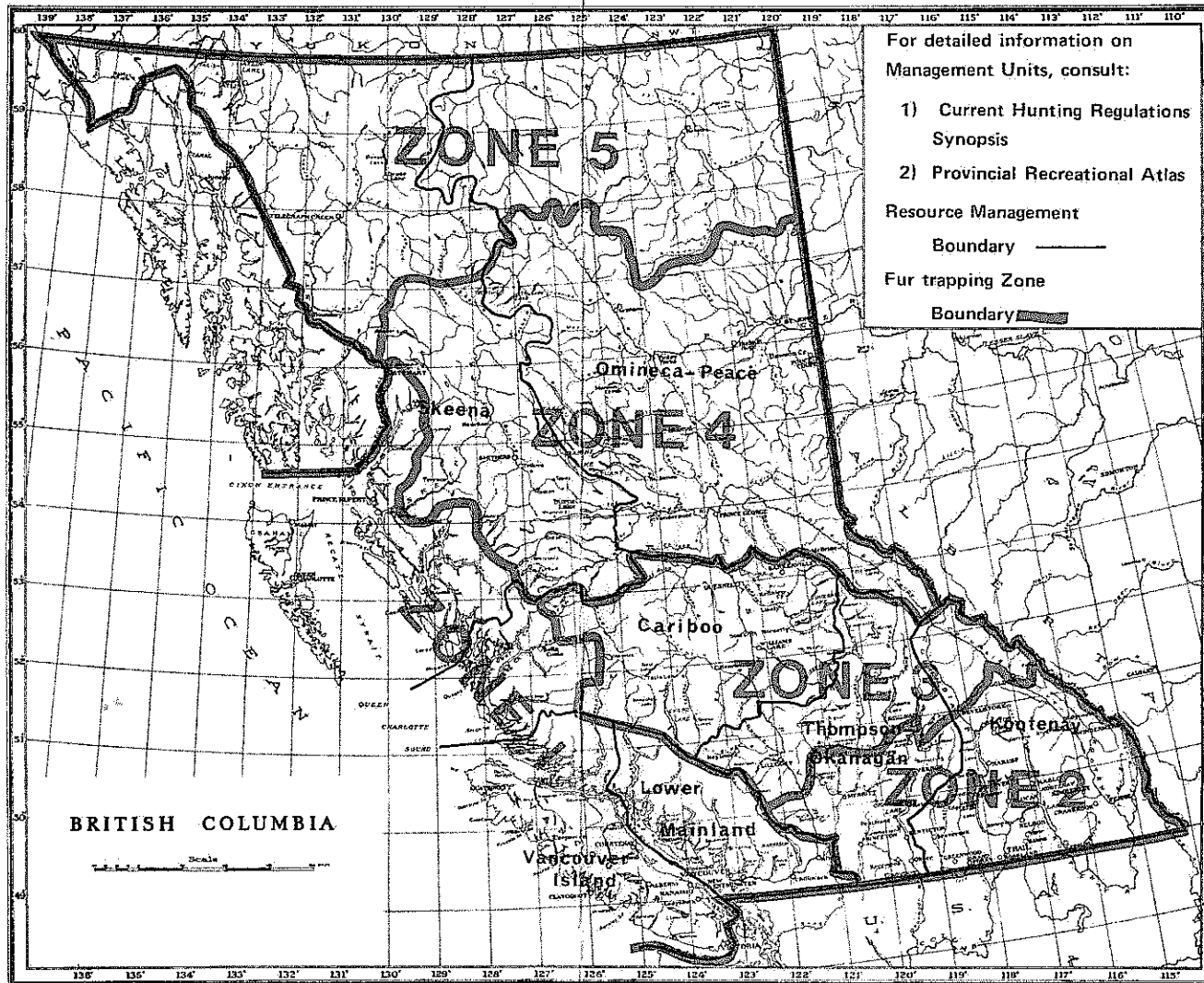
**Beaver**—In Management Units 4-1, 4-34 and 4-35 the open season on beaver shall be from November 1 to April 30.

**Muskrat**—In Management Units 4-1, 4-34 and 4-35 the open season on muskrat shall be from November 1 to April 30.

### Zone 3

**Coyote**—In Management Units 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 and 5-12 to 5-16 inclusive, the open season on coyote shall be from November 1 to February 28.

**Wolf**—In Management Units 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 and 5-12 to 5-16, inclusive, the open season on wolf shall be from November 1 to February 28.



For detailed information on Management Units, consult:

- 1) Current Hunting Regulations Synopsis
- 2) Provincial Recreational Atlas

Resource Management

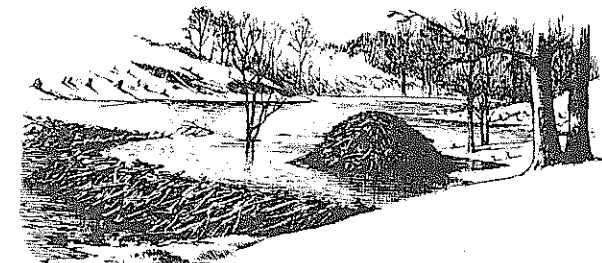
Boundary ———

Fur trapping Zone

Boundary ———

**SCHEDULE B—** The open season for trapping of each species of fur-bearing animals in each zone during each year (all dates inclusive) shall be as indicated in the accompanying table (Schedule B).

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

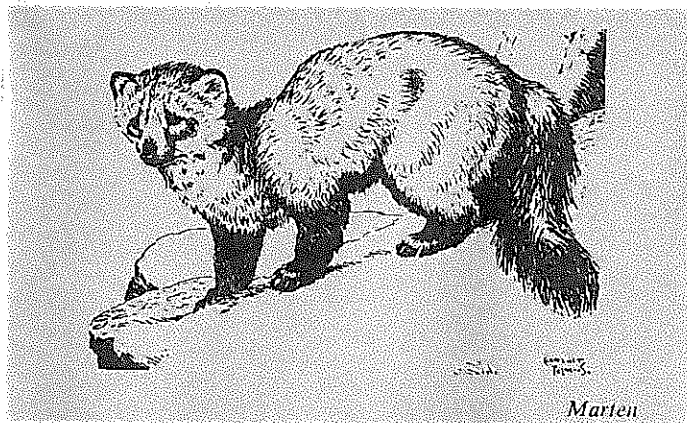


BEAVER POND and DAM in winter.

| Zone   | Beaver              | Land Otter          | Muskrat             | Fox                 | Marten             | Fisher             | Mink               | Squirrel           | Weasel             | Wolverine           | Lynx               | Bobcat             | Raccoon and Skunk  | Badger and Sea Otter | Wolf               | Coyote              |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Zone 1 | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28* | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28* | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28  | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28* | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28* | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Dec. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | No open season       | No open season*    | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31  |
| Zone 2 | Nov. 1—<br>Apr. 15* | Nov. 1—<br>Apr. 15  | Nov. 1—<br>Apr. 15* | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28  | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28  | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | No open season       | No open season     | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31  |
| Zone 3 | Oct. 15—<br>Apr. 30 | Oct. 15—<br>Apr. 30 | Oct. 15—<br>Apr. 30 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28  | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28  | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | Nov. 1—<br>Feb. 28 | No open season       | No open season*    | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31* |
| Zone 4 | Oct. 15—<br>May 24  | Oct. 15—<br>May 24  | Oct. 15—<br>May 24  | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31  | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31  | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | No open season       | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31  |
| Zone 5 | Oct. 15—<br>May 31  | Oct. 15—<br>May 31  | Oct. 15—<br>May 31  | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31  | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31  | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | No open season       | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31 | Nov. 1—<br>Mar. 31  |

## OTHER REGULATIONS

- (1) Every holder of a licence or permit to trap fur-bearing animals shall, before September 30 of each year, deliver to the local Conservation Officer, on a form prescribed by the Director, an inventory of the number and kind of fur-bearers trapped by him and a list of the fur-traders and (or) fur markets to which he sold fur.
- (2) No person shall
  - (a) use leg-hold traps with chain length in excess of 30 centimetres (12 inches);
  - (b) use leg-hold traps of a smaller size than Number One as defined by the manufacturer in the taking of fur-bearing animals unless such traps are so set as to submerge the animal for which they are set;
  - (c) use leg-hold traps in the taking of beaver or otter on land unless such traps are equipped and used with a submerging device involving a sliding lock;
  - (d) use leg-hold traps having teeth or projections on the jaws thereof;
  - (e) be issued a trapping licence until such person has shown proof to the satisfaction of the Director or his authorized agent in that he
    - (i) has been the holder of a previous licence to trap; or
    - (ii) has completed an approved trappers' education course.
- (3) Every holder of a registered trap-line shall examine the holding or nonkilling traps or trapsets he has set on his trap-line at least once in every 72 hours.
- (4) Every holder of a licence or permit to trap on private property shall examine the holding or nonkilling traps or trapsets he has set on private property at least once in every 24 hours or more often.
- (5) No person shall use a trap other than a killing trap in the trapping of wolves.
- (6) Every holder of a valid hunting licence who kills a fur-bearing animal is exempt from paying the prescribed royalty unless he offers the pelt for sale.
- (7) No person except a licenced trapper shall disturb, molest, or destroy a muskrat or beaver house or dam.
- (8) Other than a snare used to capture a squirrel, no person shall use a snare on land unless the snare is equipped with a locking device.
- (9) No person shall set spring-poles equipped with a leg-hold trap.



Marten

Every person in possession of a raw pelt or skin of a fur-bearing animal not raised in captivity shall pay to Her Majesty in right of the Province a royalty on each pelt or skin in the amount prescribed in the following schedule, to become effective July 1, 1978:

### SCHEDULE OF ROYALTIES

|                             |        |
|-----------------------------|--------|
| (a) On each beaver .....    | \$0.61 |
| (b) On each bobcat .....    | 2.43   |
| (c) On each coyote .....    | 1.42   |
| (d) On each fisher .....    | 2.19   |
| (e) On each fox .....       | 1.50   |
| (f) On each lynx .....      | 5.41   |
| (g) On each marten .....    | 0.51   |
| (h) On each mink .....      | 0.49   |
| (i) On each muskrat .....   | 0.10   |
| (j) On each otter .....     | 1.73   |
| (k) On each raccoon .....   | 0.55   |
| (l) On each skunk .....     | 0.05   |
| (m) On each squirrel .....  | 0.03   |
| (n) On each weasel .....    | 0.03   |
| (o) On each wolf .....      | 1.75   |
| (p) On each wolverine ..... | 4.12   |

### 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.....\$5.00
- (2) For a duplicate licence issued to a person who, upon satisfactory proof, shows that his trapping licence has been lost or destroyed.....\$2.00

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

## ADVISORY SECTION

The Fish and Wildlife Branch reserves the right to remove nuisance animals from Crown land, whether or not the Crown land in question is under 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.

### TRAPPERS' CODE OF ETHICS

The Fish and Wildlife Branch and the B.C. Trappers Association acknowledge and support the Canadian Trappers Federation code of ethics:

- (1) There shall be no teeth on traps.
- (2) Only quick kill devices shall be used to trap raccoon, marten, fisher, squirrel, weasel, skunk, and aquatic species when immersion sets are not used.
- (3) Leghold traps, when attached to a solid anchor, shall have no more than 8" of free play on the chain.
- (4) A slide lock shall be used on all leghold traps set with a slide wire from land to deep water. (With the exception of muskrats.)
- (5) Snares set on land must be equipped with sufficient locking devices. (Exceptions for squirrel and rabbit.)
- (6) Leghold traps shall not be used as holding traps in trees, on running poles or with a spring pole, where a practical alternative is available.
- (7) Only leg snares and cage traps, or shooting shall be used for the taking of bear.
- (8) Holding devices set on Registered traplines and traplines in remote areas shall be checked at least every 72 hours. (With exceptions in extreme circumstances.)
- (9) Holding devices on all other than Registered, or remote traplines shall be checked at least every 24 hours.
- (10) Poison baits shall not be used.
- (11) Dispose properly of the carcasses of all trapped animals.
- (12) Report any sign of abnormal behaviour or disease in animals to the proper authorities.
- (13) Teach new trappers proper conservation and harvesting methods. Support trappers' associations and trapper education programmes.
- (14) Respect the property of others.