

APPROVED TRAPS AND TRAP PARTS*

KILLING TRAPS

1. Kania Trap
2. Hanson Trap
3. Submarine Trap
4. Series 2 Woodstream Conibears
5. Series 3 Woodstream Conibears

HOLDING TRAPS

1. Padded jaw leg-hold 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

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

APPLICATION FOR TRAPPER ASSISTANCE

1. Trapper's Name _____

Address _____

2. Trapper's Social Insurance Number

3. Provide copies of immediately past year's fur harvest with application.

4. Submit applications to Minister's Trapping Advisory Committee, Ministry of Environment, 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.

BRITISH COLUMBIA TRAPPING



REGULATIONS SYNOPSIS

1982-1983



This is only a summary of the law.

For full details contact:

**FISH & WILDLIFE BRANCH,
PARLIAMENT BUILDINGS,
VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

Ministry of Environment

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:

- The Management Units (abbreviated to M.U. or M.U.'s hereinafter) shall be those set out in B.C. Reg. 415/75.
- The Province shall be divided into five zones as follows:
 - "Zone 1" shall mean and include M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-15, 2-1 to 2-15, 5-7, 5-8, 5-9, 5-11, 6-3, 6-11 to 6-14
 - "Zone 2" shall mean and include M.U.'s 8-1 to 8-15, 8-21 to 8-26, 3-12 to 3-15, 3-18, 3-19, 3-20, 3-26, 4-1 to 4-9, 4-14 to 4-35.
 - "Zone 3" shall mean and include M.U.'s 3-16, 3-17, 3-27 to 3-46, 4-36 to 4-40, 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-16.
 - "Zone 4" shall mean and include M.U.'s 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 to 6-10, 6-15 to 6-18, 7-1 to 7-41, 7-43 to 7-46.
 - "Zone 5" shall mean and include M.U.'s 6-19 to 6-29, 7-42, 7-47 to 7-56.

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.

FISH AND WILDLIFE BRANCH OFFICES

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

Headquarters—Fish and Wildlife Branch, Ministry of Environment, Parliament Buildings, Victoria, B.C.

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

MODIFICATION OF LEG-HOLD TRAPS

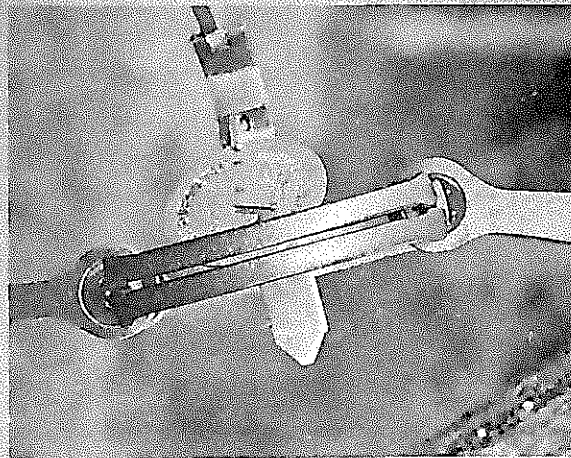
Trappers are advised that effective for the 1983 trapping season, fox, coyote, lynx and bobcat will only be trapped by the use of killing traps or modified leg-hold traps. A modified leg-hold trap means a leg-hold trap with padded or offset jaws.

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

- The jaws may be ground to allow a 3/16 to 7/32 inch space between the jaws when closed, or
- A type of shim may be fastened between the jaws (near the sides of the jaws) causing the trap to remain open 3/16 to 7/32 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 lever. Replacement levers are required with padded jaws as standard levers will not close the trap properly. Padded jaw traps are expected to be available in the near future.



OFFSET JAW LEG-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 purchase of approved manufactured humane traps.

CRITERIA FOR TRAPPER ASSISTANCE

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

- Social Insurance Number
- Full name and address
- Provide immediately past year's fur harvest or production—this can be in the form of:
 - copy of trapper report to Ministry office
 - receipts from a fur buyer or auction
 - copies of fur royalty export permits
 - letter from auction or fur buyer itemizing numbers and species bought.
- All trappers restricted to \$500.00 maximum assistance (see Assistance Schedule below) over entire period of program.
- All trappers must obtain prior approval before buying approved traps or trap parts.
- 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) as follows:

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 COVERING THE REGISTRATION OF TRAP-LINES

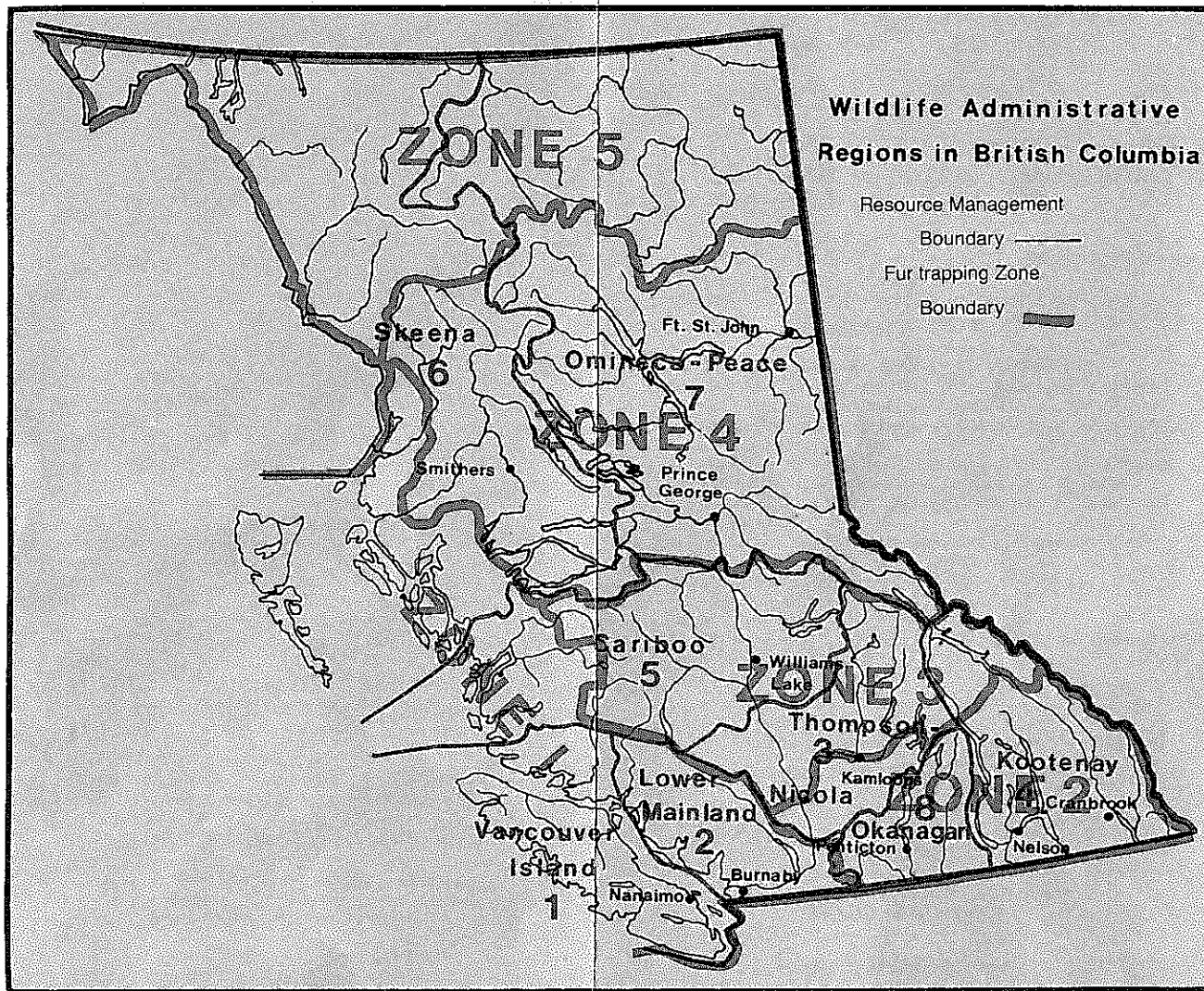
Major changes in this year's regulations are shown in column type, in the following pages.

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

- A person commits an offence where he sets a trap for fur-bearing animals or captures a fur-bearing animal in an area of Crown land, unless he is:
 - the registered holder of the trap-line for that area, or
 - authorized by the regulations or a permit.
- 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. No more than one trap-line shall be registered in any area. Registration of a trap-line does not:
 - give the holder of the trap-line any proprietary right to a pet wildlife, or
 - restrict the rights of another person:
 - to hunt, or
 - to capture wildlife where authorized by regulations or a permit.
- A person who knowingly damages or interferes with a lawful trap commits an offence.
- 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.
- The boundaries of a registered trap-line shall be defined by the Regional Manager.
 - A trap-line registration shall expire on June 30 following of registration.
 - 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.
- No person shall continue to hold a registered trap-line unless he:
 - carries on active trapping on his registered trap-line to the satisfaction of the Regional Manager.
 - 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 one year.
- No person shall trap within the boundaries of a trap-line registered under these regulations unless:
 - he is the registered holder of that trap-line, or
 - he is authorized by permit to do so by the Regional Manager.

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, Canada lynx, bobcat, mink, muskrat, marten, fisher, raccoon, skunk, red squirrel, land otter, sea otter, 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.



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 on Vancouver Island.

Wolf—There shall be no open season on wolf in M.U. 1-10.

Wolf—In M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-9 and 1-11 to 1-15 the open season on wolf shall be from December 1 to February 28.

Wolf—In M.U.'s 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 M.U.'s 5-7, 5-8, 5-9 and 5-11 the open season on wolf shall be from November 1 to February 28.

Coyote—In M.U.'s 5-7, 5-8 and 5-11 the open season on coyote shall be from November 1 to February 28.

Black Bear—In M.U.'s 1-1 to 1-15 and 2-1 to 2-15 there shall be no open season.

Zone 2

Coyote—In M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-9 and 4-14 to 4-35 the open season on coyote shall be from October 15 to February 28.

Beaver—In M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-5, 4-20 to 4-26, 4-34 and 4-35 the open season on beaver shall be from November 1 to April 30.

Muskrat—In M.U.'s 4-1, 4-34 and 4-35 the open season on muskrat shall be from November 1 to April 30.

Black Bear—In M.U.'s 8-1 to 8-5 and 8-21 to 8-26 the open season on black bear shall be from October 15 to May 15.

Fisher—There shall be no open season on fisher in M.U.'s 4-1 to 4-9 and 4-14 to 4-35.

Zone 3

Coyote—In M.U.'s 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 and 5-12 to 5-16 the open season on coyote shall be from November 1 to February 28.

Coyote—In M.U.'s 4-36 to 4-40 the open season on coyote shall be from October 15 to February 28.

Wolf—In M.U.'s 3-28 to 3-31, 3-38 to 3-41, 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 and 5-12 to 5-16 the open season on wolf shall be from November 1 to February 28.

Black Bear—There shall be no open season in M.U.'s 3-16, 3-17 and 3-27 to 3-46.

SCHEDULE B—OPEN SEASONS 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.

Zone	Beaver, Land Otter	Muskrat	Muskrat Submarine Trap Only	Fox, Mink, Squirrel, Weasel	Wolverine, Marten, Fisher	Lynx, Bobcat	Raccoon, Skunk	Black Bear	Wolf	Coyote
Zone 1	Dec. 1–Feb. 28	Dec. 1–Feb. 28	Nov. 1–Nov. 30	Dec. 1–Feb. 28	Dec. 1–Feb. 28*	Dec. 1–Feb. 28	Dec. 1–Feb. 28	Oct. 15–May 15*	No open season*	Nov. 1–Mar. 31*
Zone 2	Nov. 1–Apr. 15*	Nov. 1–Apr. 15*	Oct. 15–Oct. 31*	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	Nov. 1–Feb. 28*	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	No open season*	No open season	Nov. 1–Mar. 31*
Zone 3	Oct. 15–Apr. 30	Oct. 15–Apr. 30	Oct. 1–Oct. 14	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	Nov. 1–Feb. 28	Oct. 15–May 15*	No open season*	Nov. 1–Mar. 31*
Zone 4	Oct. 15–May 24	Oct. 15–May 24	Oct. 1–Oct. 14	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Oct. 15–May 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31
Zone 5	Oct. 1–May 31	Oct. 15–May 31	Oct. 1–Oct. 14	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Oct. 15–May 31	Nov. 1–Mar. 31	Nov. 1–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) when fastened solidly.
 - (b) use leg-hold traps of a smaller size than Number One or equivalent 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, otter, mink or muskrat on land unless such traps are equipped and used with a submerging device;
 - (d) use leg-hold traps having teeth or projections on the jaws thereof;
 - (e) trap 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, permit or those authorized 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 trap a wolf other than by use of
 - (a) a killing trap, or
 - (b) a modified leg-hold trap.
- (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 or running poles equipped with a leg-hold device.
- (10) No person shall use a trap using a spearing device.
- (11) No person shall trap within 200 metres of any dwelling, other than to use live box traps on land and on or in water. Conibear traps not larger than size number 330 or equivalent, leg-hold traps not larger than size number 2 and submarine traps.
- (12) No person shall take a black bear other than by the use of a rifle or shotgun.
- (13) No person shall trap a wolverine, marten, fisher, weasel, skunk, squirrel or raccoon except by use of a killing trap or a live box trap.

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:

SCHEDULE OF ROYALTIES

(a) On each beaver.....	0.93
(b) On each bobcat.....	4.27
(c) On each coyote.....	2.23
(d) On each fisher.....	3.73
(e) On each fox.....	2.34
(f) On each lynx.....	8.03
(g) On each marten.....	0.79
(h) On each mink.....	0.78
(i) On each muskrat.....	0.17
(j) On each otter.....	2.18
(k) On each raccoon.....	0.88
(l) On each skunk.....	0.10
(m) On each squirrel.....	0.05
(n) On each weasel.....	0.05
(o) On each wolf.....	2.74
(p) On each wolverine.....	5.33
(q) On each black bear.....	1.73

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

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.

