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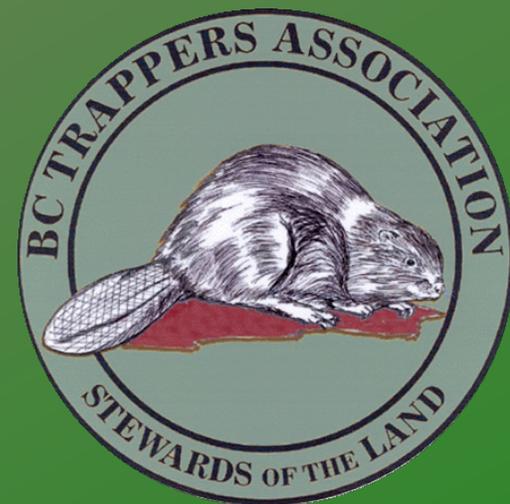
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ABOUT US - 77 YEARS AND COUNTING!!

Vision:

Trapping, British Columbia's Renewable Heritage.

Mission Statement:

A dedicated, compassionate community of trappers. As stewards in British Columbia, we manage furbearers responsibly and sustainably through respect of our natural resources.

5 Core Values of the BC Trappers Association:

Dedication, Compassion, Respect, Integrity, Responsibility.





ADVOCATING AND EDUCATING

NEW TRAPPERS

3 day education course for new trappers as per BC Wildlife Act requirements

UPGRADES

Providing information to members to remain current for trapping related issues

NATIONAL

Support and work with partners at Fur Institute of Canada to advocate for trappers.
- AIHTS testing and certification

PROVINCIAL

Advocate for trappers at provincial tables such as PHTAT.
Promote sustainable management of fur bearers

PUBLIC

Public education relating to fur bearers of BC.
School programs
Advocate for fur bearer requirements such as habitat

OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Support other parties, such as COS, BC Wildlife Health, BCWF, GOABC, Biologists

HUMANE TRAPPING

AIHTS

International trap testing standards

Traps to be certified in BC
FIC – provides testing and certified traps for provinces to adopt
FIC identification sheets for certified traps

BC WILDLIFE ACT

Regular intervals to check traps. Private property rules, trapline rules.
Live traps versus killing traps

CAGE TRAPS

Inhumane if not properly set or monitored regularly.
Factors such as weather, time of year, location.
Size of trap to animal
How to deal with animals caught

KILLING TRAPS

Sizes for target species
Sets vary for species target
Rotating Jaw traps
Snares
Hypoxia versus drowning

TRAPPING IN BC

TRAPLINES

BC has 2600 registered trap lines. 1800 licenses in 2021-22 season
Trapline owner, or permission obtained

WILDLIFE ACT PERMITS

Permits grant permissions for out of season ie damage control. Live traps for portion of year. Release of lactating females. No translocation of some species

PRIVATE PROPERTY

Can only trap with permission.
Livestock producers NOT allowed to set traps for crop or livestock protections

LIVE TRANSPORT

Not permitted in most circumstances. Permit only, not allowed with standard license.



SOLUTIONS TRAPPERS PROVIDE

Biological specimen

Reports from the landscape

Capture and trapping related expertise



ACTIVE TRAPLINE

Caution: Keep all pets on leashes

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No. 1925

SOLUTIONS

Value added for trapper to obtain money for samples

Easily trained to collect samples needed

Researchers working together to utilize sample for multiple projects

Collect samples – I.e roadkill collection

Live capture for translocation or collaring projects

TRAPPERS SUPPORT CONSERVATION

COMPULSORY INSP.

Animal of concern,
ability to more closely
monitor harvest, take
data and samples

COMPULSORY REPORT

Now mandatory for all
species.
All harvest to be
reported

WILDLIFE HEALTH

Trappers have better
knowledge to identify sick
animals





NETWORKING

QUARTERLY MAGAZINE

Glad to have article submission – ie rising issues

Calls for sample collection, data collection

Trappers enjoy wildlife health reports and updates

Important for trappers when handling carcass

ANNUAL CONFERENCE, LOCAL MEETINGS

Point of contact for an area, we spend more time on trapline than average hunter or public

Local groups meet regularly, welcome guests

Annual convention, April usually – open for presentations, table tops to interact with trappers





THANK YOU

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