



NEWSLETTER Summer 2024

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President's Message

On May 27th, the Yukon Trappers Association held its AGM at our fur depot, 175A Titanium Way in Whitehorse. Our president of many years, Brian Melanson, has stepped down, and I have been assigned as the new president of YTA. I have held this position in the past and look forward to meeting the many challenges we face as trappers in today's world.

Summer is upon us and trappers are mostly thinking of other activities. Trappers have 2 seasons: trapping season itself, and preparing for the next season. Being successful in season means preparing for the next season - any maintenance and repair of equipment such as snow machines is much easier done in the warmer summer months (or early fall), checking and preparing our traps, ordering new supplies - the list is endless.

The Yukon Outfitters Association has increased the Wolf Incentive Program to \$400.00 per wolf for the 2024-2025 season for the first 95 wolves taken. This is good news for those of us that harvest wolves on our lines.

Yukon Trappers Association will once again be offering workshops in the 2024-2025 season. I myself will be doing several fur handling workshops when I return from my trapline in February/March.

In closing I would like to wish all trappers a safe and pleasant summer.

Robert Stitt

Fur Depot

by Jackie Yaklin

Tanning Services

The Association provides an excellent tanning service for our members. We negotiated a bulk tanning rate, an exceptional shipping rate; we ship regularly; we're organized; we provide the seals, get the export permit, and pay expenses to our suppliers.

When your tanning order returns, you are notified. Yes, sometimes the notification is not received, but we do leave messages.

The Association does not earn a large income from the tanning fees.

Fur in the Round

The Association is looking for fur in the round of species foxes, coyotes, wolves, marten, beaver. We intend to use them for our workshops. At the end, we'll send the fur for tanning and sell it at a Fur Sale or at Our Store.

These particular furs are difficult to keep in stock, in part because of the limited quantity. And in part, because they are Yukon furs. There is high demand for Yukon furs. When we sell these furs, we can provide information about the furs – where they came from, when they were harvested.

Fur Depot

Opening hours: Tuesday to Friday from 2pm to 5pm; Saturdays from 11am to 4pm. Closed Sundays and holidays. Phone 1-867-668-5648 for additional hours.

Fur depot services include: shipping to the auction house; export permits; sealing for lynx, wolverine and wolves.

Memberships

All memberships expire on June 30th. Members receive the following benefits: 10% discount on purchases from Our Store; tanning services; fur depot services. The Association advocates on behalf of its members for specific issues as they arise and for general issues that apply to all trappers.

The Association relies on memberships as the number of members makes us a more representative Association. Please join us. Thank you.

Fur Harvesters' 2024 Auction Date: June 15-17, 2024 - RESULTS

As of today we only have the US Dollar Auction Results:

<https://www.furharvesters.com/results/2024/June/jun24usTOPLOT.pdf>

Robert says: Fur Harvesters' June auction was held in North Bay, Ontario. The impact of Covid-19 restricted international travel (even travel to Yukon communities was discouraged). This created very hard times for the auction house and the trappers but once again the international community was able to attend a live auction (in the 2nd year). The clearances were good, the results should be encouraging to trappers and wild fur has a big market. Seasonally caught and well-handled fur will always be in demand. Keep learning from expert fur handlers who'll be conducting a variety of workshops this coming season (dates to be announced).

News from Environment Yukon

by Ryan Sealy

Trapper training workshops



Want to get your trapping licence?

Complete the mandatory 4 ½ day trapper training. Registration opens July 3 at 8:30 am.

Book a workshop:

- in person at a Department of Environment office
- by phone at 867-667-5652

Cost: \$300 + GST

Questions? Call 867-393-6273 or email ryan.sealy@yukon.ca.



Community	Dates	Times	Location
Teslin	October 4 October 5-8	6 to 9:30 pm 8:30 am to 5:30 pm	Village of Teslin Recreation Complex
Haines Junction	November 1 November 2-5	6 to 9:30 pm 8:30 am to 5:30 pm	Village of Haines Junction Mezzanine
Ross River	November 14 November 15-18	6 to 9:30 pm 8:30 am to 5:30 pm	Yukon University Dene Cho Kê'endj Campus
Whitehorse	November 28 November 29 - December 2	6 to 9:30 pm 8:30 am to 5:30 pm	TBD

Yukon.ca/trapper-education





WANTED: WOLVERINE CARCASSES

Trappers - Bring your skinned wolverine carcass to the nearest Environment Yukon office and receive **\$50 per carcass**.

Each carcass must be tagged securely with the information below. As of November 2022 we have switched to full carcasses. Heads must be included. Skulls without carcasses will still be accepted.

Required Information:

- Trapper name
- Trapper license number
- Concession number
- Date of harvest

Trappers play a key role in effective furbearer management in Yukon. By bringing in your wolverine carcasses, you help increase our understanding of the biology of wolverine. This information then helps inform long-term management decisions for this important furbearing species.

For more information contact: Anna.Smith@yukon.ca



Wolf Incentive Program at YOA

The YOA is pleased to announce that it will continue to support Yukon Trappers with this program. The YOA will be increasing the wolf pelt initiative to \$400.-- for the first 95 wolf pelts harvested. Note that there may be limited funds available this 24/25 trapping season. You need to supply to the YOA a valid Yukon Trappers license and the wolf sealing certificate. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2025.

Contact:

Yukon Outfitters Association
47 Redwood Street
Whitehorse, Yukon, Y1A 4B2
867 334 9127, info@yukonoutfitters.net

Upcoming Events

Gun Show

Jackie and Vic will once again have a table at the Gun Show at the Best Western Gold Rush Inn in Whitehorse. Come see us and the gorgeously tanned furs, get your infos and memberships. See you there on Saturday, July 27th 2024, from 10 to 4pm.

Fur and Craft Sale

Stay tuned for Jackie's annual Fur and Craft Sale happening in October.

Dawson City Fur Show

Next year's Fur Show will be in the middle of March 2025. We'll let you know which exact dates those will be. Come and see us at our table.

Miscellaneous

Engageyukon.ca

You are invited to participate in the engagement period for the development of new lands legislation for the Yukon. You have until **July 12** to have your say on important matters from trails to trapping cabins.

See the engagement website for more information:

<https://yukon.ca/engagements/new-public-lands-legislation>

Give your input! Take part in and find the results from Government of Yukon engagement projects.

Please check out <https://yukon.ca/en/engagements> once in a while in order to find Yukon Government surveys for you to participate in.

Do the same by checking out Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board' webpage at <https://yfwmb.ca/conservation-topics/>.

Then check out the Yukon Fish and Game Association at <https://yukonfga.ca/> to stay on top of important issues.

The Yukon Conservation Society's five current priorities are mining, energy, conservation, outdoor education, and climate change. Check out <https://www.yukonconservation.ca/conservation>.

Hope to see you all at the Gun Show and wishing you and yours a fantastic and healthy Summer – make sure to make a list of the things you'll need for the next trapping season and get them before it's too late!

Sincerely,
the Board of Directors