



NEWSLETTER Fall/Winter 2024

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Director's Message

Hello everybody, and happy fall. Isn't it the best time in the Yukon? Leaves are turning, moose are calling and one is allowed to slow down a bit. But don't fool yourself; trapping seasons starts October 1st with beaver! Marten on November 1st. Make sure you have all your traps/snare wires/lures for the season. As per Fur Harvester's last report, we should see the same, if not increased prices at the next two auction. The Yukon Outfitters Association has, once again, secured funding for trappers harvesting wolves. Out here on the line we've seen sandhill cranes flying south 2 weeks earlier than last year – will it be a once again cold cold winter? If you favor bitter cold, snow and ice, read our president Robert Stitt's poem at the end of the newsletter.

All on the board wish you a successful and safe season.

Sonja Seeber

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.

See below our new price list for forming boards, traps and to send out tanning.

Price List	Effective January 1, 2024			
Forming boards				
Wolf, Split	\$125		Squirrel, Solid	\$8.00
Coyote / Wolverine, Split	\$60		Weasel, Solid	\$8.00
Lynx, Split	\$60.00		Marten, Solid	\$19.00
Fox, Solid	\$40.00		Belly Sticks	\$3.00
dried white spruce, use rubbing alcohol for syrup removal				
Traps				
Belisle 330 SX	\$37.00		OV #3 Softcatch 4 spring	\$41.00
Belisle 120 SX	\$20.00		Bridger #3 SC 4 Coil	\$41.00
Sauvageau 2001-5	\$26.00		OV #0	\$18.00
Sauvageau 2001-11	\$52.00		Underwater cage	\$28.00
MB 750 Wolf	\$95.00		Belisle 160	\$24.50
Bridger Brawn #9 Wolf	\$215.00			
Tanning	(Freight extra 12%)			
Beaver small	\$55.00		Marten	\$27.00
Beaver medium	\$59.00		Coyote	\$66.50
Beaver large	\$67.00		Wolverine	\$190.00
Beaver XL	\$71.50		Wolf	\$210.00
Beaver XXL	\$73.50		Black bear	\$320.00
Beaver 3X/2XL	\$78.00		Otter	\$97.50
Lynx	\$130.00		Rabbit (Ranch only)	\$30.00
Weasel	\$27.00		Muskrat	\$27.00
Fox	\$65.00		Squirrel	\$27.00
Mink	\$33.00		Wood bison (sq ft)	\$36.00
Grizzly	\$1,000.00		Wood bison permit	\$20.00
Fisher	\$66.50		Caribou, Moose (sq ft)	\$36.00

Fur Harvesters' Last Receiving & Auction Dates

2024/25 Auction Schedule

YTA last rec. date	FHA rec. date	Auction date
January 4, 2025	January 11, 2025	March 19-21, 2025
April 5, 2025	April 12, 2025	June 5-7, 2025

All sales are being held in North Bay, Ontario.

If you have Facebook and Youtube, Fur Harvesters Auction is on it too and they also post videos.

News from Environment Yukon

by Ryan Sealy

There are no significant changes to the trapping regulations this season. The 2024-25 summary booklets have not been printed yet but may soon be posted to Yukon.ca

<https://yukon.ca/en/yukon-trapping-regulations-summary>.

The Fur Institute of Canada has revamped their website. In the coming weeks <https://fur.ca/> will have videos showing techniques to trap selectively and avoid non-target species including birds of prey and pet dogs.

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
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

[Yukon.ca/trapper-education](https://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 is pleased to 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
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867 334 9127, info@yukonoutfitters.net

Upcoming Events

Workshops



Yukon Trappers Association
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Wolverine Handling Workshop with Brian Melanson

Saturday, October 19, 2024: 10am to finish. Suggested time of arrival: 9:45am.

Location: Cabin at the St. Elias Gun Range, Haines Junction, Yukon

Cost: \$100 for non-members; \$50 for members

Class: hands-on wolverine workshop; how to prepare for market auction or tannery. Fleshing machine demonstration at end of course.

Gun Range is open.

Further information, please call Brian at 1-867-334-1864.

Robert Stitt will be available to do workshops again next February/March/April when he returns from his trapline. He anticipates going to Dawson City to do a marten skinning demonstration at the Dawson Fur show in March 2025.

Dawson City Fur Show

The Dawson City fur Show will be held on March 15th, 2025; it is the same weekend that the Thaw di Gras will be on. Jackie will be there, receiving your furs and selling memberships. Robert Stitt will be there, doing a marten workshop. Hope to see you there!

North Bay, Ontario

The Fur Harvesters Annual **Trappers Convention** is held in North Bay, Ontario on January 10 and 11, 2025.

Miscellaneous

We will attempt to design a page on our website www.yukonfur.ca. This page shall be dedicated to members wanting to send word out – be it to look for an assistant trapper, selling a trapline, selling a Sk-Doo etc. You can send us an email with your “ad”.

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>.



A poem to prepare yourself for the next trapping season

MY BEAVER HAT

by Robert Stitt

*My beaver hat it is so nifty, it keeps me warm at minus 50
When on frozen lake or river, with it on I do not shiver.
No fashion statement does it make, my health and safety are at stake
For long cold days out on the line my beaver hat will do just fine.
Two beaver pelts are what I require to make this hat to my desire
My beaver hat will last ten years, when time and use wear it thin
It's pitched in the forest to help smaller kin.
Mice and shrews, birds, and pests will use my discard to line their nests
Recycle, re-use, biodegrade, my beaver hat disappears with their aid
My next fur hat is crafted with care, again two beaver removed from their lair.
City folks please, don't despair, its just two beaver trapped with care.
I'm feeling testy at this stage of life, anti-fur scoundrels are causing me strife
Please remain in your condo on Yonge Street, and leave me alone to enjoy my moose meat
You don't understand, you think I'm a beast, why don't you come visit and learn at least
What skill is required to remain a wilderness denizen, when in fact I am a senior citizen.
Forty winters in the bush have taught me much, how to survive and this and that.
It wouldn't have happened without my beaver hat.*

Composed at my trapping camp in the Yukon wilderness during deep freeze. January 9-19, 2020
temperatures ranged from -40 o C to -50oC.

We have tanned furs at the Store. Come get some for your Christmas presents and your arts and crafts projects!

Hope to see you all at the Fur Show in Dawson. Until then, we wish you all a very successful trapping season.

Sincerely,
the Board of Directors