



NEWSLETTER Spring 2025

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President's Message

by Robert Stitt

Good day fellow trappers! I have recently returned from another season on my remote, fly-in trap-line in the SE Yukon-6 months, and 3 days of enjoying the Yukon wild! In terms of weather, perfect conditions prevailed throughout the season. In my area marten numbers were up from the previous year, and I was seeing more wolverine sign than usual. In conversation with other trappers this seemed to be the case on other traplines, at least in the SE Yukon.

Fur Harvesters Auction recently held their first sale of the season, March 19-21. Results of this sale are most encouraging with higher prices, and good clearance on most items. Their next sale will be held June 17-19, and all indications are that it will be another successful sale.

Dawson Fur Show

On March 15 Jackie, Shannon, and I drove to Dawson to attend the Dawson Fur Show which is held in conjunction with their winter carnival. The YTA booth was kept busy all day as trappers brought their fur for shipment to auction, or to be sent out for tanning. I myself conducted a marten skinning, and boarding workshop which was very well attended. It was nice to see that there were many trappers from other parts of the Yukon in attendance at this great social event.

Fur handling workshops

At time of writing this report YTA will be holding 2 more fur handling workshops planned. A marten handling workshop will be held on April 13, and a wolf workshop held on April 27 (see information below).

YTA fur depot

I would like to remind all trappers that the YTA fur depot carries a wide range of trapping supplies from traps, snare making material, forming boards, knives, fleshers, etc. Shipping costs are high so before ordering from elsewhere please consider ordering from the depot. Membership in the YTA gets you a 10% discount on purchases.

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

Fur Depot

by Jackie Yaklin

At the Fur Depot, I'm sending out nine more big bags to the Auction House this week. Two weeks ago, I sent out a batch to the tannery. The week before that, five big bags to the Auction House. Things are very active around here, and keeping everything organized is a skill that I enjoy, though it doesn't take much to get things confused.

I'm very happy that the auction house posted the sales results at the end of each day as it provided information which helped trappers.

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 30. 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' Market Outlook



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Fur Harvesters Auction Inc. 2025 Market Forecast

Looking to 2025 and what to expect for fur interest, it is best to reflect on what took place the previous year. As most everyone knows, during the 2024 selling season all auctions at FHA were conducted live with what turned out to be our largest international buyer attendance in North Bay's history. We began witnessing a growing interest in the early fall of 2023, with foreign buyers from countries needing visas to enter Canada requesting invitation letters from us.

As early as six months prior to our scheduled March 2024 auction a great many requests came in, whereas historically these were not requested until a couple of months prior to our auctions. As well, we were getting inquiries on almost all wild fur articles as to what our quantities would be on our auctions.

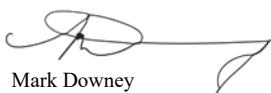
Beginning at our March 2024 auction we witnessed strong price advances and amazing clearances on most wild fur species, the exception being muskrats, on which we continue to hold the better grades with what we feel are realistic prices. Our 2024 market forecast outlined our position that all northern items would be in demand and this was the case throughout the entire year. Articles like beaver, otter, fisher, lynx, bobcat and marten all sold at rising levels and several at 100% clearances. Even raccoon and western coyotes sold and cleared far better than was expected.

The 2023 season ended with a good profit at year end and at the conclusion of the 2024 season FHA realized an 80% gross sales increase over 2023, so we are expecting very good news once our 2024 year end is completed. Now that summer is over, calls are coming in as buyers are showing interest in buying most wild fur species, even muskrats, prior to our 1st auction of the season. As we are sold out on so many species, all this points to 2025 being another great season and we are optimistic that many articles that sold strongly last season will do so again, and that further price increases can easily happen.

We are hosting our annual convention again after several years when this was not possible, and we look forward to seeing many of you during the January 10/11th event.

Until then, good luck trapping, be safe and thanks for entrusting the Fur Harvesters team in marketing your fur.

Respectfully,



Mark Downey
Chief Executive Officer
Fur Harvesters Auction Inc.

2025 AUCTION SCHEDULE

LAST RECEIVING DATES

January 11, 2025

April 12, 2025

SALE DATES

March 19 - 21, 2025

June 5 - 7, 2025

Sales will be held in North Bay, Canada.

DON'T MISS FHA'S ANNUAL TRAPPERS CONVENTION - JANUARY 10 & 11, 2025.

Trapper training workshop



Want to get your trapping licence?

Complete the mandatory 4 ½ day trapper training. Registration is open for the April 2025 Dawson City course.

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	Location
Dawson City	April 10 to 14	Tr'ondëk Hwëch'in Hall

Yukon.ca/trapper-education

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Hi Folks,

Trapper training is scheduled for Dawson City April 10-14. If interested to join, see poster above for details on how to register.

The training is also scheduled for Old Crow April 24-28 and it's the same process to register.

More offerings are being planned for this spring (between May 8 and June 30) in the following communities:

- Pelly Crossing
- Watson Lake
- Burwash Landing

A course in Whitehorse may also be offered this spring, but only if one of the above communities is postponed.

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If you're interested in the not-yet finalized courses, then email Ryan directly. Or follow the YTA's Facebook or Instagram social media platform.

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.

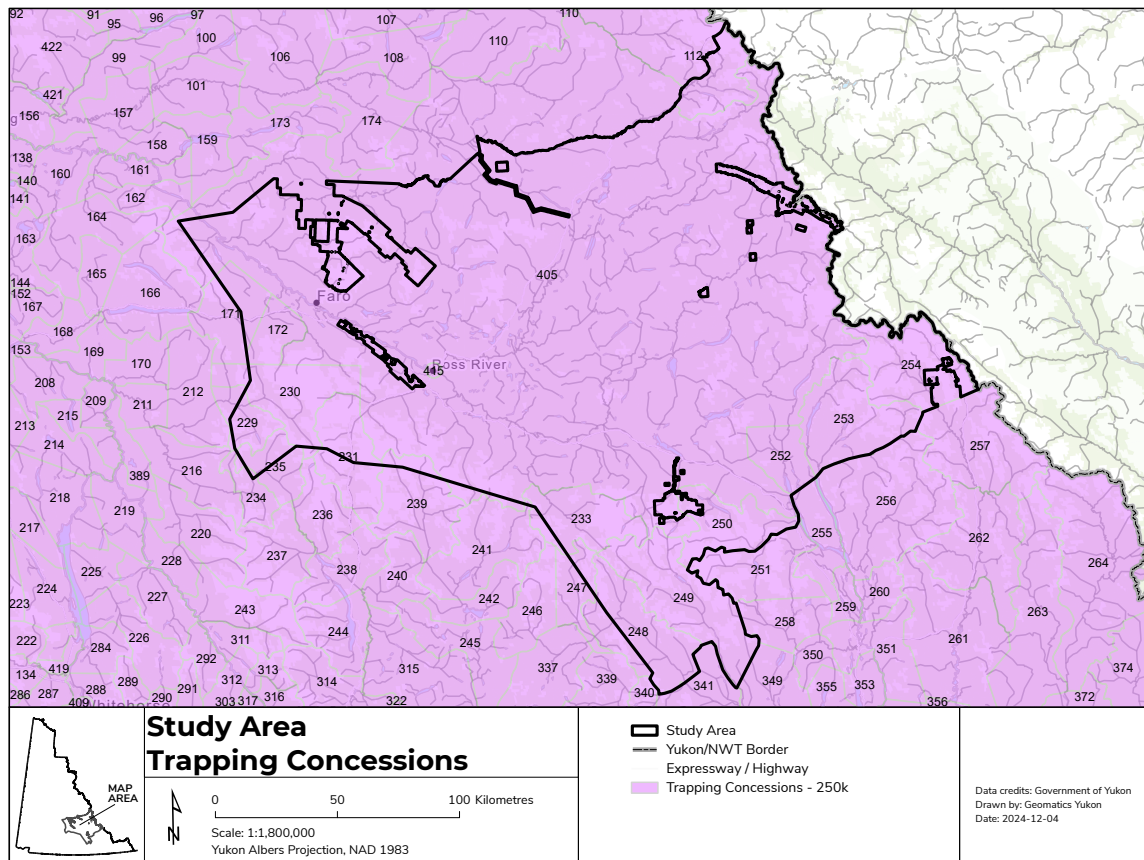
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Assessing the Feasibility of a New Protected Area in the Ross River Area

The Government of Yukon, Ross River Dena Council, and Parks Canada identified a study area in which the feasibility assessment will occur. The study area was identified as supporting significant biodiversity and having cultural significance to the Kaska Dena. It spans from the Pelly River's valley floor to the Selwyn-Mackenzie mountains and excludes areas subject to advanced mineral exploration and development authorizations. Please refer to the map below.

There will be opportunities to provide input during the course of the upcoming process. The affected trappers should have received the documents in the mail/email. The Yukon government contact for any questions that may arise while the Steering Committee is being established is Jean Langlois, Senior Negotiation Advisor, at (867) 332-3961 or Jean.Langlois@yukon.ca.



Upcoming Events

Workshops

Robert Stitt will be available to do workshops again in the Spring when he has returned from his trapline. He's put on 2 workshops:

MARTEN skinning workshop, presented by Robert Stitt. Location is 175A Titanium Way in Whitehorse, Sunday April 13, 2025 from 10am til finish. Fee is 40.--. Register in person at 175A Titanium Way, Tuesday to Saturday from 2 to 5pm.

WOLF skinning workshop, presented by Robert Stitt and Steve Mackenzie-Grieve. Location is Policeman's Point Road, Mile 9.5 Mayo Road. Go all the way to the end. Sunday April 27, 2025 from 10am til finish. Fee is 100.--. Deadline to register (register at YTA at 175A Titanium Way) is April 25.

Miscellaneous

A new page on our website www.yukonfur.ca. has been designed for you, our member. Email us if you're looking for an assistant trapper, wanting to sell a trapline concession or a Sk-Doo etc and we'll put it up there. Also please let us know when your ad is not relevant anymore so that we can take it down. Thanks.

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 has 2 current initiatives going. The one is their focus on the Dawson Land Use Regional Plan and the Beaver River Sub-regional Plan and the other is about the Yukon South Beringia Priority Place Initiative (they're working to conserve species at risk in that area).

See here: <https://www.yukonconservation.ca/conservation>

Wishing everyone successful auction results and a happy Spring.

the Board of Directors