



Reform

concerning the trapping of fur-bearing animals

Here is a reminder of the main regulatory changes put in place in 2008 regarding the trapping of fur-bearing animals:

1- LICENCE

- A single type of licence, namely the professional trapping licence, is used by all trappers (free zone and traplines under lease).
- The licence offers the possibility to trap in the free zone, on a trapline and in an outfitting operation having exclusive trapping rights.
- The licence authorizes trapping on more than one fur-bearing animal management unit (UGAF).
- The licence is valid from its date of issue up to the August 31st following that date.
- The licence is sold by licence distributors, even for trappers on traplines, beginning on September 1, 2009.

2- TRAPLINES

- The assistant trapper's licence and the notion of community traplines have been abolished.
- The holder of an exclusive trapping lease (trapline and outfitting operation having exclusive trapping rights) may authorize an unlimited number of trappers to trap on his trapline, by way of a written authorization which each trapper must have on hand.
- A trapline may be transferred, provided that the holder of this trapline trapped on it during the year preceding that of the transfer. The application will be made in July and August. The transfer will be made outside trapping periods.
- The annual payment of the rent of the trapline is made to distributors of hunting, fishing and trapping licences.
- The annual payment of the rent must be made between September 1st and November 1st. The cost of the rent does not include payment of the trapping licence. The licence must be purchased separately.
- The minimum marketing threshold requirement (generally: 5 species, 15 pelts) only applies to animals harvested on the territory under lease and dealt by the holder of this lease during the period of validity of his licence.

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3- RANDOM DRAW

- Available traplines are awarded by random draw, but the number of registrations is henceforth unlimited, provided that the participant chooses a different trapline for each registration.

4- MEASURES PROMOTING THE UP-AND-COMING GENERATION

- New measures promoting the practice of trapping by spouses, by young people under 18 and by students from 18 to 24 have been put in place. These new provisions authorize a person to trap under the licence of a trapper at least 18 years of age and are explained in detail in the regulatory brochure "Trapping in Québec".

**WITH THE NEW REFORM CONCERNING TRAPPING AND THE FUR TRADE,
THE KEY DATES TO REMEMBER ARE:**

FOR EVERYONE

Purchase of a trapping licence: Starting on September 1st

Registration for the random draw: From May 1st to 31st

FOR TRAPLINE LESSEES

Payment of rent: Between September 1st and November 1st

Transfer of lease: Between January 1st and August 1st



The complementary information concerning these changes is found
in the regulatory publication "Trapping in Québec", 2009-2010 edition,
available at www.mrnf.gouv.qc.ca/en/trapping-rules
or by phone at 1 877 346-6763

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