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I understand you would like information regarding:

1. The location of traplines on Vancouver Island;
2. Trapping season dates; and
3. Requirements to notify the public of trapping activities.

Regarding trapline locations, the iMapBC online mapping tool can be used to view trapline locations on Vancouver Island:

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/data/geographic-data-services/web-based-mapping/imapbc>. By adding the provincial trapline layer, you will be able to determine where the current, legal trapline boundaries are located. As you will see from the map and associated layer, almost all of Vancouver Island is covered by a legally designated traplines. You will also see that much of eastern and southern Vancouver Island has no traplines delineated. This is largely because, in general, traplines are not issued to overlap with privately owned land; there are however, as you can see some exceptions. Much of the land excluded is a result of the E&N land grant of the 1880s. This land is now predominantly owned by private forestry companies. Access to this land for any and all activities is by permission only, including: trapping, hunting, fishing, dog trials, biking, and hiking to name a few.

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Regarding the requirements to notify the public of trapping activities, in general, trappers are encouraged to post signs regarding trapping activities in an area. However, posting of signs is not mandatory.

In addition, some trappers may opt not to post information because posting this type of information can create problems for the trapper. For example, although it is a violation of the *Wildlife Act* to interfere with a legally set trap, some members of the public may seek to steal or destroy legally set traps if they know traps are in the area. In other instances, signs are torn down regardless of where they are posted. If signs are posted they would typically be at the beginning of roads and do not give a specific location of trap placement.

You have referred to a recent article published in the media where a commercial dog walker had a dog in her care incidentally caught in a trap. This article demonstrates that it is imperative for members of the public contact landowners in order to find out if access restricted areas exist on that private land. Public access may be restricted because the landowner may have other activities occurring on the land such as: active logging, active road building, heavy truck traffic, trapping, or any other activity that the land owner has given approval to occur on their lands. In the end, land access agreements are the only way to ensure each land user has the most up to date information on hand.

In general, trapping on Vancouver Island is confined to wilderness areas. It is not possible to track locations of all traps placed on crown or private lands as trappers often move traps to target various species. Trapping may occur at any time during the open season for each species and trapper effort will vary by trapline.

Each trapper may also target different species on their lines, trap at different times of the year, and utilize different trapping methods.

If you require further information on the topic of trapping feel free to contact me by email or phone.

Yours Truly,
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From: [Reid, Aaron FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Clarke, Brennan GCPE:EX](#); [Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX](#); [Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX](#); [Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX](#); [Beck, Jim L ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media Request - Kelowna Now & Castanet - Lake trapping regulations
Date: Thursday, December 1, 2016 1:07:49 PM

Hi Brennan,

This trap is a 1' or 1½' Victor which is only legal when set in water. Trappers use them to trap muskrat which means it would be on a float in water which would then be anchored. The trap would catch the muskrat by the foot and then they jump off the float to escape and drown.

I can't imagine a circumstance where a house cat would ever come into contact with this trap if it was set legally.

Aaron

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From: Clarke, Brennan GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 1:01 PM

To: Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX

Cc: Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX; Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX; Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX; Beck, Jim L ENV:EX; Reid, Aaron FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Media Request - Kelowna Now & Castanet - Lake trapping regulations

Ok thanks, if you find out anything further please let us know. We're trying to pin down exactly where this happened so as to determine if it was on private land or near dwelling.

Is it legal for a person to set a trap in the wilderness on Crown land without a permit? Or would they need a permit?

From: Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 12:54 PM

To: Clarke, Brennan GCPE:EX

Cc: Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX; Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX; Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX; Beck, Jim L ENV:EX; Reid, Aaron FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Media Request - Kelowna Now & Castanet - Lake trapping regulations

Hi Brennan,

I am now aware of the incident and have brought it to the COS's attention but am not sure it was formally registered with RAPP. From the pictures it doesn't appear to be a modified leghold (lack of gap or rubber between the jaws), which means it would have to be deployed as a submerging leghold (I think), which I doubt was the case but may be hard to prove. There are further restrictions about trapping on private land and near a dwelling. I have an ask into Aaron Reid for further clarification.

This is definitely not my "forte"....

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From: Clarke, Brennan GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 12:19 PM

To: Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX

Cc: Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX; Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX; Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX

Subject: Media Request - Kelowna Now & Castanet - Lake trapping regulations

Hi Andrew,

Thanks for checking into this, we're just looking to find out if FLNRO biologists are aware of this incident and whether COS has been made aware.

Fish and Wildlife in Victoria is getting us a bit of policy info on the rules and regs of trapping. Media wants to know of this trap is legal. Pics of trap attached.

I've cc'd the MoE comms shop and Hannah who is filling for Greig on media desk today.

Thanks.

B.

From: Glover, Hannah GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, December 1, 2016 11:05 AM

To: Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX

Cc: Dean, Sharon GCPE:EX; Clarke, Brennan GCPE:EX

Subject: Media Request - Kelowna Now & Castanet - Lake trapping regulations

Hi Logan,

I have two media request regarding a house cat in Summerland that lost its leg in a trap. Both reporters want to know if the traps were legally allowed in the area? I've attached photos of the trap sent to me by the reporter if that's any help.

Is there a regional biologist in the area we can speak to? Brennan suggested we'll need to know if compliance and enforcement is involved, if there was a trapping license in the area, etc.

My deadline to get back to reporters in 2 p.m. Please let me know who I should contact next.

Thanks in advance,

Hannah

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From: [McLean, Craig A FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX](#); [Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX](#); [MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [GCPE FLNR Media Requests GCPE:EX](#); [Hales, Gerad S FLNR:EX](#); [Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media Request: Global - Dog in Snare trap
Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:32:23 AM

Is this area Crown land? Andrew/Craig?

Based on the description of the area I believe this is Crown land.

Was a trapper allowed to place a snare in this area? Andrew/Craig?

This is within a licensed trap line and follows the regulations so Yes.

From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX; McLean, Craig A FLNR:EX; MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: GCPE FLNR Media Requests GCPE:EX; Hales, Gerad S FLNR:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request: Global - Dog in Snare trap

Hi Andrew, Craig and Steve,

We have a media request related to a dog being snared in a trap in the Penticton area (full request at the bottom). http://www.kelownadailycourier.ca/news/article_e563b78c-e3b9-11e7-8a2a-2fc29dcf8fb7.html

COS is not investigating this incident. It was reported to the RAPP line.

COS has provided a bulleted response to the initial questions posed by the reporter (those bullets are under the Recommendation area of the request at the bottom). The reporter has provided follow-up questions that COS hasn't responded to and I'm looking for your input (see questions immediately below). **They are looking for response by 1 p.m.** We had a similar request in the Kootenay area back in March and I've provided suggested response but am open to input. I think most of these would be Steve but he wouldn't necessarily know if the area was Crown land.

Is this area Crown land? Andrew/Craig?

Was a trapper allowed to place a snare in this area? Andrew/Craig?

Was he required to post signage? Steve?

Are any minimum setbacks required? Steve?

Is the government looking at the request for required signage? Steve?

- The Province reviews and updates hunting, fishing and trapping regulations on an ongoing basis.
- In June 2016, the Province released the 2016-18 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, detailing the most up-to-date rules and regulations for hunters throughout British Columbia. More information is available in this information bulletin: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016FLNR0120-001021#>
- First Nations, stakeholders and interested British Columbians are invited to submit proposed regulation changes. Relevant proposals are posted for month-long public review and comment, and can be found at: <http://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/pub/ahte/hunting>
- It's currently an offence to trap within 200 metres of a residence. The 200-metre regulation has been sufficient in the past; however, we are open to review should there be emerging circumstances.
- Is there anything we can say about minimum distances from trails on Crown land or is there no regulation around this?
- The Province is considering the use of signs and other means to improve safety to pets when traps have been set in an area.
- The trapping regulations can be found at this link which has a very good regional map to show active trapping.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis>

Reporter

Shelby Thom, Reporter
Global TV | BC

Deadline Tuesday, December 19, 2017 1:00 PM

Request

I'm following up on a story today in regards to a dog injured in a snare trap in the Carmi area east of Penticton, approx. 5 metres off the trail of the Carmi ski trail network.

http://www.kelownadailycourier.ca/news/article_e563b78c-e3b9-11e7-8a2a-2fc29dcf8fb7.html

Is this area Crown land? Was a trapper allowed to place a snare in this area? Was he required to post signage? Are any minimum setbacks required?

Is the government looking at the request for required signage?

How many domestic pets a year are caught in hunting snares?

If a conservation officer is available in Penticton I could conduct the interview around noon, if not, a statement sent by 1pm would be appreciated.

Background

Recommendation

Here is the messaging sent to Global by the COS for the original request:

- The Conservation Officer Service receives approximately 8 reports annually of pets being caught in traps.
- Canada is a signatory to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards with the European Union. The standards are intended to ensure a sufficient level of welfare of trapped animals, and to further improve this welfare. As a party to this agreement, the Province of B.C. is committed to promoting and encouraging research on humane trapping methods.
- Anyone setting a trap must have a valid licence, issued by the province. Non-licensed use of leg-hold traps is illegal under the Wildlife Act – Commercial Activity Regulation.
- Any trap set on private land requires the permission of the landowner.
- If a leg-hold trap is on public (Crown) land, it must be checked a minimum of every 72 hours. On private land, it must be checked a minimum of every 24 hours.
- If upon inspection of a trap, it holds an animal, the animal must immediately be released or killed.
- Any violation of these regulations constitutes an offence under the Wildlife Act, that could result in consequences from a fine to a court appearance. Information in this regard should be reported to the local Conservation Officer Service, for possible investigation.
- All calls regarding suspected violations should go to the COS RAPP (Report All Poachers and

Polluters) line: 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP)

From: [MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX](#); [Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX](#); [McLean, Craig A FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [GCPE FLNR Media Requests GCPE:EX](#); [Hales, Gerard S FLNR:EX](#); [Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Media Request: Global - Dog in Snare trap
Date: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 12:03:37 PM
Attachments: [RE URGENT media request vancouver province conibear traps.msg](#)

Hi Jeremy,

Answers to some of the questions provided below. I've cc'd Mindy Richter, she is more knowledgeable about trap signage than I.

More bullets for consideration (taken from a media response from 2015, attached):

- A wildlife regulation was passed in 2015 that restricts the size of Conibear traps used within municipal boundaries throughout the province.
- The regulation limits Conibear-style traps (set on land) to models 220 or smaller within municipalities. This would limit the jaw spread of the trap to seven inches or smaller.
- The new regulation will reduce the potential for non-targeted species (ie – pets) to be harmed by land-set traps set for furbearers or nuisance animals within municipal boundaries.
- If the traps are set within municipal boundaries, provincial guidelines for trapping are as follows:
 - During regular trapping seasons, individual permits are not required beyond the usual trapping licence.
 - However, the municipality/landowner needs to give their permission. The ministry suggests contacting the Municipality in question if trapping occurred inside their municipal limits.
- If the traps are set outside municipal boundaries (i.e. Crown land), then the trapper must be licensed by the Province and comply with all applicable regulations, more information on trapping regulations in BC can be found on pages 90-96 of the 2014-2016 Hunting and Trapping Regulation Synopsis, available online at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/hunting/regulations/>.
- Canada is a signatory to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards with the European Union. The standards are intended to ensure a sufficient level of welfare of trapped animals, and to further improve this welfare.
- B.C. trapping regulations are in full compliance with the Agreement and will continue to be so in future.

Cheers,
Steve

From: Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 19, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX; McLean, Craig A FLNR:EX; MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: GCPE FLNR Media Requests GCPE:EX; Hales, Gerard S FLNR:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Subject: Media Request: Global - Dog in Snare trap

Hi Andrew, Craig and Steve,

We have a media request related to a dog being snared in a trap in the Penticton area (full request at the bottom). http://www.kelownadailycourier.ca/news/article_e563b78c-e3b9-11e7-8a2a-2fc29dcf8fb7.html

COS is not investigating this incident. It was reported to the RAPP line.

COS has provided a bulleted response to the initial questions posed by the reporter (those bullets are under the Recommendation area of the request at the bottom). The reporter has provided follow-up questions that COS hasn't responded to and I'm looking for your input (see questions

immediately below). **They are looking for response by 1 p.m.** We had a similar request in the Kootenay area back in March and I've provided suggested response but am open to input. I think most of these would be Steve but he wouldn't necessarily know if the area was Crown land.

Is this area Crown land? Andrew/Craig?

Was a trapper allowed to place a snare in this area? Andrew/Craig?

Was he required to post signage? Steve? – No.

Are any minimum setbacks required? Steve? – No.

Is the government looking at the request for required signage? Steve? – Will defer to Mindy on this, she has looked into it.

- The Province reviews and updates hunting, fishing and trapping regulations on an ongoing basis.
- In June 2016, the Province released the 2016-18 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis, detailing the most up-to-date rules and regulations for hunters throughout British Columbia. More information is available in this information bulletin: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2016FLNR0120-001021#>
- First Nations, stakeholders and interested British Columbians are invited to submit proposed regulation changes. Relevant proposals are posted for month-long public review and comment, and can be found at: <http://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/pub/ahte/hunting>
- It's currently an offence to trap within 200 metres of a residence. The 200-metre regulation has been sufficient in the past; however, we are open to review should there be emerging circumstances.
- Is there anything we can say about minimum distances from trails on Crown land or is there no regulation around this?
- The Province is considering the use of signs and other means to improve safety to pets when traps have been set in an area.
- The trapping regulations can be found at this link which has a very good regional map to show active trapping.
<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/regulations-synopsis>

Reporter

Shelby Thom, Reporter
Global TV | BC

Deadline Tuesday, December 19, 2017 1:00 PM

Request

I'm following up on a story today in regards to a dog injured in a snare trap in the Carmi area east of Penticton, approx. 5 metres off the trail of the Carmi ski trail network.

http://www.kelownadailycourier.ca/news/article_e563b78c-e3b9-11e7-8a2a-2fc29dcf8fb7.html

Is this area Crown land? Was a trapper allowed to place a snare in this area? Was he required to post signage? Are any minimum setbacks required?

Is the government looking at the request for required signage?

How many domestic pets a year are caught in hunting snares?

If a conservation officer is available in Penticton I could conduct the interview around noon, if not, a statement sent by 1pm would be appreciated.

Background

Recommendation

Here is the messaging sent to Global by the COS for the original request:

- The Conservation Officer Service receives approximately 8 reports annually of pets being caught in traps.
- Canada is a signatory to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards with the European Union. The standards are intended to ensure a sufficient level of welfare of trapped animals, and to further improve this welfare. As a party to this agreement, the Province of B.C. is committed to promoting and encouraging research on humane trapping methods.
- Anyone setting a trap must have a valid licence, issued by the province. Non-licensed use of leg-hold traps is illegal under the Wildlife Act – Commercial Activity Regulation.
- Any trap set on private land requires the permission of the landowner.
- If a leg-hold trap is on public (Crown) land, it must be checked a minimum of every 72 hours. On private land, it must be checked a minimum of every 24 hours.
- If upon inspection of a trap, it holds an animal, the animal must immediately be released or killed.
- Any violation of these regulations constitutes an offence under the Wildlife Act, that could result in consequences from a fine to a court appearance. Information in this regard should be reported to the local Conservation Officer Service, for possible investigation.
- All calls regarding suspected violations should go to the COS RAPP (Report All Poachers and Polluters) line: 1-877-952-7277 (RAPP)

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McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Thursday, February 15, 2018 11:00 AM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Dean.MLA, Mitzi LASS:EX
Subject: 236651 BC government regulation

The purpose of this email is to make sure the BC government takes notice of this situation:
<http://victoriaanimalnews.com/one-man-bounty-wolves-bc/>

The individual in the article has declared his own war on wolves in BC and is enlisting others via social media. Reportedly, he is planning to use snares and leg-hold traps. Two Nanaimo dogs have already been injured. His activity will likely cause much unnecessary pain and suffering to other wildlife, domestic animals and possibly children. And it is all apparently legal.

The BC government has set an example for crazies like this by its wolf cull. It is well known that caribou are dwindling due to habitat loss which is due to BC government mismanagement of logging. The wolves are scapegoats for government mismanagement.

Furthermore, these traps cause unnecessary pain and suffering and endanger wildlife other than the target, domestic animals and children. They should be regulated.

While BC made a good start on regulating the grizzly hunt, there is much more work to be done. Media advises hunters make up much of Conservation personnel which may be one reason why many animals are routinely euthanized rather than being relocated. Another reason apparently was that the BC Liberals did not want to pay for the humane approach. Don't be like them.

This new NDP/Green government made a big mistake on Site C, but did manage to ban the grizzly hunt. While there are many concerns facing this new government, care of our iconic wildlife and environment should be a priority. They make BC more and more unique in a world bent on destruction. Eco-tourism is already demonstrating their monetary value.

Returning to the fact of this frenzied hunter, I hope you will take steps to stop the damage he intends to wreak.

I would appreciate a reply.

Sincerely,
s.22

McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX

From: Lesley Fox <lesley@thefurbearers.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 1, 2016 1:28 PM
To: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX
Cc: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Peterson, Dan FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: CTV news/non-targets - please respond to municipal requests

Hi Mindy,

Thank you again so much for your email. I really appreciate all of your help related to this file.

Your Ministry might also be interested to know about another incident happening related to trapping:

<http://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/pawless-raccoons-in-oak-bay-could-be-result-of-leg-traps-police-1.2925026>

Several other media outlets are reporting on this case. Today, we've been on the phone with various media outlets in Victoria/on the island.

Thanks again for all your help.

Lesley Fox
Executive Director

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From: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX [mailto:Mindy.Richter@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: Wednesday, June 01, 2016 12:45 PM
To: 'Lesley Fox'
Cc: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: CTV news/non-targets - please respond to municipal requests

Dear Lesley Fox,

Thank you for your e-mail below, regarding the goose caught in a trap. I was pleased to be able to attend the meeting you had with the Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations on the issue of trapping and signage, in response to incidences where dogs have been accidentally caught in traps. As mentioned in the meeting, FLNRO is actively pursuing options to eliminate the unintended trapping of non-targeted species and pets.

Municipalities and property owners often hire trappers and pest control companies to assist with nuisance animals for health and safety reasons, as well as to prevent damage to property. As you know, FLNRO is exploring signage and additional training for when trapping is being carried out on behalf of municipalities and property owners. I have spoken to a Union of BC Municipalities representative and a future meeting is being arranged. I will be happy to have more discussions with the Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals as we move forward on the issue you raised.

Regards,

Mindy Richter
Director, Strategic Projects
Resource Stewardship Division, FLNRO
250-356-9247

From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@thefurbearers.com>]

Sent: Sunday, May 22, 2016 12:39 PM

To: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX

Cc: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Tennant, Laura FLNR:EX; Peterson, Dan FLNR:EX; adrian@thefurbearers.com; Michael Howie

Subject: CTV news/non-targets - please respond to municipal requests

Importance: High

Dear Ms. Richter,

Since our meeting with you and Minister Thomson, you might be interested to know that yet another non-target animal has been found suffering in a trap. CTV news aired the story this weekend, and it's already being picked up by other news outlets and being shared extensively on social media. I am sure you will agree that this media clip does not reflect well on the BC government and local trappers.

<http://bc.ctvnews.ca/goose-caught-in-cruel-trap-leads-to-renewed-calls-for-a-ban-1.2912474>

We've reached out to the golf course in Surrey to offer our assistance with managing the beavers in a non-lethal manner and hope to hear from them shortly. In the meantime, we are still unclear as to what FLNRO is going to do about the increasing number of non-target animals suffering/dying in BC's communities?

Can you please make this issue a priority and respond to the outstanding requests from Surrey, White Rock, Sechelt, Nanaimo, Creston and Vernon – as to whether or not they have permission to regulate trapping within their borders?

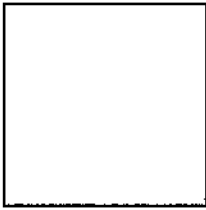
I look forward to hearing from you.

Lesley Fox
Executive Director

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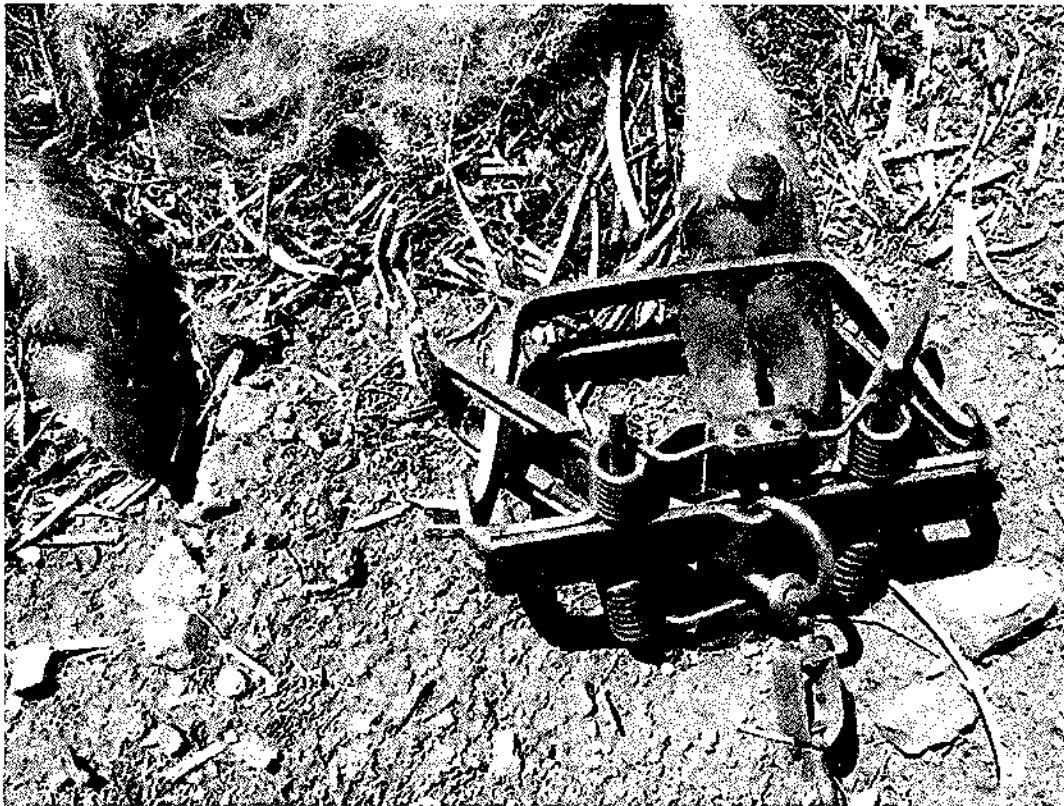
McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX

From: s.22
Sent: Sunday, March 13, 2016 3:04 PM
To: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX
Subject: 220871 leg hold traps for deer?

Dear Minister Thomson,

One more reason why traps and snares should not be used. As well as torturing the animals for who they were intended, they also torture many that were not intended to be caught.

PLEASE stop listening to your employees that call themselves biologists, and listen to your heart and your conscience! I'm sure you are not the one that wants these horrific practices to continue.



Sincerely

s.22

North Vancouver, BC

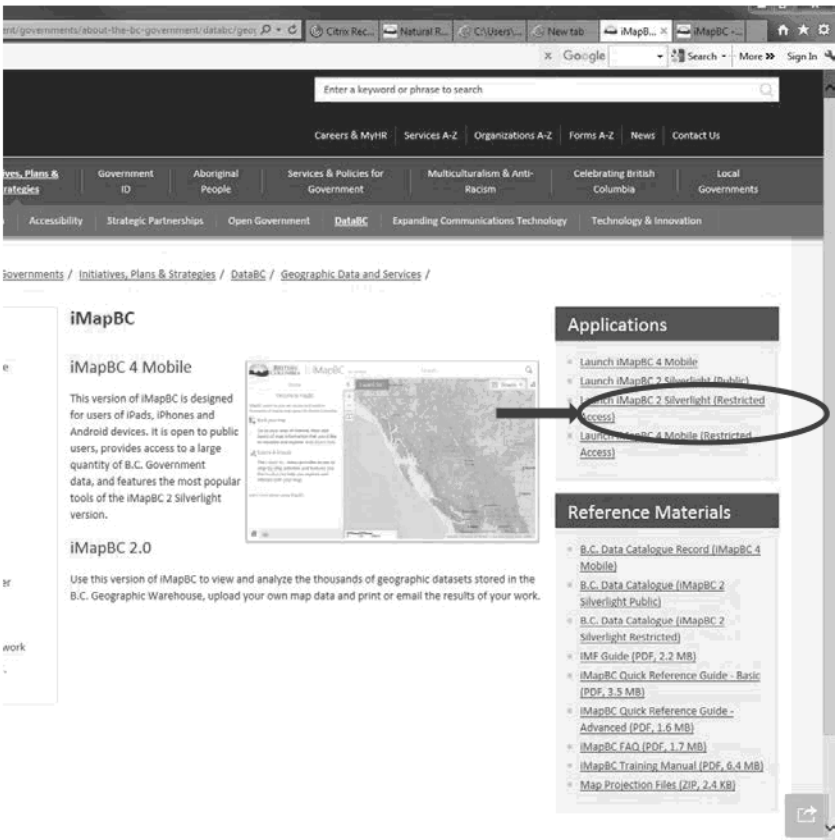
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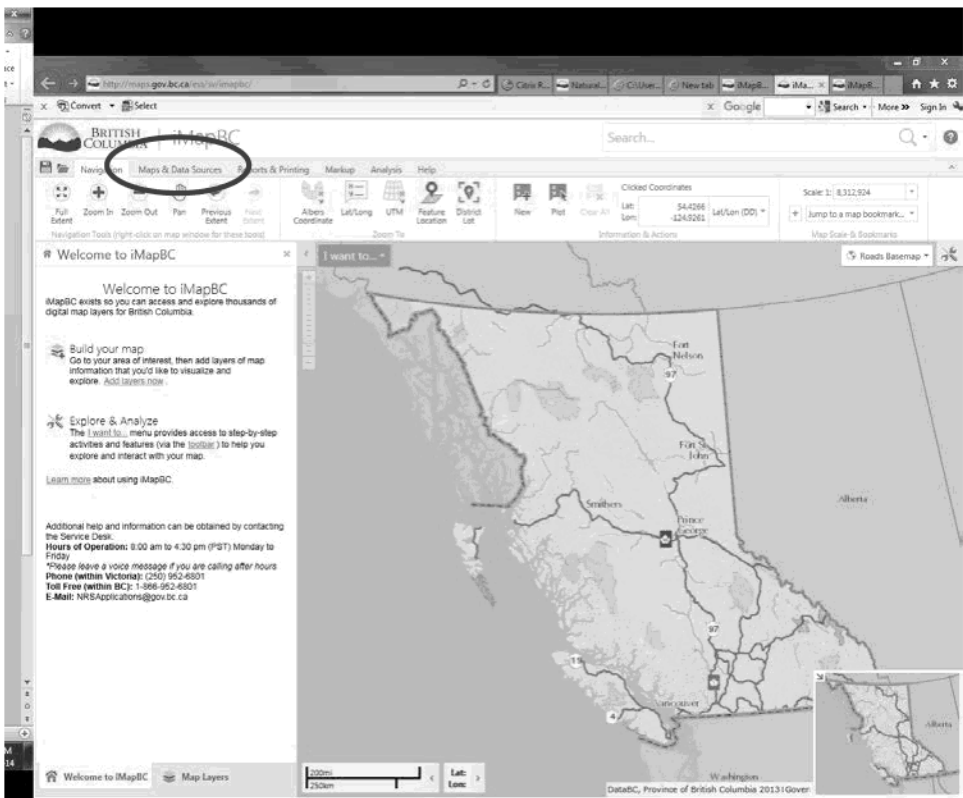
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How to determine a trapline number using iMap

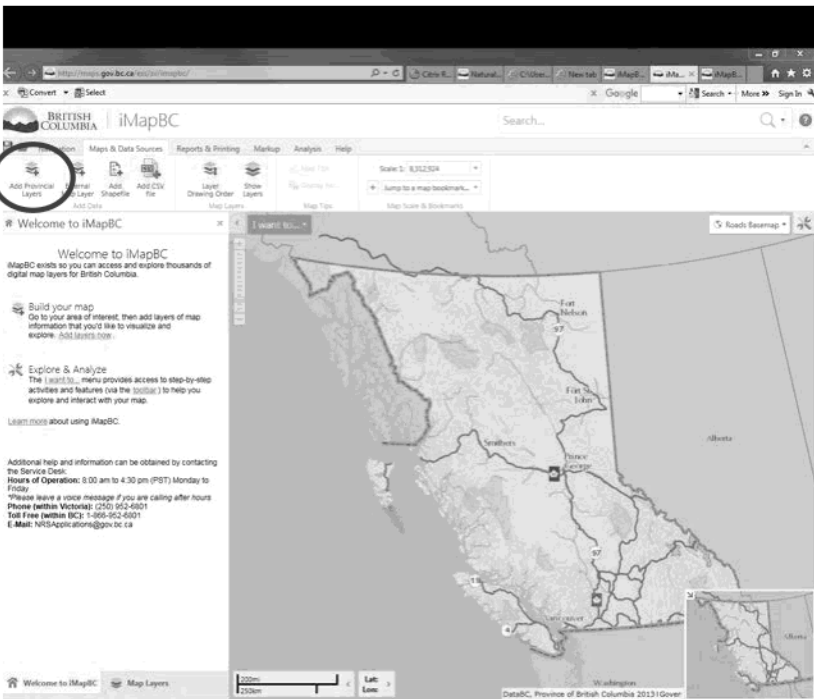
1. Navigate to the iMap link: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/governments/about-the-bc-government/databc/geographic-data-and-services/imapbc>
2. Launch the application, you can click on either the public or restricted from a Government computer. This will launch the program.



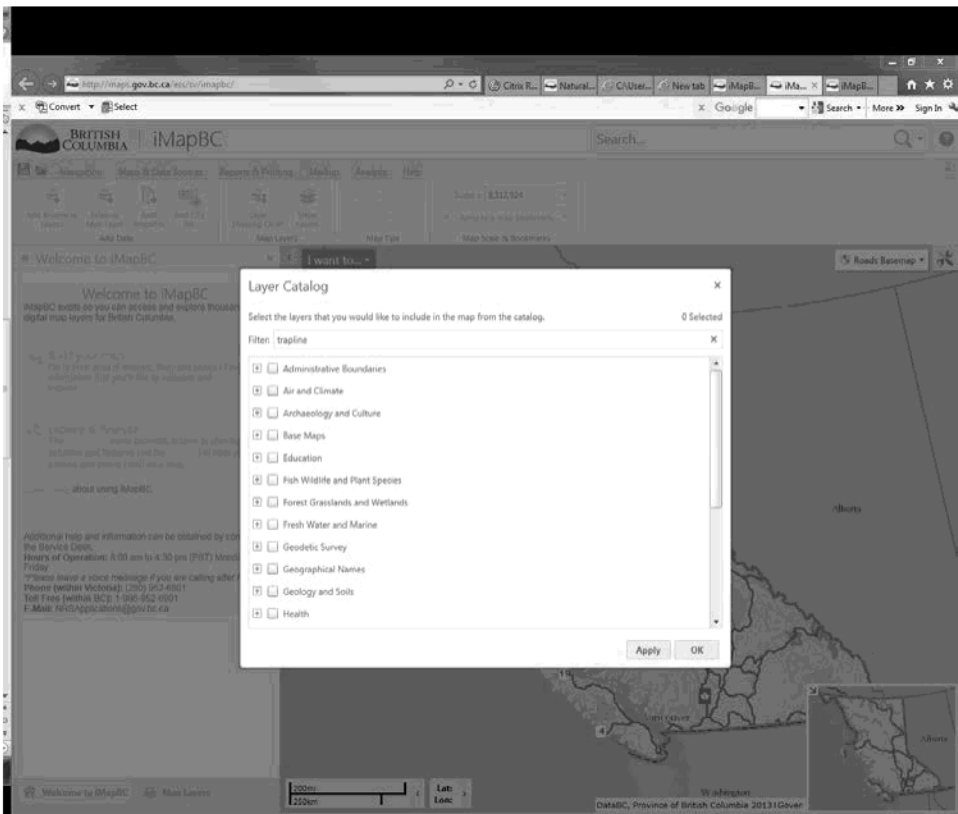
3. Now that the program is open in a new window, we have to add the trapline file. The first step is to click on *Maps & Data Sources*



4. Then click *Add provincial layers*. This will open a new window *Layer Catalogue*.

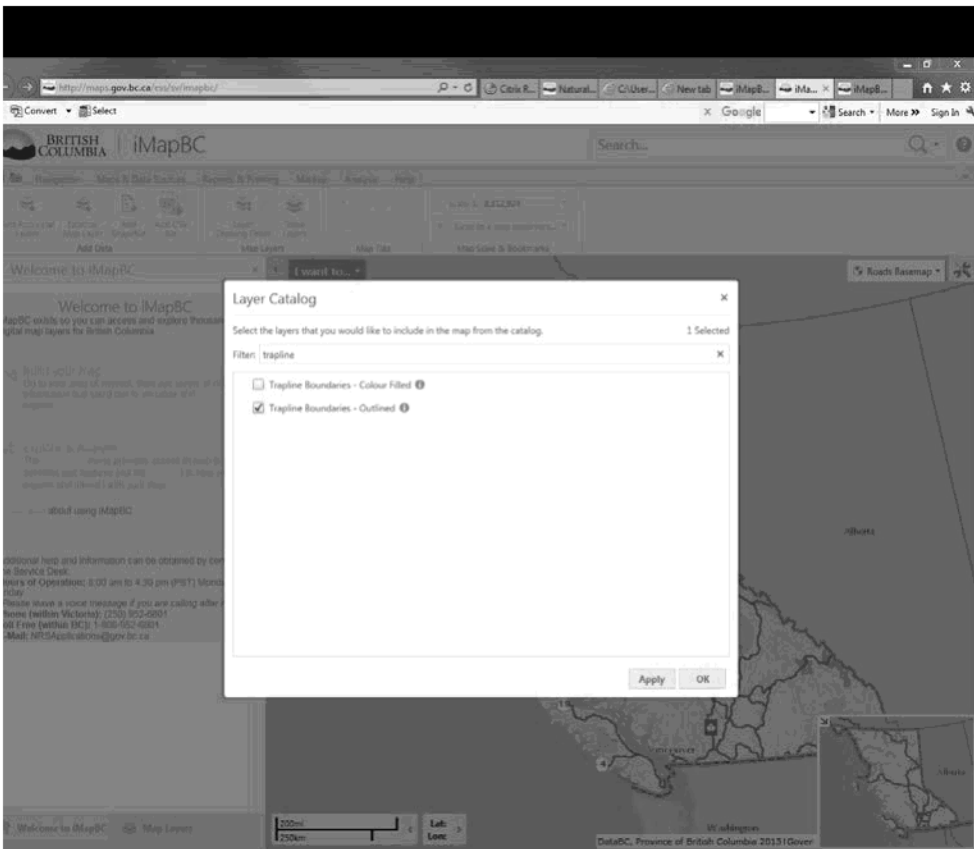


5. Type “traplines” into the *Layer Catalogue*.

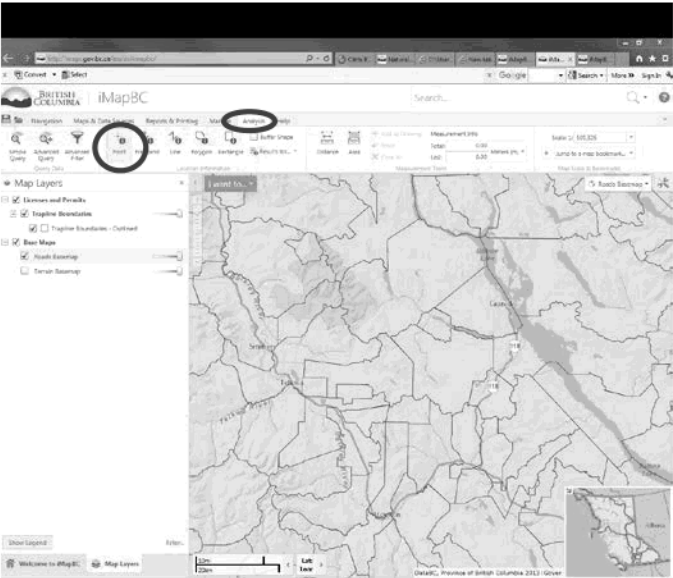


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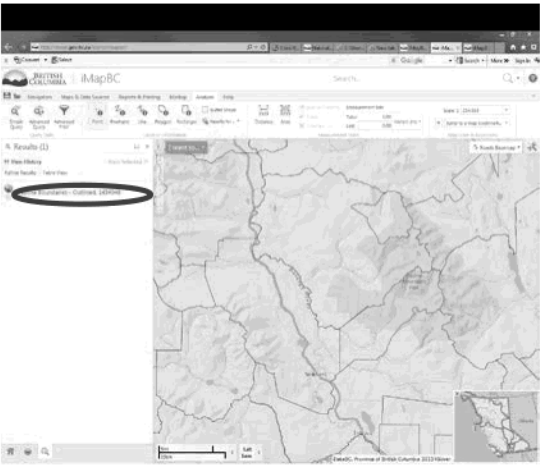
7. Click, *Trapline Boundaries – Outlined*



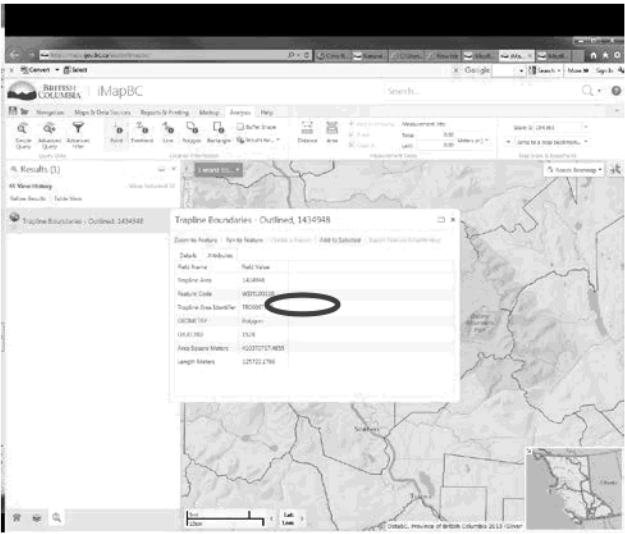
8. Click okay.
9. Now you can scroll to the area of interest, using the *Navigation tab* at the top and your computer mouse.
10. Once you find the area the client is discussing, you will see the trapline that overlaps it. There are two ways to determine which trapline number it is. You can either label all of the traplines, or just determine one.
11. To determine a single trapline number, once you are zoomed into the area, you click on the *Analysis* tab at the top. And then click on *Point*.



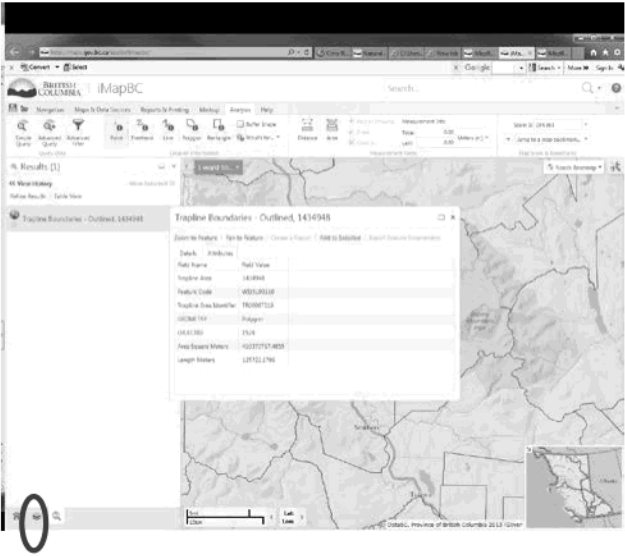
12. Then move your cursor over top of the trapline you are interested and click. This will bring up the information on the left of the trapline. Click on the hyperlink that shows up.

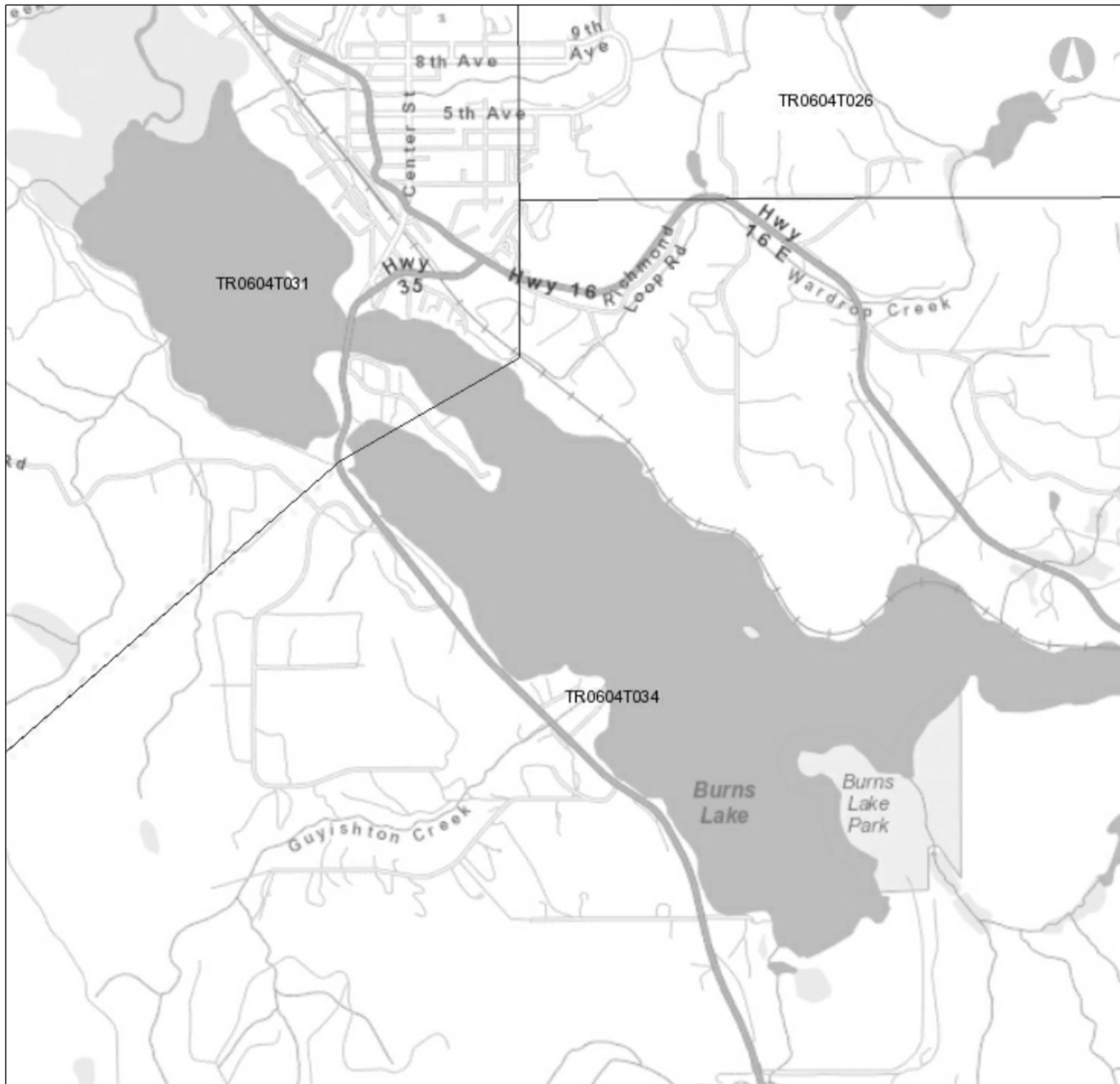


13. This will open a box with the trapline number. You can see below this one is TR0608T019.



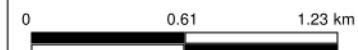
14. The other option is to label all traplines. To do this, click on the middle right button and close the information box in the middle.





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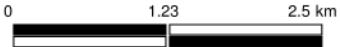
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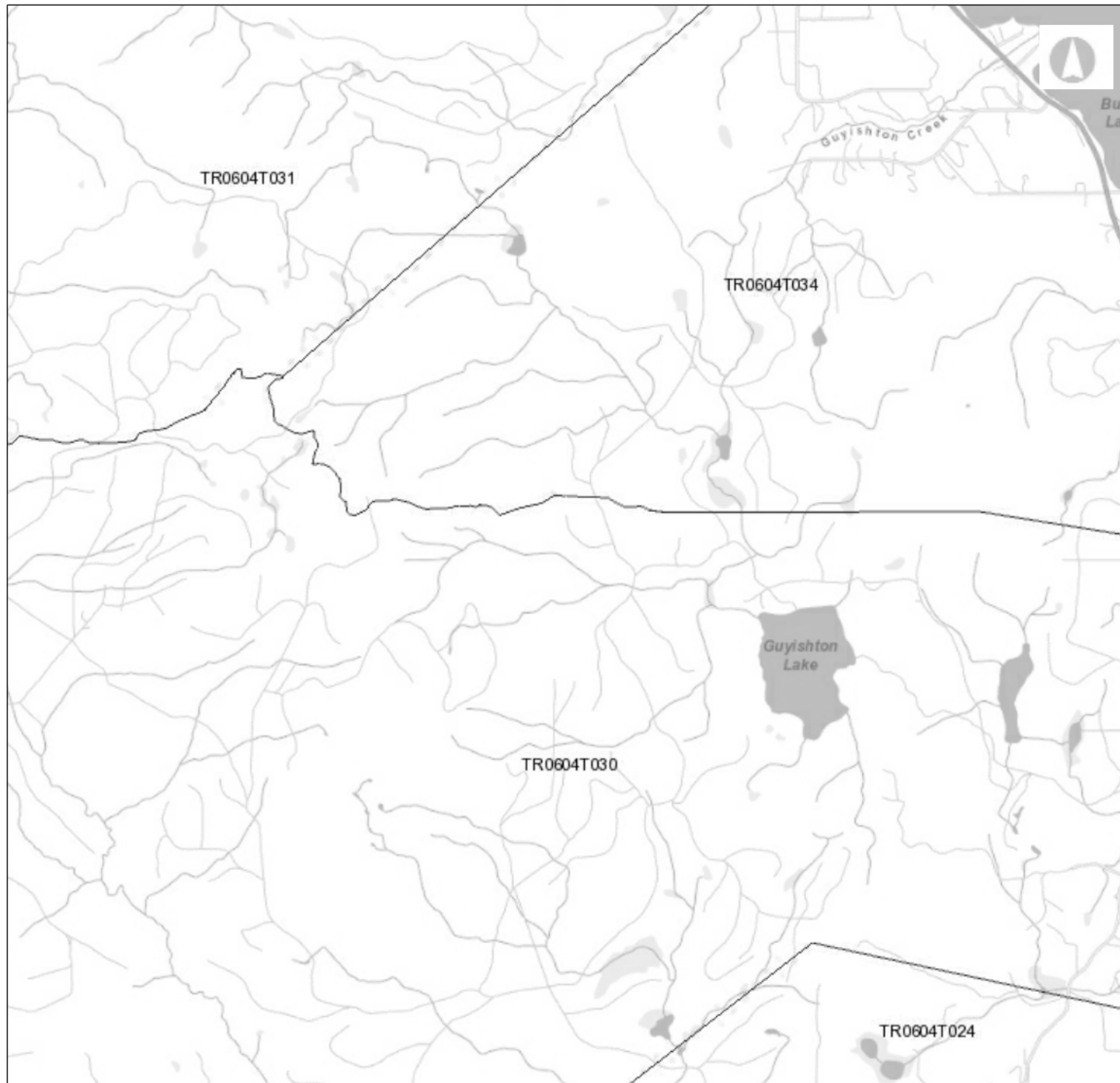
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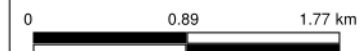
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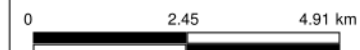




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From: [Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Palm, Jeff ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: I had a dog killed last night.
Date: Friday, January 27, 2017 12:00:00 PM
Attachments: [map for jeff - jan 27 - 3.pdf](#)

From: Palm, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 11:52 AM
To: Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: I had a dog killed last night.
My cell is s.22

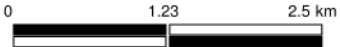
From: Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Palm, Jeff ENV:EX
Subject: RE: I had a dog killed last night.
Hi Jeff,
The attached PDF I made for others here should help.
Let me know if need anything else.
Kind regards,
Krystal

From: Palm, Jeff ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, January 27, 2017 11:42 AM
To: Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX
Subject: I had a dog killed last night.
Hi Krystal,
Can you tell me how to find the trapping ownership layer on the i-map site?
Jeff PALM | Conservation Officer | Ministry of Environment |
Bulkley Stikine Zone | Burns Lake | British Columbia |
(250)692-2264
(250)692-7902 Fax



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From: [Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX](#)
To: s.22
Subject: RE: Trapline Inquiry for Dog Safety - Spring Creek, Terrace
Date: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 12:11:00 PM

Good afternoon,

Almost all of the Skeena region has active traplines on crown land as well as several private property parcels. I cannot specifically answer your question, other than to try to confirm the trapline number so I can get the contact information for the trapper to you to discuss with them directly. s.22 I think

discussing with the trapper is your best bet. There are no set distances from a road edge where traps have to be set. If it is crown land, and the trapper is registered to that line, then the trapper can place the traps where they wish within the boundaries of their trapline.

I am not familiar with that logging road, would you have coordinate you could pass to me and I can determine the trapline number?

Kind Regards,

Krystal

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phone: 250.847.7274 fax: 250.847.7728
krystal.dixon@gov.bc.ca

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, December 22, 2015 1:36 PM
To: Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX
Subject: Trapline Inquiry for Dog Safety - Spring Creek, Terrace
Hi Krystal,

I have been informed that there is an active trapline at the Spring Creek logging road in Terrace. This area is commonly used for cross country skiing with dogs off-leash in the winter as the road is currently deactivated. I would like to continue using this area, however I am concerned for my dog's safety as she often runs through the bush chasing squirrels and whatever else she can find.

What I would like to know is:

- What animals are they trapping for and what kind of traps are set? (e.g. are they ground traps that a dog could get caught in?)
- Where is the trapline located in relation to the road? (e.g. how many kms away is the trapline from the gate?)

Any information you could provide to help me keep my furchild safe would be appreciated :)



s.22

From: [Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Hughes, Brandy FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Trapper & Rights
Date: Thursday, December 7, 2017 10:10:00 AM
Attachments: Copy of REC104532 automated status sheet with lens comments- KD.xlsx

Good morning Brandy,

I checked the trappers and guide listing to see if still current. I have attached a file with my comments (in orange) with updates for you, only one trapline has changed registered owners. I like your suggestions of having the OSC talk to trappers. Just good to give them the heads up and avoid any potential conflicts.

Please advise if I can do anything further. s.22

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Kind Regards,

Krystal

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Phone: 250-771-3567 | e-mail: Krystal.Dixon@gov.bc.ca

From: Hughes, Brandy FLNR:EX

Sent: Thursday, December 7, 2017 9:51 AM

To: Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Trapper & Rights

Thank you, Krystal.

I've contacted the Omenica Ski Club (Burns Lake Nordic) to let them know of your guidance. It's looking like they have an idea of overlapping trappers. Attached is the status report generated January 2017. It's getting a bit dated. Would you mind confirming the guide outfitter and trappers listed in spreadsheet?

OSC has proposed expanding their recreation site designation to include additional resource roads that they're currently grooming for xc skiing. As you know, this requires a formal referral process. I've asked them to do as much legwork as possible – speaking to stakeholders of their plans. I trust OSC to be respectful of other stakeholders, including trappers and guide outfitters. They don't allow dogs on the trails so no issue there. I've recommended they speak to each trapper to identify any conflict and ways of mitigating conflict.

Attachments include:

Overview map of expanded recreation polygon

Shapefile

Status report, dated January 2017

When you get time, no rush. Let me know if you need anything else.

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From: Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 3:57 PM
To: Christian-Wind, Karin FLNR:EX; Thomas, Nick J FLNR:EX; Hughes, Brandy FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Trapper & Rights

Good afternoon everyone,

Below are some of my responses in red next to your questions. Please let me know if there is anything more I can do to assist.

The only thing I will add, on top of the red below, that might be relevant, is our Ministry Policy, 4-7-03.02, *Management of Traplines on Crown Land and Private Property*. Section 1.5 of this policy states that, "If a dispute arises as to the priority of rights respecting any trapline, the matter shall, at the request of a party to the dispute, be determined by the regional manager who may alter, eliminate or reassign part of a trapline."

Kind Regards,

Krystal

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Cc: Dixon, Krystal FLNR:EX
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Hello Nick and Brandy,

Thank you for your emails. I will forward your questions and concerns to Krystal Dixon as she will be better equipped to advise.

Sincerely,

Karin Christian-Wind

Fish and Wildlife Permit Clerk

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To: Christian-Wind, Karin FLNR:EX
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Subject: FW: Trapper & Rights

Karin, thoughts on this?

Is there anything in a Trapping Licence that speaks to exclusive use vs. compatible uses? No. The trapline and right to trap commercially within that apply to all portions of crown land.

I presume not and overlaps with existing recreation users is common. Yes, this is the case. I have
s.22

Traps can essentially be anywhere on crown land, or private property as well, during trapping season. Even in Parks.

I know I've skied past live traps on maintained trails myself.

Nick Thomas, CPA, CMA

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From: Hughes, Brandy FLNR:EX

Sent: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 12:16 PM

To: Thomas, Nick J FLNR:EX

Subject: Trapper & Rights

Hi, Nick,

Can you provide some guidance on what rights a Trapper has on his or her trapline with respects to recreation use? Being registered to a trapline essentially just gives you exclusive rights to trap commercially within the said boundaries of that trapline. Any registered cabin is done so under a Notation of Interest under the *Lands Act*, and gives no recreation capacity for its use beyond the measures of using it for trapping. Many folks use snow machine/snowshoes/cross country skis to access trails and traps in their trapline.

Specifically, an active trapline that uses a proposed cross country ski trail. There are several ways trappers access their lines, and where they trap. Unless the trail is on private property,, I don't see how we could not allow a trapper to use the trails.

Is it appropriate for the club to contact the Trapper to discuss? For sure. I suspect most trappers would be keen to avoid incidental trapping of dogs, etc. If there is a high use area, then they will likely want to be aware of it as well. However, this would not be a requirement on their part. I can provide the trappers contact info if you send me a location of where you are speaking of.

Thank you!

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From: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 1:44 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: Di Georgio, Alexis FLNR:EX; MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 313448 - Redirect
Attachments: FW: FWD to South Okanagan & P. Pike Action Needed: Traplines, Domestic Pets and Recreation Areas

I believe Stephen McIver already responded to this. See attached. I have not received any telephone calls.

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, January 12, 2018 8:53 AM
To: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX
Cc: Di Georgio, Alexis FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 313448 - Redirect

Hi Mindy,

I've been advised that you might be the best person to respond to this redirect from ENV. Can you confirm that the issues in the attached is for FLNRO to respond to?

Thanks,

Eleni Gibson

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From: Nelthorpe, Colleen ENV:EX
Sent: Wednesday, January 3, 2018 10:12 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: 313448 - Redirect

Hello,

Please find attached correspondence addressed to Minister Heyman regarding current policy regarding the establishment of traps near residential and recreational areas.

Please confirm whether or not your ministry will respond to the issue and cc our Minister. Once we have received your confirmation we will send a redirect letter to the author.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you!

Colleen Nelthorpe
Correspondence Coordinator
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, December 29, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: FWD to South Okanagan & P. Pike Action Needed: Traplines, Domestic Pets and Recreation Areas

Hi Mindy,

I gave this person your phone number, she would like to speak to you about signs and public notification for when traps are set.

Steve

From: Liedtke, Michael ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, December 22, 2017 11:37 AM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: FWD to South Okanagan & P. Pike Action Needed: Traplines, Domestic Pets and Recreation Areas

As discussed.

There may have been a similar letter to FLNRO.

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2017 10:41 AM
To: Minister, ENV ENV:EX
Cc: seccles@spca.bc.ca; Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX
Subject: FWD to South Okanagan & P. Pike Action Needed: Traplines, Domestic Pets and Recreation Areas

Dear Minister Heyman,

A recent frightening event in Penticton s.22 (news story below) drew my attention to current policy regarding the establishment of traps near residential and recreational areas.

As you will see, s.22 were walking in a well used recreational area when their dog was snared in a trap. Luckily he was rescued and survived this ordeal. Through reporting, it was noted that approximately EIGHT such incidences occur yearly. One single pet being hurt or killed by this practice, in the Penticton conservation area or in BC as a whole, is unacceptable and can be avoided by improved regulation and policy.

Personally, I feel these traps are abhorrent and create unnecessary suffering for the wildlife they are intended for, but that is not the purpose of this letter.

I am writing to ask, why are traps allowed to be set so close to recreational trail areas used by the public and further, why does your program not require signage warning the public of traps in recreationally used areas?

Pet (dog) ownership, outdoor recreational activity and back country travel have all increased dramatically in BC in the past 15-20 years. I respectfully request that your Ministry responsible consider reviewing and updating policies which guide trapping in BC and addressing the unacceptable risks posed to people and domestic animals through this practice.

I suggest that immediately, trapping should be banned within at least 500 meters of known recreational trails/areas and signage should be compulsory and in place to warn users of trapping in the area.

I look forward to your response to my email and also welcome a response from others copied here: the BC Conservation office and the BC SPCA.

<https://globalnews.ca/news/3926170/penticton-couple-urges-caution-in-upper-carrii-after-dog-snared-in-trapline/>

Regards,

s.22

Fernandes, Ruth FLNR:EX

From: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 4:09 PM
To: Iredale, Francis FLNR:EX
Cc: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Follow up Dog caught in trap Conibear 330

Hi Fran,

Unfortunate. At a minimum Mindy should be aware of the incident.

What would it take to have some pre-printed flagging tape with something like: "caution: active trapping in the area" made and given out to trappers all over the province?

Steve

From: Iredale, Francis FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 9:26 AM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Subject: Follow up Dog caught in trap Conibear 330
Importance: High

Hi Steve,

I have removed the photo of the dog in the trap. But just a heads up to you in case information comes to Victoria. I have contacted the COS to press for an investigation.

Is Mindy Ritcher the person looking after trapping at the policy level?

Cheers,
Fran

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From: Iredale, Francis FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 9:17 AM
To: Van Damme, Kevin ENV:EX
Subject: Follow up Dog caught in trap Conibear 330

Hi Kevin,

I have reviewed the open seasons for trapping and based on the information provided the dog was caught in a Conibear 330 that was set within a cubby. Given the location of the trap I believe the trapper was targeting lynx. The dog was caught on November 14th, the open season for Lynx starts on the 15th of November. I doubt he was setting for beaver in that location. Also the location is near a pull out, should there be some due diligence with respect to placement of trap?

s.22 noted the following: " The trap appears to be a conibear #330. The tethering wire was not strong enough as he broke free from it and it did not kill instantly as designed as I found him many metres from the trap location." Can you contact s.22 and inquire about what species he is trapping for at the moment? If he doesn't mention beaver I feel that is very likely he was setting for lynx and this event happened on the 14th.

I have enclosed a photo of the dog in the trap- sorry to include this, but gives you the sense of what occurred.

I feel that s.22 has raised some good points that we should look into, this may go to the media if we don't respond to s.22 ? I can go into the field with you for a site visit.

s.22

Thanks and thoughts?
Fran



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Sent: Thursday, November 16, 2017 9:58 AM
To: Iredale, Francis FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: dog killed in trap 29km Darlington - request CO Service Investigation - more info
Attachments: 20171116_092457.jpg

Thank you

I see the trapper has been to the site this am and has not replaced the #330. There is an elevated box there now with a smaller conibear. Attached is a picture of the box that got my dog. It had a chicken in it.

If this trap was for Wolverine then it would be worthwhile to review the past trapping records for this location to see if one has ever been caught.

s.22

----- Original message -----

From: "Iredale, Francis FLNR:EX"
Date: 2017-11-16 9:27 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: s.22
Cc: "Fraser, Jennifer TRAN:EX"
Subject: RE: dog killed in trap 29km Darlington - request CO Service Investigation - more info

Hi s.22

You raise some very valid points in your email. I have articulated this to the COS and will follow up today. Will be in touch.

Cheers,
Fran

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Sent: November-15-17 8:51 AM

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Thanks,
Fran

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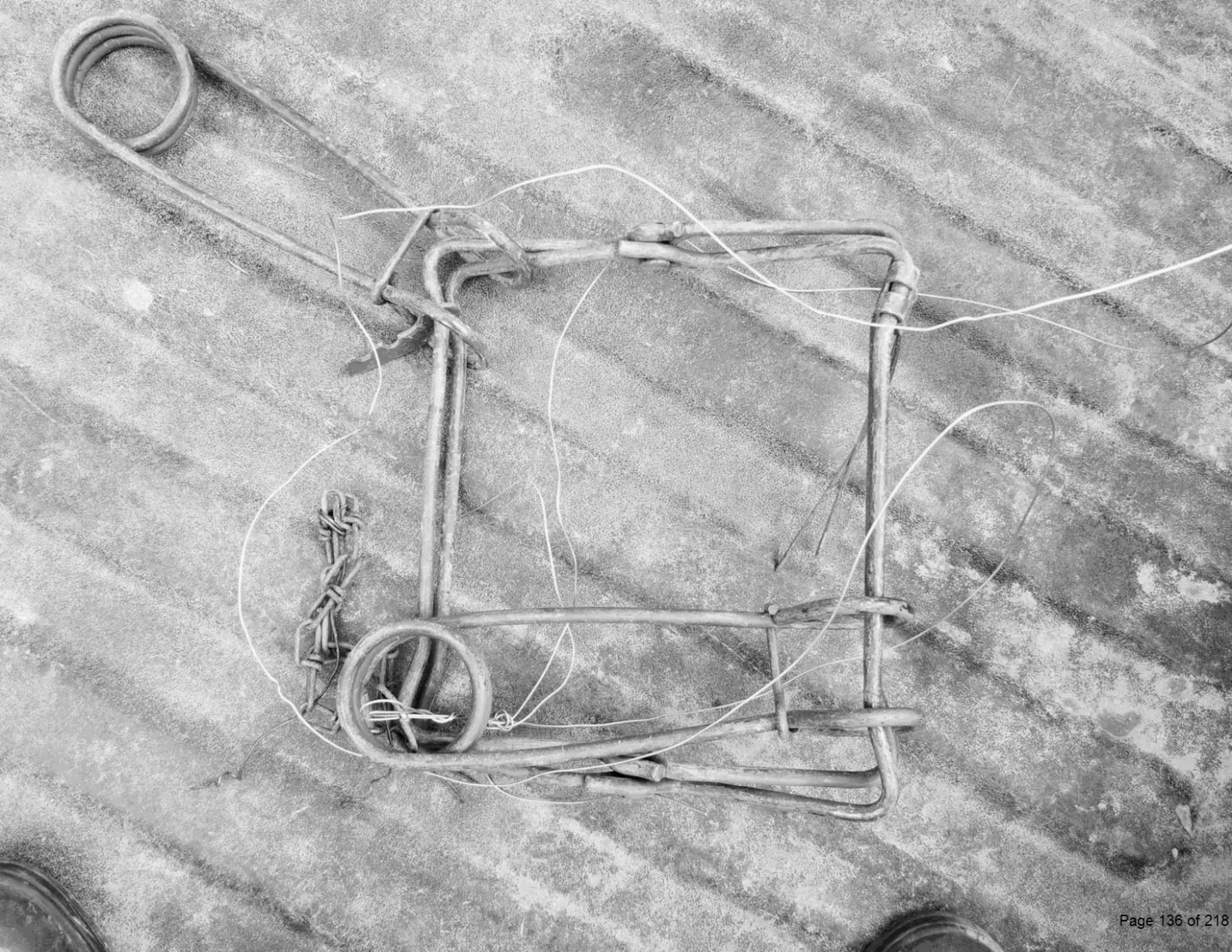
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Mindy – Are you able to take a look at the suggested response for signage, please?

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To: Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX
Cc: Bethel, Greig GCPE:EX; Craig, Kate FLNR:EX
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Hi Logan,

Google tells me that APFBA is the Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals... I have never written to this entity, not sure if correspondence has ever come from the branch.

I've cc'd Kate Craig as she has more familiarity with traps and municipalities than I, she may have had correspondence with the APFBA.....

Some suggested edits below in red.

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Reporter's premise:

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Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 3:43 PM
To: 'Berezanski, Dean (SD)'; 'Pierre Canac-Marquis'; Emmanuel.Dalpe-Charron@mffp.gouv.qc.ca
Cc: Reid, Aaron FLNR:EX
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Sent: Monday, December 4, 2017 10:36 AM
To: Reid, Aaron FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: QUESTION: Anchor Restrictions/Leghold traps
Attachments: Anchor Restrictions for Leghold Wolf Traps.docx; Anchor Restrictions for Leghold Wolf Traps.docx

Hi Aaron,

I'm wondering if you can help me out a bit. GCPE has asked for some tweaking of the wording related to the anchor proposal. Attached are two documents, one being the version sent to GCPE, the other is a version that I spent 5 minutes updating.

I'd like to add some context around wolf trapping, what restrictions are currently in place for leg hold traps (i.e. padded off set jaws, etc.) and their tested so that minimal suffering occurs when a wolf is trapped. Would you be able to continue with the edit on the posting? I'm neck deep in responding to the grizzly bear audit and don't have time. We'd like to get these things posted this week..... if you could have a revised version to me today or tomorrow that'd be awesome. If you don't have time either that's ok, just let me know.

Thanks,
Steve

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Sent: Friday, December 1, 2017 2:41 PM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: Makarowski, Dawn GCPE:EX; Roscoe, Lisa GCPE:EX
Subject: QUESTION: Anchor Restrictions/Leghold traps

Steve,

It's not clear to me what is being proposed – and what a “drag” is. Can this one be plain-language a bit more? I imagine the title of this reg proposal will attract a lot of comment.

Thx,

Vivian

Angling, Hunting, and Trapping Engagement (AHTE) Website Guide

Heading: Trapping

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From: Szkorupa, Tara D FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:30 PM
To: Reid, Aaron FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: regulation changes

Sorry Aaron, forgot I had this. Does this help?

Tara Szkorupa, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone: 250-489-8553 Tara.Szkorupa@gov.bc.ca

From: s.22
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 1:39 PM
To: Szkorupa, Tara D FLNR:EX
Subject: Re: regulation changes

The change could be used province wide however not all regions are open to trapping year round on crown land like the Kootenay region .I was thinking these proposals just need to go directly to the provincial team because they are trapper specific, the advisory table will not have any input into the changes as this will have no affect on the hunting opportunities .A point to make regarding wolf trapping under 1100 meters trappers are not trapping wolf in the off season as there is no pelt value and no incentive for them to be doing any type of removal .

Sent from Windows Mail

From: Szkorupa, Tara D FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 12:19 PM
To: s.22
Cc: [Bohm, Holger FLNR:EX](#)

Oops just noticed you say Kootenay Region for both proposals ... disregard my comment about raising this through your provincial organization.

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From: Szkorupa, Tara D FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 12:15 PM
To: s.22

Cc: Bohm, Holger FLNR:EX
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Thanks for the clarification s.22 I'll update our spreadsheet.

Looks like #35 would apply to the Kootenay Region but #37 would be provincial. Is that right? For the provincial proposal can you elevate this through your provincial organization?

Take care, Tara

Tara Szkorupa, Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
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To: Bohm, Holger FLNR:EX

Cc: Szkorupa, Tara D FLNR:EX

Subject: regulation changes

Tara I do not think the regulation proposal was captured correctly can you please amend to read .

#35 Wolf, amend regulation to read killing snares may be used Dec 1 st to Mar 31 st in Kootenay region .

Rationale The trapping season is closed in the Kootenay region Mar31 st anyone trapping the extended season under 1100 meters is not trapping for fur quality they would be trapping for just targeted removal. The proposal makes sense to not use killing devices as this would insure non targeted species that are incidentally captured best chance for recovery.

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Rationale Incidentally caught wildlife (Bears) would not be able to escape with traps. This is a safety issue for both trappers and wildlife staff having to deal with unintentional capture of non targeted species .

If you need more info or have questions you can call me s.22

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Sent: Wednesday, November 15, 2017 10:06 AM
To: Smith, Kelly B FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wolf Trapping Proposal

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Sent: Monday, October 2, 2017 9:10 AM
To: Bohm, Holger FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Wolf Trapping Proposal

FYI – Steve and I discussed on the phone and this email was the follow up. Still haven't heard back..

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Whoops – forgot to cc you. See update below

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Steve, thank you for the update.

Brian, it was s.22 that spearheaded the proposal if you want to touch base with him for more background rational his number is s.22

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Hi Aaron, s.22

Aaron, s.22 and I spoke to him earlier today about the solid anchor proposal for wolf leg hold traps. s.22 had some concerns about the proposal being province wide, I have some concerns with the proposal being for one region, so there are some things that should get sorted.

s.22 , Aaron is a wildlife biologist in the Kootenay Region and the regional contact for this reg proposal.

s.22 is going to call the BCTA reps in the Kootenays and get some more information on what their concerns are and get back to use (hopefully) with a provincial perspective on the proposal.

Note, I've run this proposal past the folks on the Canadian Fur Bearer Management Committee and there are not concerns with respect to the International Agreement on Humane Trapping Standards, so the ball is entirely within our court.

This email is just an introduction and conversation starter.

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From: Reid, Aaron FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, February 1, 2018 8:57 AM
To: Burwash, Michael FLNR:EX; Hales, Gerad S FLNR:EX; Szkorupa, Tara D FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Walker, Andrew FLNR:EX (Andrew.Walker@gov.bc.ca)
Subject: RE: anything to add to cougar pursuit bullets

Hi folks,

I am a bit out of the loop on this so have cc'd walker. The pursuit rational is new to me but it works.

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Gerad & Tara & Aaron?

Thanks,
Michael

From: Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 30, 2018 4:42 PM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Burwash, Michael FLNR:EX
Subject: anything to add to cougar pursuit bullets

Here is what you provided (slightly edited) and sent to MO. Anything new to add?
Thanks,
Jen

Background

The Hunting and Trapping Regulation Synopsis (HTRS) is published every other year.

Government is committed to an open and transparent process to support the decisions on new or amended regulations; consultation occurs at many levels and different points. Most First Nations and hunting and trapping stakeholder

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Cougar

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Further to consider...

PCM... I notice that, of all the certified wolf legholds, only the Victor 3 for wolf has a shock-absorbing spring,. Is this part of the integral, tested design? We teach that such a spring should decrease injury, although now any such mods may not be allowed?

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2017-11-17 13:21 GMT-05:00 MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX <Stephen.MacIver@gov.bc.ca>:

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Subject: RE: Proposed Trapping Regulations - BC

Hi Pierre,

Thank you, this is very helpful. From what I gather we could put this regulation in place for the province for 2018-2020, and in 2020 we can turn our minds to certified traps for wolves and the provincial option of also regulating, or recommending, the Best Trapping Practices component.

I can follow up with Aaron and provincial staff on what approach we want to take with this.

Thanks again,
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Here are a few elements to consider in finding a solution to your situation:

When certifying a trap model under AIHTS, it is the trap that we certify not the trapping set. Trapping set which includes the anchoring system, solid stake or drag for live capture traps is not part of the certification. Nevertheless there is a provision under article 7c

"require manufacturers to identify certified traps and **provide instructions for their appropriate setting**, safe operation and maintenance".

In order to address this AIHTS obligation FIC has produced the "Best Trapping Practices" document which detail the "appropriate" settings depending on the trap type and the species concerned.

In the case of live capture leg hold traps for wolf you will see details on page 17 of http://fur.ca/downloads/ms_4528.pdf

Based on our AIHTS wolf trap testing if the LH trap is to be anchored on a solid stake the maximum chain length must be 1.2 meters. There should be a swivel attached to the D ring right under the trap base bar plus another one 5 inches further down, then a in line shock absorber spring (minimum 50 lbs compression). Also the chain should get entangled in the catch circle to prevent the swivels functioning.

The obligation to use only AIHTS certified live capture traps for wolf will come into force across Canada including BC fall of 2020. Under AIHTS requirements the obligation to use these in a specific set defined by prov/terr regulations is optional by each jurisdiction

Most of these wolf LH traps (no 5 size traps and over + Belisle foot snare) will hold a black bear.

I hope this helps.

Pierre

2017-11-15 18:43 GMT-05:00 MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX <Stephen.MacIver@gov.bc.ca>:

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Hi Tara,

FYI – the anchor restriction for leghold wolf traps looks like a provincial regulation p. 95 trapping methods. The footnote in the table applies to the province. I arraigned to talk with McIver about this next week as his Friday is crazy. From our conversation he likes the proposal and it may be an appropriate change provincially as it is supported by new Canadian Standards. I'll follow up with how to move it forward perhaps we will not be the proponent but HQ?

Thoughts?

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Hi Aaron, s.22

Aaron, s.22 and I spoke to him earlier today about the solid anchor proposal for wolf leg hold traps s.22 had some concerns about the proposal being province wide, I have some concerns with the proposal being for one region, so there are some things that should get sorted.

s.22 Aaron is a wildlife biologist in the Kootenay Region and the regional contact for this reg proposal.

s.22 is going to call the BCTA reps in the Kootenays and get some more information on what their concerns are and get back to use (hopefully) with a provincial perspective on the proposal.

Note, I've run this proposal past the folks on the Canadian Fur Bearer Management Committee and there are not concerns with respect to the International Agreement on Humane Trapping Standards, so the ball is entirely within our court.

This email is just an introduction and conversation starter.

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The questions for you are:

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Hi folks,

For sure I can do this but I need to bring myself up to speed with the issues.^{s.22}
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Aaron, I can write a paragraph about our research work.

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Subject: Wolverine trapping regulation

Hi Garth and Aaron

Attached is the draft wolverine trapping regulation change and an old letter I sent to trappers requesting that they reduce harvest in 2004.

Aaron, would you have the time to draft up a new letter to send to trappers requesting that they harvest 1 wolverine over 3 years. Unsure whether we should send letter to all trappers or only trappers in problem areas. I think we need to include some info on recent wolverine research: Garth would you be able to write a paragraph basically stating why we are requesting trappers reduce their harvest?

Also do you think we should attend trapping meeting to provide summary of wolverine research results? The thinking by trappers is that if they only harvest males they are not impacting populations. I think we may need to change this way of thinking.

Your thoughts?

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Subject: Wolf Trapping Proposal

Hi Steve,

We received the following proposal from the East Kootenay BCTA to make a change to the trapping method (p.95) for modified leg hold wolf trapping. The proposal would be to make a solid anchor mandatory. Rational is to allow incidental trapped bears a greater chance of escaping.

The footnote in the Methods table currently reads: For solidly- fastened leg hold traps designed to trap wolves, no more than 60cm of chain between the trap and the point to which it is fastened may be used.

This is the proposed change: All modified leg hold designed to trap wolves must be solidly fastened. No more than 60cm of chain between the trap and the point to which it is fastened may be used.

The questions for you are:

Based on the current table is regional variation allowed? I assume not. If no, then would HQ lead this proposal? What are the next steps? I would recommend the Trappers Education Committee at the BCTA review.

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