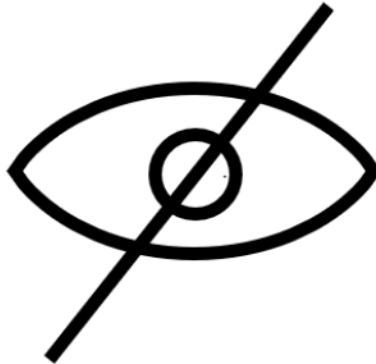




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Sent: May 23, 2019 1:55:37 PM PDT
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FYI – proposed signage trappers are going to use to reduce incidental catches of domestic dogs.

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From: Caravetta, Joe ENV:EX
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FYI

As a follow up to our conversation this morning

Cheers joe

Sent from my iPhone

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Mark

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<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=trapping.sharing&videocaptions=true>

If you are unable to remove the trap, contact the [Conservation Officer Service](#) at 1-877-952-7277.

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The best way to reduce the chance of pets encountering traps is to keep pets leashed in back country areas. This is especially important if you encounter a trap or signage indicating there are traps nearby.

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4. *Can anyone set traps anywhere?*

In most cases, you must have a trapping licence to set traps for wildlife. To be eligible to for a trapping licence, you must be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident and have completed the BC Trapper Education course.

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<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/sports-recreation-arts-and-culture/outdoor-recreation/fishing-and-hunting/hunting/regulations/2018-2020/hunting-trapping-synopsis-2018-2020.pdf>

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6. *What type of traps are set in this area?*

Trappers often set a variety of trap types in each area to target different species. Some traps are designed to restrain wildlife until the trapper arrives, while other traps are designed to kill targeted wildlife quickly.

All traps used in Canada must be certified and meet international standards for humane trapping. You can learn more about the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards here: <https://fur.ca/fur-trapping/humane-trapping-standards-and-animal-welfare/>

If you suspect that an illegal trap type is being used, please report this to the BC Conservation Officer Service as 1-877-952-7277.

7. *Isn't trapping a danger to children, or to people in general?*

Human injuries from legal trapping are possible, but very rare. While traps are typically not placed in high traffic areas, they are often hidden to avoid vandalism so can be stumbled upon by a passerby and cause injuries to feet or hands. For this reason, it is best to remain on main trails and roads in areas with active trapping.

8. *How do I contact a trapper?*

Privacy laws restrict the BC Government from releasing contact information for trappers in most circumstances. However, you may make a "Freedom of Information" request for contact information for the person(s) who holds the right to trap in a certain area. You can find more information about making a Freedom of Information request here: <https://www.oipc.bc.ca/>

9. *Why is trapping legal?*

Trapping is permitted in all provinces and territories of Canada and in many other countries. Trapping occurs for different reasons, including food, fur trade, pest control, and wildlife management. More specifically, wildlife may be trapped:

- to protect natural habitat, farmland, roads and other property from wildlife damage;
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10. *How do I stop trapping in my area, or in general?*

If you have ideas for how to improve trapping practices in BC or in a part of BC, please contact the Wildlife and Habitat Branch at FishandWildlife@gov.bc.ca

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Mike

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TR # _____



trapline.inquiry@gmail.com



BRITISH
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No. 1901

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To: Lavallee, Michel FLNR:EX <Michel.Lavallee@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 19, 2019 10:44:17 AM PST
Attachments: image001.jpg, image002.jpg

Hi Michel,

Thanks for reviewing the FAQ and the advice.

s.13

Mark

From: Lavallee, Michel FLNR:EX
Sent: November 18, 2019 12:02 PM
To: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Trapping signs

Good afternoon Mark,

I appreciate the information in the FAQ documents, I had similar discussions with two local trapping associations within the last week during their fall meetings. One of my trappers made a half-serious joke that the signs might be used for target practice – the beaver looks like a bullseye.

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I'm fairly certain my vet clinics would be willing to have information regarding trapping for their clients if we want them to distribute any information for us.

s.13

Cheers,
Michel

From: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, November 14, 2019 2:58 PM
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Sent: December 4, 2019 4:20:32 PM PST
Attachments: image001.jpg, image003.jpg

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I urge our trappers to place signs at the start of the logging road/mainline that they are trapping on and also sign any additional alternate hook-up roads coming the other way (backdoor) as well.

Otherwise looks great to me.

Thank you,

Jerry

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April 2, 2019

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Prince George, BC, V2L 4V2

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Generally, the Courts have discretion whether to allow a party to intervene in a lawsuit. Typically, the party seeking to intervene must demonstrate a direct interest in the lawsuit or that the lawsuit raises public law issues.

I wish to advise you that the Province will not be applying for leave to intervene.

Please keep us apprised of the status of the litigation and whether the BCTA is granted intervenor status.

If you have any further questions, please contact Jennifer Psyllakis, Director of the Wildlife and Habitat Branch, at jennifer.psyllakis@gov.bc.ca.

Yours truly,

Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development



Ref:

June 18, 2019

s.22

Kelowna, BC

Dears.22

Thank you for your email of February 5, 2019, regarding your proposal to enact a trap warning sign system.

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My staff are in touch with the Association for the Protection of Furbearing Animals, who created the proposal you put forward, and will seek their input on any regulation changes that move forward.

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Media pressure on FLNRO re trapping issue

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Sent: June 25, 2019 1:38:18 PM PDT
Attachments: Capture2.JPG, Capture.JPG
Hi Penny and Mark,

Just recently a cat was severely injured in a leg-hold trap in Delta.

I wanted to keep you up to date regarding our efforts to:

- Make trapping signage mandatory across BC
- Encourage FLNRO to RESPOND to pending BC municipal requests to manage traps within their jurisdiction

The media is running the story now:

<https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/cat-grievously-injured-by-ladner-area-trap-1.23866655>

<https://vancouver.sun.com/news/local-news/ladner-house-cat-may-lose-leg-after-suffering-in-a-trap-warning-graphic-image>

<https://bc.ctvnews.ca/family-pet-may-lose-its-leg-after-being-caught-in-trap-1.4480799>

Failure to make the trapping issue a priority increases the government's liability. Negligence regarding public safety concerns, property damage (pets) and failing to adequately notify the public regarding the dangers associated with government permitted trapping activities brings the government into disrepute.

Also, the attached notes are for your records. We recently obtained them through an FOI request.

I would appreciate any feedback or comments you have regarding this file.

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Sent: August 6, 2019 10:48:31 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Mark,

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From: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: 1-Aug-19 13:28
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Subject: FW: 246339: Please advise by 2/15

Hi Diana,

I see that this response letter still appears in the overdue logs for Penny. Just confirming that it is with Jen...?

Mark

From: Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX
Sent: June 24, 2019 9:52 AM
To: Timms, Braeden W FLNR:EX <Braeden.Timms@gov.bc.ca>
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From: Di Georgio, Alexis FLNR:EX
Sent: February 22, 2019 8:35 AM
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Penny,

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On February 1, 2018 we almost lost our four year old Rottweiler to an unmarked kill snare set feet off of a publicly accessible forestry road that is commonly used by outdoor enthusiasts and dog walkers alike.

Log Notes

2019/02/1 Please advise CSS if a response is necessary or if you would like this logged as
3 FYI

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FW: Langley-area raccoon caught in cruel trap

From: Lesley Fox <lesley@thefurbearers.com>
To: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX <Mark.McKamey@gov.bc.ca>, Penny.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca, Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX <Penny.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX <Diana.McNeill@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: August 16, 2019 12:27:28 PM PDT
Attachments: CCWS-Raccoon-02.jpg, CCWS-Raccoon-03.jpg, CCWS Raccoon 01.jpg, 2019-08-14 Langley Raccoon PR.docx

Hello Mark and Penny,

We met a few months back to discuss the issue of bodygripping traps (leg-holds, Conibears and snares). As you may remember, The Fur-Bearers is urging the BC government to do two things:

1. Update the trapping regs to make it mandatory that all traplines have warning signs for the public.
2. Respond to the several outstanding requests from municipalities who are keen to regulate bodygripping traps in their communities.

The attached is just one more reason the government needs to answer those pending municipal requests. This is the second incident in Langley in recent months. This is a residential area. In addition to the suffering these traps cause, they are a clear liability as it is only a matter of time before a child is seriously hurt. The government has known this for years.

What can be done to allow municipalities the ability to regulate trapping in their communities? This is a very proactive and reasonable request, no?

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Sent: Friday, August 16, 2019 10:30 AM
To: news@thefurbearers.com
Subject: Langley-area raccoon caught in cruel trap

Please find attached a press release and accompanying photos (to be credited to Critter Care Wildlife Society) regarding a raccoon who was found severely injured by a trap set in Langley City last week as well as The Fur-Bearers' issuing of a reward for information/conviction. Further questions and interview requests may be directed to me. We advise using a graphic content warning if you publish these photos.

Michael Howie

Director of Advocacy and Communications

Host of Defender Radio Podcast

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August 14, 2019

Raccoon maimed by trap in Langley neighbourhood

Reward offered to identify and convict person(s) responsible

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RE: 246455 - Reminder on Overdue Correspondence

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To: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX <Mark.McKamey@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX <Penny.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 16, 2019 10:11:45 AM PDT

Great, thanks so much Mark & Penny!
I have now closed the log.

Thank you,

Braeden Timms
Administrative Assistant
Wildlife and Habitat Branch
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

From: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: 16-Oct-19 10:09
To: Timms, Braeden W FLNR:EX <Braeden.Timms@gov.bc.ca>; Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX <Penny.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 246455 - Reminder on Overdue Correspondence

Hi Braeden,

I confirmed with Penny – we can close this.

Thanks,
Mark

From: Timms, Braeden W FLNR:EX
Sent: October 11, 2019 2:52 PM
To: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX <Mark.McKamey@gov.bc.ca>; Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX <Penny.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 246455 - Reminder on Overdue Correspondence

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Just wanted to follow up on this to see if we are going to close this one or we will be sending something further.

Thank you,

Braeden Timms
Administrative Assistant
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From: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Sent: 5-Sep-19 08:48
To: Timms, Braeden W FLNR:EX <Braeden.Timms@gov.bc.ca>; McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX <Mark.McKamey@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX <Penny.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: 246455 - Reminder on Overdue Correspondence

Hi Mark,

Thanks for this, I was wondering how something like this would have been able to sit for so long without attention, turns out it was attended to.

If this has settled out of court at a minimum the response letter should be revised, but I agree that the file should be closed. Another point in favor of closing the file is that's.22

Mark, when working with the trappers on the sign project this is a good example of why it makes sense....

Steve

From: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX
Sent: September 5, 2019 8:26 AM
To: Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX <Penny.Lloyd@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX <Stephen.MacIver@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: 246455 - Reminder on Overdue Correspondence

Hi Penny,

I drafted an IN and letter on this. Did it go up?

The second attached is the latest I have.

Note that it is now out of date as Lesley Fox advised that the case has settled out of court. So perhaps Braeden can close the file?

Mark

From: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Sent: September 4, 2019 4:01 PM
To: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX <Mark.McKamey@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: 246455 - Reminder on Overdue Correspondence

Hi Mark,

Have you seen this? I don't recognize it, and don't think I've seen it before today, even though it was sent in months ago.

Do you have any responses at your fingertips that could inform a response to this request?

Thanks,
Steve

From: Burwash, Michael FLNR:EX
Sent: September 4, 2019 3:43 PM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX <Stephen.MacIver@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Timms, Braeden W FLNR:EX <Braeden.Timms@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: 246455 - Reminder on Overdue Correspondence

For you sir....thanks!

From: Timms, Braeden W FLNR:EX
Sent: September 4, 2019 3:37 PM
To: Burwash, Michael FLNR:EX <Michael.Burwash@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: 246455 - Reminder on Overdue Correspondence

Hi Michael,

Just a reminder on this one that is overdue. Please see incoming attached.

Thank you,

Braeden Timms

Administrative Assistant

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FW: Is this still the case in BC? Re Incident Near Oyama Lake Road

From: Burwash, Michael FLNR:EX <Michael.Burwash@gov.bc.ca>
To: Hales, Gerad S FLNR:EX <Gerad.Hales@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 20, 2020 1:56:24 PM PDT

Able to assist Carrie on this response? Or should be take on?

From: Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX

Sent: October 20, 2020 1:53 PM

To: Burwash, Michael FLNR:EX

Subject: FW: Is this still the case in BC? Re Incident Near Oyama Lake Road

Good Afternoon Michael!

I understand that your area, would be best to respond to the enquiry that was sent to our COS Mailbox...noted below?

Could you please assist? 🙏

Thanks!

Carrie

Carrie Larson

Administrative Assistant

Conservation Officer Service/Headquarters/778-698-4282

From: s.22

Sent: October 20, 2020 3:14 AM

To: Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX <Conservation.Officer.Service@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Is this still the case in BC? Re Incident Near Oyama Lake Road

[EXTERNAL] This email came from an external source. Only open attachments or links that you are expecting from a known sender.

Is this still the case, that trappers do not need to post warning signs and that it is legal to set traps on crown land? Why do trappers get such cozy treatment? What about the general public and their pets. See the link below for the endless list of injured and killed pets due to irresponsibly placed traps. And why are insanely cruel conibear traps legal? Has the law changed or is it soon to be changed to a more humane situation favouring the majority of the public and not just a minority privileged few?

s.22 and his dog Sofie were walking on a forest service road near Oyama Lake Road. Sofie got caught in a Conibear trap. Just before Sofie started to lose consciousness, s.22 and a companion managed to pry open the trap and saved her. Local conservation officers spoke out in the media saying while this incident is unfortunate, warning signs are not required under the law and it is completely legal to set traps on crown land. " See link below for more outrageous incidents.

<https://thefurbearers.com/trapping-and-wildlife/trapping-incidents>

Sincerely, s.22

Pets and trapping

From: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX <Mark.McKamey@gov.bc.ca>
To: Paradine, Dennis FLNR:EX <Dennis.Paradine@gov.bc.ca>, Jacklin, Courtenay FLNR:EX <Courtenay.Jacklin@gov.bc.ca>, Hales, Gerad S FLNR:EX <Gerad.Hales@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 20, 2021 12:48:28 PM PST
Attachments: Engagement Plan - Trapping amendments_Feb28.doc, 244785 Pets Caught in Traps ADM approved.pdf, Drafting Instructions - Signs and Setbacks - Aug 20 2019.docx, Intentions Paper - Trapping Requirements and Pets_Feb28.docx

Hi all,

As promised, here's some light reading for those interested. My files: I:\ESD_F&W\General\Legislative and Regulatory Reform\01-Mark\Urban Trapping. Browse at your leisure. I attached some of the major documents.

We'll wait until Dennis has a chance to run this by Jen and go from there.

Mark

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FW: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

From: Paradine, Dennis FLNR:EX <Dennis.Paradine@gov.bc.ca>
To: McKamey, Mark FLNR:EX <Mark.McKamey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2021 11:42:37 AM PST

From: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX <Diana.McNeill@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Paradine, Dennis FLNR:EX <Dennis.Paradine@gov.bc.ca>; Martins, Pam FLNR:EX <Pam.Martins@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: FW: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis
Hi Diana,
For your attention, email directed to Jen.
Thank you,
Anastasia

From: Lesley Fox <lesley@thefurbearers.com>
Sent: February 26, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Fish and Wildlife FLNR:EX <FishandWildlife@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

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Hi Jennifer,
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Thank you for your help.

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Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:54 AM

To: 'lesley@thefurbearers.com' <lesley@thefurbearers.com>

Subject: FW: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

Hello again Lesley.

Thank you for your email detailing your concerns on trapping issues related to animal welfare and public safety. I do appreciate you bringing these matters to my attention, and for continuing to communicate with me on the topic of humane trapping practices. Again, apologies for my delayed response.

As mentioned in our previous communications, responding to the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily shifted priorities within the Ministry. We have had to address issues largely out of our control, which has slowed progress on a number of initiatives previously started. As mentioned staff continue working towards a resolution on the topics of trap signage, as well as set backs, and expect engagement in the coming weeks; input from the Fur-Bearers and from the trapping industry will be essential to ensuring a balanced perspective and solution is achieved.

Please watch for an invitation to meet with Ministry staff to continue discussions on these two topics.

Thank you again, Lesley, for emailing me. I hope you are doing well.

Jennifer Psyllakis

Director – Wildlife and Habitat Branch

From: Lesley Fox <lesley@thefurbearers.com>

Sent: May 25, 2020 4:34 PM

To: Fish and Wildlife FLNR:EX <FishandWildlife@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

Importance: High

Hi Jennifer,

Hope this email finds you well and at home.

I wanted to make you aware of a few trapping cases that we have been working on. These are separate but recent incidents.

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In both cases, it is difficult to know who/how the traps were set, and what animal was being targeted. As you know, no ID tags on traps are required, therefore we have no way of verifying this information nor are we able to trace the trap back to the owner.

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Sent: March 2, 2021 3:37:35 PM PST

Thanks Pam. I will schedule a meeting for the three of you. I would like to participate a little if that is ok.

From: Martins, Pam FLNR:EX <Pam.Martins@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2021 3:28 PM
To: Paradine, Dennis FLNR:EX <Dennis.Paradine@gov.bc.ca>; McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX <Diana.McNeill@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

Hi Diana,

I am happy to participate in the conversations. None of the suggested changes have a direct link to my section's work on trapping. Maybe Michael Burwash may have some insight since Gerard is the trapping specialist and Steve works on the bi-annual synopsis.

Pam

From: Paradine, Dennis FLNR:EX <Dennis.Paradine@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2021 3:07 PM
To: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX <Diana.McNeill@gov.bc.ca>; Martins, Pam FLNR:EX <Pam.Martins@gov.bc.ca>
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Yes, probably should discuss as a team first. Some of the requests would be met with regulatory changes that are up for discussion for timing in the policy and legislation workplan. Others are new to me (likely not new to staff though)

Dennis

From: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX <Diana.McNeill@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2021 11:42 AM
To: Paradine, Dennis FLNR:EX <Dennis.Paradine@gov.bc.ca>; Martins, Pam FLNR:EX <Pam.Martins@gov.bc.ca>
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Sent: March 12, 2021 3:47:17 PM PST

Hey gang,
I am going to be sending this out. I checked your calendars and it all looks well.

From: Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX <Jennifer.Psyllakis@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 12, 2021 3:45 PM

To: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX <Diana.McNeill@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

Yes. Thank you!

From: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX <Diana.McNeill@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 12, 2021 3:40 PM

To: Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX <Jennifer.Psyllakis@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

Jen,
Okay for me to send?

Hi Lesley,

Thank you for your e-mail to Jennifer Psyllakis. I apologise for the delay in responding. Jennifer has requested that you have a discussion/meeting with Michael Burwash, Associate Director of Wildlife, Dennis Paradine, A/Manager of Policy and Legislation and Gerad Hales, Wildlife Management Specialist (Small Game and Birds). I have suggested some dates and times below but feel free to suggest others if this does not work for your schedule.

April 12 – 11:00 am – 11:30 am

April 14 – 9:00 am – 9:30 am

April 15 – 9:00 am – 9:30 am

April 16 – 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Thank you,

Diana McNeill

Office Manager

Wildlife and Habitat Branch

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations

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From: Fish and Wildlife FLNR:EX <FishandWildlife@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, July 16, 2020 10:54 AM

To: 'lesley@thefurbearers.com' <lesley@thefurbearers.com>

Subject: FW: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

Hello again Lesley.

Thank you for your email detailing your concerns on trapping issues related to animal welfare and public safety. I do appreciate you bringing these matters to my attention, and for continuing to communicate with me on the topic of humane trapping practices. Again, apologies for my delayed response.

As mentioned in our previous communications, responding to the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily shifted priorities within the Ministry. We have had to address issues largely out of our control, which has slowed progress on a number of initiatives previously started. As mentioned staff continue working towards a resolution on the topics of trap signage, as well as set backs, and expect engagement in the coming weeks; input from the Fur-Bearers and from the trapping industry will be essential to ensuring a balanced perspective and solution is achieved.

Please watch for an invitation to meet with Ministry staff to continue discussions on these two topics.

Thank you again, Lesley, for emailing me. I hope you are doing well.

Jennifer Psyllakis

Director – Wildlife and Habitat Branch

From: Lesley Fox <lesley@thefurbearers.com>

Sent: May 25, 2020 4:34 PM

To: Fish and Wildlife FLNR:EX <FishandWildlife@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Atten: Jennifer Psyllakis

Importance: High

Hi Jennifer,

Hope this email finds you well and at home.

I wanted to make you aware of a few trapping cases that we have been working on. These are separate but recent incidents.

<https://www.delta-optimist.com/news/reward-offered-after-raccoon-trapped-in-beach-grove-is-euthanized-1.24139575>

<https://www.castanet.net/news/BC/296675/Pregnant-fox-dragged-leg-hold-trap-for-hours-now-in-care>

In both cases, it is difficult to know who/how the traps were set, and what animal was being targeted. As you know, no ID tags on traps are required, therefore we have no way of verifying this information nor are we able to trace the trap back to the owner.

Is there anything your department can do to help raise the standards of public safety and animal welfare related to trapping? Can you recommend amendments to the legislation? I am very familiar with the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards (AIHTS). Sadly, AIHTS is now over 20 years old and is full of loopholes. Additionally, municipalities are STILL waiting for permission from Doug Donaldson to approve their pending trapping bylaws.

We urgently need:

- ID tags or serial numbers/license numbers on all body-gripping traps
- Mandatory warning signs
- A prohibition on snares (they are excluded under the AIHTS)
- Permission from FLNRO to those pending requests from Surrey, Sechelt, White Rock and Nanaimo (Another recent media clipping here: <https://www.nanaimobulletin.com/news/seven-years-later-nanaimos-animal-trapping-by-law-still-isnt-approved/>)

While I appreciate COVID is slowing down government systems, these are long-standing issues that are causing unnecessary and preventable pain and suffering to wildlife and non-target animals including pets.

Can you please give me some reassurance that your department is actively working on these issues and provide a timeline for when the public can see changes to the trapping regulations in BC?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Lesley Fox

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OVERVIEW: BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS IN BC

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RE: Unmarked traps - family pet/safety

From: Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX <Luke.VanderVennen@gov.bc.ca>
To: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX <Lisa.Thom@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 20, 2020 10:14:56 AM PST
Attachments: image001.png

Dear S.22

Thanks for your email and your interest in helping ensure crown land is available for use by everyone.

You are correct that there is currently no legal requirement for trappers to post signage indicating that there is active trapping activity in an area. Posting warnings signs is suggested within the Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis as a best management practice, as is determining whether lethal traps are necessary when trapping near recreational areas and communities. There are legal requirements for the placement of traps on registered Recreation Sites and Trails (pg 11 of the synopsis) but these restrictions only apply on the relatively few Recreation Sites.

One of the main hurdles with mandating the posting of trapping signs is how relatively intractable the regulation's enforcement would be. Most of the trails in question are not registered or maintained or have any kind of legal standing to indicate that they are publicly used. Without some kind of determination on what is a publicly used trail and what is not, it becomes virtually impossible to determine from a legal perspective which trailheads require signage and which ones do not. We have in the past worked with trappers to encourage posting signs at trailheads they know to be publicly used, and have provided signs to trappers so that they have the means to do so. I will work with the trappers to reinforce the importance of signage, and make sure signs are available as needed in order to help to make sure that all users of Crown land are able to freely use and enjoy our outdoor pursuits. I believe it is everyone's goal to make sure an experience like yours does not happen again.

Best regards,
Luke Vander Vennen
Wildlife Biologist
Nelson, BC

From: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX
Sent: January 17, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Unmarked traps - family pet/safety
Perfect, response to me

From: Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, January 17, 2020 10:12 AM
To: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Unmarked traps - family pet/safety
Yep that's the one

From: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX <Lisa.Thom@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: January 17, 2020 9:12 AM
To: Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX <Luke.VanderVennen@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX <Lisa.Thom@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Unmarked traps - family pet/safety
This one?

From: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 16, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Saigeon, Lyle FLNR:EX
Cc: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX; Krebs, John A FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Unmarked traps - family pet/safety

Can Luke respond to this??? Not directly but back to me with response.

<https://www.kimberleybulletin.com/news/kimberley-resident-warning-dog-owners-to-leash-up-after-dog-almost-dies-in-conibear-trap/>

That is the link at the end. Article in Kimberley Bulletin.

From: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 4:08 PM
To: Krebs, John A FLNR:EX

Cc: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX

Subject: FW: Unmarked traps - family pet/safety

Can I get them to ask Luke questions or can you answer this one?

From: Loganberg, Rachel [<mailto:Rachel.Loganberg@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 2:19 PM

To: Thom, Lisa M FLNR:EX

Subject: Unmarked traps - family pet/safety

Hi Lisa,

Is there any talk of addressing the safety/visual markings of traps in trap lines? Can anyone in your office speak to this?

Thank you,



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What is this regarding?

Forest, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Your Comments:

Regarding trapping on crown land and the requirement, or lack thereof, for trappers to mark their traplines. On Dec. 28, 2019 our dog almost died in a baited #330 Conibear kill trap (see link below for full story). This is the largest standard sized Conibear trap built, it is very powerful and meant to kill instantly or within a few minutes. My concern is that these traps are dangerous and unmarked. In this instance traps are being set in an area used by local residents for outdoor activities (hiking, skiing, getting Christmas trees, etc), sometimes as family outings, and often with dogs. It is a real shame, knowing that these unmarked hazards exist, that we can no longer walk our dogs on crown land without them being leashed the entire time. I believe that this is also a real threat for families with small children, as the wooden box containing this trap could appear as a small fort that other kids have built (something to explore, and kids are often running up ahead of the parents on the trail). This trap was just 20 feet off the trail. Why aren't trappers legally required to mark their traplines? Not every trap would need to be marked, just the trail heads would be fine, to let people know that the danger exists along that particular trail. Are public lands not meant to be enjoyed by all people? It seems that some people, dog owners at least, certainly can't enjoy them, knowing that baited kill traps and snares exist in the woods, unmarked. Around Kimberley that occurs for 5 1/2 months of the year (Oct 15 to March 31). I certainly hope that marking traplines can become a legal requirement, in order to make it safer for the general public while on crown land.

2019<https://www.kimberleybulletin.com/news/kimberley-resident-warning-dog-owners-to-leash-up-after-dog-almost-dies-in-conibear-trap/>

RE: Trapline in C00036

From: Hulstein, Bernie B FLNR:EX <Bernie.Hulstein@gov.bc.ca>
To: Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX <Luke.VanderVennen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 30, 2020 9:50:46 AM PDT
Attachments: image003.jpg, image002.jpg

Thanks Luke.



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From: Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX
Sent: March 29, 2020 4:29 PM
To: Hulstein, Bernie B FLNR:EX ; Jablanczy, Steve B FLNR:EX ; Fisher, Bruce H EHS:EX
Cc: Hatalcik, Stephen FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Trapline in C00036

Hi Bruce,

The trapper on this line is Richard Klassen, he can be reached at s.22 _____ or s.22

Thanks,

Luke Vander Vennen

Wildlife Biologist

Nelson, BC

From: Teske, Irene FLNR:EX <Irene.Teske@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 27, 2020 10:44 AM
To: Hulstein, Bernie B FLNR:EX <Bernie.Hulstein@gov.bc.ca>; Jablanczy, Steve B FLNR:EX <Steve.Jablanczy@gov.bc.ca>; Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX <Luke.VanderVennen@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hatalcik, Stephen FLNR:EX <Stephen.Hatalcik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Trapline in C00036

Hi everyone

I have forwarded your email to Luke as he works with trapping file. Trapping season for wolf and coyote ends March 31.

Thanks

Irene

Irene E. Teske, Wildlife Biologist
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From: Hulstein, Bernie B FLNR:EX <Bernie.Hulstein@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 27, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Jablanczy, Steve B FLNR:EX <Steve.Jablanczy@gov.bc.ca>; Teske, Irene FLNR:EX <Irene.Teske@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hatalcik, Stephen FLNR:EX <Stephen.Hatalcik@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Trapline in C00036

Hi Irene,

To save time, could you just send the contact info directly to Bruce Fisher via email and cc Stephen and I. Thanks!



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From: Jablanczy, Steve B FLNR:EX <Steve.Jablanczy@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 27, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Teske, Irene FLNR:EX <Irene.Teske@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Hatalcik, Stephen FLNR:EX <Stephen.Hatalcik@gov.bc.ca>; Hulstein, Bernie B FLNR:EX <Bernie.Hulstein@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Trapline in C00036

Christmas Tree Permit holder concerned about traps in his area.

I looked up the trapline on Imap- TR0421T003. Irene, who is the agreement holder? Could you share contact info with me, Bernie and Stephen H?

From: Fisher, Bruce H EHS:EX <Bruce.Fisher@bcehs.ca>
Sent: March 26, 2020 8:15 PM
To: Jablanczy, Steve B FLNR:EX <Steve.Jablanczy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Trapline in C00036

thanks for the response Steve, and yes trying times. Our CTP 00036 Is located at the corner of Lazy Lake Road and Grundy Lake road intersection. (Junction is approx 6.5 km up Lazy Lake road. The permit covers south and West from that junction approx 3 km in both directions over the height of land in that area.

Thanks for any info, we are just trying to safe guard our dogs as the sign reads power snares in use. I feel the trapper may not be active at this time but would like to be sure.

Bruce Fisher

From: Jablanczy, Steve B FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, March 26, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Fisher, Bruce H EHS:EX
Subject: Trapline in C00036

I'm working at home these days without the benefit of my maps, or at least not very handy. Where is your CTP?
Steve Jablanczy
Tenures Forester auxillary
250 421 9565 (cell)

Conversation with Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX

From: Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX <Patrick.Stent@gov.bc.ca>
To: Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX <Patrick.Stent@gov.bc.ca>, Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX <Luke.VanderVennen@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 17, 2020 3:02:14 PM PDT

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:23 PM:

So this guy could be legally trapping wolves right now or nuisance animals on PP?

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:23 PM:

yep

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:23 PM:

or, he might just be leaving his signs up year round

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:24 PM:

Oh he just saw the sign? s.22

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:24 PM:

that would probably be my guess

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:24 PM:

yeah i'm pretty sure, i don't think he actually saw the traps

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:24 PM:

lemme check

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:25 PM:

yeah, he hasn't seen traps, just a sign

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:25 PM:

what a waste of time lol

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:25 PM:

this email has gone to so many people

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:25 PM:

haha good grief

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:26 PM:

I'll say we will phone the guy and check

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:26 PM:

kk. should i call him or do you want to

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:26 PM:

but that trappers are typically diligent about not setting traps where domestic dogs could get into them

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:26 PM:

go for it if you don't mind

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:26 PM:

sometimes... dogs get caught fairly frequently

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:27 PM:

We just sampled the nastiest rotten, maggoty deer for CWD

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:27 PM:

grossss

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:27 PM:

ideally i would like to give the trappers contact info to the landowners who's complained. let them sort it out. obviously would ask the trapper if that's okay. you good w that?

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:27 PM:

For sure

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:28 PM:

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Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:29 PM:

are there setback requirements for trapping on private land? guess i should know that

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:30 PM:

haha not sure on that one

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:32 PM:

the PP season is for nuisance wildlife only?

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:34 PM:

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Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:34 PM:

(just left a message on his voicemail)

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:36 PM:

Trapping Near A Dwelling Or On Private Property

► It is an offence to trap within 200 metres of a dwelling, unless you use:
If trapping on land, a live box trap or egg trap, or if trapping on or in water,

- a Conibear trap not larger than size #330 or equivalent, or
- **foot-hold** traps not larger than size #2, or
- submarine traps.

► It is an offence to trap on private property without a trapping licence and the written permission of the property owner.

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:36 PM:

Boo yeah!

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:36 PM:

haha yeah, just saw that

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:36 PM:

he would also need permission to discharge a firearm within 200m of the guys house

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:37 PM:

so those traps would not likely kill a dog

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:37 PM:

not unless he's got a conibear set illegally

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:38 PM:

Perfect

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:38 PM:

wait hang on

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:38 PM:

let me double check that

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:39 PM:

oh damn just read through that again. so the guy can't even be using legholds within 200m of the house

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:39 PM:

sorry i saw the 330 conibear and got worried, but that's only if it's on or in water (aka beaver traps)

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:40 PM:

Ahhhhh!

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:40 PM:

so yes, technically speaking the only trap that he can set right now within 200m of the guy's house (without permission) would be an egg trap (aka for raccoons) or a box trap. neither of which would harm a dog

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:40 PM:

but, that's all under the assumption that the trapper is following the rules to the letter of the law.

Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX 2:41 PM:

my best guess is that there probably are not any traps set out there right now, he's just left his signs up

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:41 PM:

Oh that's so confusing

Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX 2:41 PM:

Yep good enough

2:41 PM Connected to Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX (patrick.stent@gov.bc.ca).

2:50 PM Call with Stent, Patrick FLNR:EX (patrick.stent@gov.bc.ca) has ended. Duration: 0:08:29

FW: Trapline and sign

From: Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX <Luke.VanderVennen@gov.bc.ca>
To: Gooliaff, TJ FLNR:EX <TJ.Gooliaff@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 17, 2020 8:38:10 AM PST

Hey man,
Seems like this is in your part of the world.
Cheers,
Luke

From: McGuinness, Kathleen FLNR:EX

Sent: November 17, 2020 8:35 AM

To: Reid, Aaron FLNR:EX

Cc: Vander Vennen, Luke FLNR:EX

Subject: Trapline and sign

Hi Aaron (and maybe Luke needs to know this too?)

I have been receiving calls about traplines on our old phone number (250-352-6288). Apparently it is on an information sign at the junction of Allendale Rd and FSR 201 in OK Falls. I am going to leave a message on the voice mail for that number that gives your number so that people can get in touch. As I now have a new Skype number, I thought that old number was gone but apparently not. Anyway, that sign needs to be updated.

So on to the call!

Please give s.22 a call back -s.22

He wants to know about traplines in that area as the sign says that dogs should not be off leash due to traps. He wants to know if that sign is still current and how many traps are in the area as he is concerned about his dog's safety.

Kathleen McGuinness

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The best time to plant a tree was 100 years ago.
The second best time is now.