

PROBLEM BEAVER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Summer Removal and Winter Subsidy Components

2006/07

GUIDELINES

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Overview

1. Manitoba Conservation will make funding available to Municipal Corporations and Northern Affairs Community Councils to remove problem beaver. Eligible areas are those experiencing chronic problems.
2. This Program shall apply to the following:
 - a. On municipal corporation lands, leased Crown lands, and private lands where there is an immediate beaver created problem or related problem; and
 - b. **Where required**, on Registered Trapline (RTL) Sections bordering these chronic areas. These RTLs can include Duck Mountain, Porcupine Mountain, Turtle Mountain, Camper-Duck, Whiteshell, Lac du Bonnet, and others as may be designated by the Natural Resource Officer in charge of the district.
 - i.) Registered Trapline (RTL) trappers in these areas may be required to remove a predetermined number of beaver that are determined to be contributing to downstream problems.
3. For this year the “Problem Beaver Management Program” will run:
 - a. **Until May 31 (Winter Subsidy Component 05/06 Continuation);**
 - b. **June 1, 2006 to September 30, 2006 (Summer Removal Component); and**
 - c. **October 1, 2006 to March 26, 2007 (Winter Subsidy Component).**
4. District Natural Resource Officer will determine if removal is necessary under the terms of the Problem Beaver Management Program;
5. **For verification of beaver removed the following shall apply:**
 - a. During the Winter Subsidy (until May 31 and October 1, 2006 through March 26, 2007), **the entire pelt without a visible hole having been punched** through the scalp between ears; and
 - b. During the Summer Removal (June 1 through September 30, 2006) **the scalp only of the pelt** but it must include the ears and not have a hole previously punched through it.
6. Municipalities are encouraged to use Aboriginal trappers and to contact the Manitoba Trappers Association (1-204-345-9107) for a list of professional trappers in their area.
7. Manitoba Transportation and Government Services are responsible for their program.
8. Municipalities will have until March 31, 2007 to submit claims for 2006/07 Program Year.

Caution Note

Claims received after March 31, 2007 may not be considered for reimbursement

Program Restrictions

9. **Under the terms of this program trappers removing beaver from non-designated or non-declared problem site(s) may be subject to prosecution.**
10. Manitoba Conservation **will not approve payment** where:
 - a. Beaver have been taken before the *Wild Animal Kill Permit* and the “Authorization to Remove Beaver” form are issued; or where
 - b. Beaver being claimed are not from the site(s) specified on the “Authorization to Remove Beaver” form; or where
 - c. The number of beaver claimed from any site appears to be unreasonably high; or when
 - d. The proof being submitted (scalp or pelt) has had a hole previously punched through it.
11. **The funds may not be used to place bounties on beaver but are intended to support costs associated with removing only “problem” beaver.**

Procedures and Responsibilities

A. Municipal Corporations

12. Municipal Corporations or Northern Affairs communities shall:
 - a. First obtain a “*Wild Animal Kill Permit*” from the district Natural Resource Officer (NRO) to allow for the removal of problem beaver;
 - b. Sign the “Authorization to Remove Beaver” form and identify the following:
 - i. site-specific (Section, Township and Range) problem locations;
 - ii. the number of problem beaver to be removed from each site(s); and
 - iii. the name and address of the trapper assigned to deal with the problem.
 - c. Employ trappers, employees or others experienced in humane trapping to remove beaver with traps, or firearms where specifically authorized;
 - d. **Verify the removal by punching a hole through the scalp** and pay for the beaver taken by those hired by the municipality, **unless otherwise directed by the District NRO**; and
 - e. Submit their claims on a bi-weekly basis to the District Office issuing the Permit.
13. Claims from municipalities or RTL trappers will be:
 - a. Confirmed by district Natural Resource Officer; then
 - b. Forwarded to the Regional Office to initiate payment; at \$15.00 per verified beaver removed.
14. **Trappers shall:**
 - a. Have a valid trapping licence during the Beaver Trapping Season;
 - b. Have a “Wild Animal Kill Permit” and “Authorization to Remove Beaver” form (attached) signed Part A and/or B from the municipality and/or the district Natural Resource Officer prior to removing any beaver;
 - c. Remove beaver under the Permit only in areas designated on the “Authorization to Remove Beaver” form;
 - d. Sign Part C of the “Authorization to Remove Beaver” as declaration that the trapping is completed and take the form and evidence to the municipality or district office that issued the “Authorization to Remove Beaver” and
 - e. Provide to the municipality or district NRO evidence in accordance with Section 5 (a or b).

B. Registered Trapline Areas (RTLs) and Other Areas

15. Natural Resource Officers (NROs) responsible for the administration of the RTL shall:
 - a. In co-operation with the RTL holder, determine the number of beaver to be taken from individual Registered Trapline (RTL);
 - b. Declare on the “*Authorization to Remove Beaver*” form the number of beaver eligible to be removed under the subsidy;
 - c. Verify proof of removal by punching a hole through the scalp of the pelt (between the ears) or verify the scalp (portion of the pelt between the ears) presented; and
 - d. The district office shall submit the claim to the Regional Office to initiate payment to the trapper.

16. **RTL holders shall:**
 - a. Remove beaver on the RTL identified on the “*Authorization to Remove Beaver*” form;
 - b. Submit such evidence as proof the number of beaver taken as prescribed in Section 5 (b);
 - c. Submit their claims as well as the proof of beaver removed for verification; and
 - d. Sign the **Part C** of the “*Authorization to Remove Beaver*” form to initiate payment from Manitoba Conservation.

Special Note

RTL trappers may participate in municipal programs, but under the authority of the “*Wild Animal Kill Permit* and *Authorization to Remove Beaver*” as issued by the District NRO, and must sell any resulting pelts under the *Wild Animal Kill Permit* number.

AUTHORIZATION TO REMOVE BEAVER

UNDER THE PROBLEM BEAVER REMOVAL & WINTER SUBSIDY COMPONENTS

Name: _____
Trapper Name (Please Print)

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ **Postal Code:** _____ **Telephone:** _____

The Municipality or Northern Affairs Community of _____ has requested that the above individual to remove _____ beaver from the location(s) identified below.

Authorization

A) **Municipal:** _____ Date: _____

AND/OR

B) **Manitoba Conservation:** _____ Date: _____
Natural Resource Officer

WATER BODY OR REGISTERED TRAPLINE (RTL) SECTION & RTL NUMBER	SEC.	TWP.	RGE.	NO. BEAVER TO BE REMOVED

C) Trapper Declaration

I _____ declare that I removed _____ beaver from the above locations as authorized by the Municipality or Northern Affairs Community or Manitoba Conservation and was paid \$_____ by the Municipal Corporation.

Trapper's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Please reimburse The Municipality or Northern Affairs Community or **RTL trapper:**

Name _____

Box No./Address _____

Town/Village _____ Postal Code _____

For expenses incurred to remove _____ beaver @ \$15.00 per beaver for a total of \$_____ from the sites designated above.

Municipal Approval _____ Date: _____

Manitoba Conservation Approval _____ Date: _____

(Form to be submitted by Municipal Corporations as invoice for Beaver Removal Program Claims)