



## ALBERTA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION

### **Mission Statement:**

*As an association, we will promote the harvesting of wild furbearers in a humane and sustainable manner thereby benefiting the wild fur resource and all Albertans.*

The Alberta Trappers Association is a non-profit organization created to provide the following services to its members operating a trap supply centre; shipping trapper furs to Fur Auctions as requested; administering a Trapper Education Program approved by the Alberta Government; administering a Trapper Compensation Program on behalf of various industry and government stakeholders; and support Public Education activities providing pamphlets and brochures to inform the public on the harvest of the fur bearer resource in Alberta. The ATA is dedicated to ensuring that the harvesting of wild furbearers is an ongoing, respected management activity that helps to ensure the continuation of this part of Alberta's heritage, culture and identity.

The Alberta Trappers Association has formed several entities to focus on issues of deep concern and interest to its members. The ATA provides training for its members and speakers and video presentations on issues such as fur quality and types, trapping methods and the ecological benefits of trapping. The Trapper Education program provides an opportunity for trappers and the public to upgrade their trapping skills and learn about wild fur management. The Humane Trapping Trust Fund was established by the Government of Alberta and the ATA to promote publicly acceptable trapping practices by Alberta's fur harvesters with funding from the sale of licenses authorizing the harvesting of furbearers. Funding is utilized to develop new traps and assist trappers in obtaining new approved traps, which will meet the terms of the International Trapping Standards. The ATA administers the industry and the government-funded Alberta Trappers' Compensation Program that provides a framework for compensating operators of Registered Fur Management Areas for trapping business losses related to industrial activity on RFMA's such as theft, vandalism and cabins lost to naturally-caused forest fires. A contract with the Alberta Government provided the Alberta Trappers Association with the authority and responsibility for logistic, accounting and administration services for the Humane Trapping Trust Fund, the Trapper Compensation Board.

Annual membership fee of \$35.00 is paid by licensed trappers and directed towards special members benefits and ATA operating costs. Members receive four issues of the Alberta Trapper magazine annually and enjoy discounts on purchases from the Association's store, which serves trappers.

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