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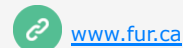
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***Save the Date:  
Annual General Meeting  
June 17, 2017  
Montreal Quebec***

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**FUR  
THIS WEEK**



*Weekly activity and media update*

***April 13 - April 19, 2017***

## Truth About Fur Highlights: Animal Welfare vs Animal Rights: An Important Distinction

### Animal Welfare vs Animal Rights: an important distinction



Photo: Scott Bauer, USDA

From the article:

"The public debate about fur (and other animal products) is often distorted by confusion between two important concepts: animal welfare and animal rights. These terms sound similar and are often used interchangeably, but they describe two profoundly different ideas. Caring about the *welfare* of the animals we use – for food and other purposes – is very different from assigning them the *rights* that activist groups are now proposing."

Read the full blog post [HERE](#)

### Herding cattle in Saskatchewan? Leave it to beaver (Fun story)



Karolyn Coorsh , CTVNews.ca

Published Tuesday, April 18, 2017 9:55AM EDT

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Full story at:

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/canada/herding-cattle-in-saskatchewan-leave-it-to-beaver-1.3373151>

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## Upcoming Trapping Organization Conventions

British Columbia Trappers Association 72nd BCTA Annual General Meeting & Convention Coast Kamloops Hotel & Conference Centre Kamloops BC	April 21 - 23	<a href="http://www.bctrappers.bc.ca/convention.html">http://www.bctrappers.bc.ca/convention.html</a>
Alberta Association Rendezvous High Level, Alberta Rendezvous	June 30 - July 1	<a href="http://www.albertatrappers.com/">http://www.albertatrappers.com/</a>
Ontario Fur Managers Federation OFMF 2017 Rendezvous Carp, Ontario	August 25 - 26	<a href="http://ofmf2017.weebly.com/">http://ofmf2017.weebly.com/</a>

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## Government Developments

- The House of Commons and the Senate have now adjourned. The House will return on May 1, while the Senate will return on May 2.
- Bill S-208, *National Seal Products Day Act*, is scheduled to resume debate at Third Reading when the House of Commons returns on May 3.
- In the April 7 edition of the Saskatchewan Gazette, the Government posted *The Wildlife Amendment Regulations, 2017*, which amend *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981*. The amendments deal with additional clauses concerning northern fur conservation areas, pelts, and fur farms. Further details can be found [here](#).
- On April 10, Newfoundland and Labrador issued a release recognizing National Wildlife Week. The release highlighted that the Provincial Government is committed to protecting and preserving its wild species and promoting a clean, sustainable environment and healthy ecosystem. Further details can be found [here](#).
- On April 10, Ontario highlighted the Species at Risk Stewardship Program, now in its eleventh year. Ontario is investing approximately \$4.5 million in the 2017-18 program to support 53 new stewardship projects and 15 new research projects. Further details can be found [here](#).
- On April 11, Manitoba tabled its 2017 Budget. There were no items of interest for FIC. Further details can be found [here](#).
- On April 11, Bill S-238, *An Act to amend the Fisheries Act and the Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (importation of shark fins)*, was introduced in the Senate. Upon review, this Bill does not appear to have any implications for hunting and trapping more generally.
- Ontario has posted approved amendments to small game and furbearer hunting and trapping season Ontario regulation 663/98, Ontario Regulation 665/98, Ontario Regulation 666/98, and Ontario Regulation 670/98 under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* to streamline and modernize the management of furbearer and small game, include game reptile and game amphibian wildlife species in Ontario. These changes include no open season for Snapping Turtle across Ontario, a Ruffed Grouse bag and possession limits of 5 and 15 for a number of Wildlife Management Units, and amendments that will allow possession of an Otter pelt that is incidentally trapped, amongst other things. Further details can be found [here](#).
- In British Columbia, the Legislative Assembly was dissolved on April 11. A provincial general election will be held on May 9.

### Sitting Legislatures

- Sitting Legislatures:
  - Senate
  - House of Commons

- Alberta
- PEI
- Quebec
- Ontario
- Newfoundland and Labrador
- Manitoba
- Saskatchewan

- Upcoming returns:
  - Yukon: April 20
- Nova Scotia: April 25
- New Brunswick: April 25
- Northwest Territories: May 25
- British Columbia (TBD)
- Nunavut (TBD)

#### **Pre-Budget Consultations**

- None at this time.

#### **Upcoming Throne Speeches**

- Yukon: April 20

#### **Upcoming Budgets**

- Nova Scotia: April 27
- Ontario: April 27

#### **Upcoming Elections**

- British Columbia: May 9

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### **Fur in the Media**

- [Convicted hunters, anglers owe Ontario \\$3.5M in unpaid fines](#) – CBC News, April 10, 2017
  - [Canada missed deadline to raise objections about endangered species convention](#) – Globe and Mail, April 11, 2017
  - [BC Liberals promise to eliminate grizzly trophy hunting in the Great Bear Rainforest](#) – National Observer, April 11, 2017
  - [Rabbit and hare season extended to June](#) – CBC News, April 12, 2017
  - [Hunting group joins growing list against off-roaders](#) – Calgary Sun, April 12, 2017
  - [Hunter says Greenpeace distorts facts; seals don't suffer when killed](#) – Halifax Chronicle Herald, April 13, 2017
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