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*Merry Christmas  
&  
Happy Holidays!*



**From all of us at the Fur Institute of Canada we wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays. Cheers to 2018!**

## Call for photos - Nuisance animal control



We are in the process of creating a Best Management Program booklet for nuisance animal control officers. If you have any images you would like to contribute to this document kindly send them to us via [www.wetransfer.com](http://www.wetransfer.com) or call us at the office (613-231-7099)

[Read more at fur.ca](#)

## Certified Trap List November 15th, 2017

The Trap Research and Development Committee (TRDC) has updated the list of approved traps under the AIHTS requirements for trap certification. The update reflects all traps approved before, November 15, 2017

[Certified Trap List](#)

## Annual General Meeting 2018 - Going to Kelowna BC!

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 Annual General Meeting will be held in Kelowna, British Columbia on June 9th, 2018.

[Read more at fur.ca](#)

## Government Developments

December 15th, 2017

- The House of Commons and the Senate have now adjourned for the Christmas break. The House will resume sitting on January 29 and the Senate on January 30.
- Bill 161, *An Act to amend the Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife*, remains at First Reading in the National Assembly of Quebec. This Bill grants wildlife protection officers new powers; prohibits using an aircraft for hunting activities, including to locate or drive animals; regulates the possession, sale and purchase of animal by-products; requires the Minister to develop and implement programs to restore or create wildlife habitats; and gives the Minister the power to authorize the implementation of pilot projects concerning the protection or development of wildlife. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.assnat.qc.ca/en/travaux-parlementaires/projets-loi/projet-loi-161-41-1.html>
- On December 8, British Columbia Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development made a statement regarding the grizzly bear hunt. He noted that approximately 4,200 written responses were received during the public engagement period and that the Government will be releasing a consultation report including any new policy direction in

the near future. Further details can be found at the following link:

<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FLNR0367-002035>

- On December 11, the Atlantic Premiers issued a joint release on the outcome of the 32<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Council of Atlantic Premiers in Halifax. Of interest, the Premiers expressed their support for a coordinated approach to maximizing the region's economic potential, including in key ocean industries. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.cap-cpma.ca/images/CAP%2032%20Communique%20FINAL.pdf>
- On December 13, Fisheries Minister Dominic LeBlanc signed eight Critical Habitat Orders under the *Species at Risk Act*. The approved orders will allow for further protection of eight at-risk species, including: two whales, three fish species, Rocky Mountain Sulpin, and one mollusc species. A Critical Habitat Order prohibits human activities that may destroy the defined critical habitat of an at-risk species. Further details can be found at the following link: [https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2017/12/the\\_government\\_ofcanadaprotectsspeciesatriskhabitat.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/fisheries-oceans/news/2017/12/the_government_ofcanadaprotectsspeciesatriskhabitat.html)

### **Pre-Budget Consultations**

- On November 9, federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau launched the Government of Canada's consultations for Budget 2018 with a series of short surveys on various topics. Ideas can be submitted at the following link: <https://www.budget.gc.ca/2018/prebudget-prebudgetaire/index-en.html>.
- Alberta has launched its 2018 pre-budget consultation. An online survey has been posted and will remain open until February 20. Written submissions can also be made and telephone town halls will be held in late January. Further details are available here: <https://www.alberta.ca/budget-consultations.aspx>.
- The Ontario Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs will hold pre-budget hearings on December 14 and the week of January 15. Those who do not wish to make an oral presentation but wish to comment on the issue may send a written submission to the Clerk of the Committee at the following e-mail: [comm-financeaffairs@ola.org](mailto:comm-financeaffairs@ola.org). Submissions are due on January 19.
- Newfoundland and Labrador has launched a three-stage pre-budget consultation process. Written submissions can now be made. An online consultation will launch on January 8, and in-person hearings will begin on January 15. Further details are available here: <http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2017/fin/1207n04.aspx>.

### **Sitting Legislatures**

- Sitting legislatures:
  - New Brunswick
  - Prince Edward Island
- Upcoming returns:
  - House of Commons: January 29
  - Senate: January 30
  - Quebec: February 6
  - Northwest Territories: February 7
  - British Columbia: February 13
  - Ontario: February 20
  - Newfoundland and Labrador: February 26
  - Nunavut: March 6
  - Manitoba: March 7
  - Saskatchewan: March 12
  - Yukon: April 2018
  - Nova Scotia: TBD
  - Alberta: TBD

### **Upcoming Throne Speeches**

- None at this time.

### **Upcoming Budgets**

- None at this time.

### **Upcoming Elections**

December 8th, 2017

- On December 7 Newfoundland and Labrador released its multi-phased approach to pre-budget consultations, beginning in December 2017 and continuing until February 2018. Interested stakeholders can provide input through a written submission now, and online consultations will run from January 8 until the beginning of February. There will also be in-person meetings in the New Year. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2017/fin/1207n04.aspx>
- On December 7 Quebec announced that after a year with an average success rate of more than 60%, hunters can now register for random moose and whitetail hunts for next year in wildlife reserves. The registration deadline in January 15. More than 2,700 groups will be awarded. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.fil-information.gouv.qc.ca/Pages/Article.aspx?lang=en&motsCles=&listeThe=&listeReg=&listeDiff=&type=&dateDebut=2017-12-04&dateFin=2017-12-08&afficherResultats=oui&idArticle=2512071712>
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- On December 8, the House of Commons Finance Committee tabled its pre-budget report entitled "Driving Inclusive Growth: Spurring Productivity and Competitiveness in Canada." There were no items of specific interest. The report can be found at the following link: [http://www.ourcommons.ca/content/Committee/421/FINA/Reports/RP9312006/421\\_FINA\\_Rpt21\\_PDF/421\\_FINA\\_Rpt21-e.pdf](http://www.ourcommons.ca/content/Committee/421/FINA/Reports/RP9312006/421_FINA_Rpt21_PDF/421_FINA_Rpt21-e.pdf)
- On December 8, the Newfoundland and Labrador Outfitters Association announced it will use marketing and research to promote the provincial outfitting sector and build on previous initiatives designed to expand the outfitting sector within the provincial tourism industry. The Governments of Canada and Newfoundland and Labrador are investing a total of \$553,183 to support this initiative. Further details can be found at the following link: [https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/news/2017/12/newfoundland\\_andlabradoroutfittersassociationwillpromotesector.html](https://www.canada.ca/en/atlantic-canada-opportunities/news/2017/12/newfoundland_andlabradoroutfittersassociationwillpromotesector.html)

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*December 1st, 2017*

- During a reception for the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), the Government of Canada committed to a targeted timeline for making decisions to list species under the *Species at Risk Act*, following COSEWIC's submission of its assessment to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change. The timeline would be 24 months for terrestrial species and some aquatic species, and 36 months for more complex aquatic species such as actively fished species. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.newswire.ca/news-releases/government-of-canada-recognizes-important-science-work-carried-out-by-the-committee-on-the-status-of-endangered-wildlife-in-canada-660371573.html>
- In the November 29 edition of the Quebec Gazette, the Province posted a draft regulation entitled *An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife (chapter C-61.1)* regarding the Scale of fees and duties related to the development of wildlife. The draft regulation eliminates the duties payable for the issue of caribou hunting licences provided for in Schedule I to the regulation respecting the scale of fees and duties related to the development of wildlife. The draft regulation also amends section 4.1 of the regulation to specify that sport fishing licenses for Atlantic salmon issued for a day will be issued for three days. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www2.publicationsduquebec.gouv.qc.ca/dynamicSearch/telecharge.php?type=1&file=103202.pdf>

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## **Fur in the Media**

- [At Six Nations' deer hunt, aboriginal rights become a target](#), Globe and Mail, December 11, 2017
- [Hunter says moose disappearing from Northern Peninsula, finds one riddled with parasites](#), CBC News, December 14, 2017
- [Wildlife group challenges B.C.'s interpretation of law on destroying bears](#) - National Observer, November 26, 2017
- [Canada must do more to stop trophy hunting of elephants, conservationists say](#) – Toronto Star, November 27, 2017
- [Federal government should manage Alberta's threatened caribou: letter](#) – Globe and Mail, November 28, 2017



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