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# FUR THIS WEEK

*January 1 - 15, 2018*

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## **What do you want to see from Fur This Week?**

If you are a subscriber to Fur This Week our regular newsletter... we need your feedback! What do you want to see from Fur this Week? <https://t.co/FrjtDlxIO6>

— Fur Institute (@FurInstitute) [January 16, 2018](#)

At the Fur Institute of Canada we are always trying to improve the services that we provide. One of those is Fur this Week (FTW). It has been less frequent lately due to the review process and discussion and we want to know what you think!

Survey available here: <https://goo.gl/forms/lwvCbFnYi2jr3fnr1>

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## **Tales and Trails OFMF January 2018**

The Ontario Fur Managers Federation has released it's "Tales and Trails" for January 2018.

From the newsletter: "I would like to welcome back your Tales and Trails Newsletter. I have

heard from a lot of trappers about the flow of information and how much they enjoyed the tales and trails newsletter so we thought that this would be a great way to help inform you, the members of OFMF's progress with ongoing topics as well as update you on what your Federation has been busy at on your behalf"

To read the full newsletter please visit: <https://fur.ca/news/tales-trails-ofmf-january-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

*January 12th, 2018*

- All Legislatures are currently recessed, so there is no change in the status of any legislation.
- Newfoundland and Labrador announced the next steps in its pre-budget consultation. Hearings will take place with various Ministers across the Province from January 18 to 30. The Government also plans to reach out to stakeholders to organize "industry roundtable sessions," though no further details have been provided.
- On January 9, British Columbia issued a release seeking public feedback on assessing the effects of winter ticks on the Province's moose population as part of its annual moose winter tick surveillance program. The program relies on observations from wildlife professionals, wildlife enthusiasts and the general public to monitor the number of animals with hair loss and the amount of hair loss on each animal to estimate winter tick prevalence and distribution. Further details are available here: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2018FLNR0002-000024>.

- On January 10, the Premier of Prince Edward Island shuffled his Cabinet. Richard Brown is the new Minister of Communities, Land and Environment, and Robert Henderson is the new Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries.
- On January 12, federal Finance Minister Bill Morneau announced that January 26 will be the last date to provide feedback to his pre-budget consultation.

### **Pre-Budget Consultations**

- On November 9, 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 until January 26: <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 Finance Committee is holding its pre-budget consultation. Hearings began on December 14 in Toronto and will continue across the Province from January 15 to 19. Written submissions are due on January 19 and can be sent to [comm-financeaffairs@ola.org](mailto:comm-financeaffairs@ola.org).
- Prince Edward Island has launched its pre-budget consultations. Hearings will take place across the Province in January and written submissions are due on February 16. Further details can be found at the following link: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/news/islanders-invited-give-budget-feedback-online-person>
- 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>.

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  - Yukon: April 2018
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### **Upcoming Throne Speeches**

- None at this time.

### **Upcoming Budgets**

- British Columbia: February 20, 2018
- [Saskatchewan: March 28, 2018 \(TBC\)](#)

### **Upcoming Elections**

- Ontario: on or before June 7, 2018
- New Brunswick: September 24, 2018

January 5th, 2018

- 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. 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 29, Newfoundland and Labrador issued a release citing the achievements of the new Department of Fisheries and Land Resources. Of interest, it noted how the Department implemented transformative changes to the *Wildlife Act* and Regulations to improve access to hunting through lowering of the minimum hunting age, expanding the Program for Hunters with a Disability and setting earlier application dates for the provincial big draw game. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.releases.gov.nl.ca/releases/2017/ffa/1229n03.aspx>
- On January 3, the Government of Yukon and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game issued a new population estimate for the porcupine caribou herd. Since the last count in 2013, the population has grown from an estimated 198,000 to 218,000 caribou. The herd has grown annually at a rate of 3.7%. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.gov.yk.ca/news/18-002.html>
- On December 27, Manitoba posted the *Moose Conservation Closure Regulation, amendment*. Changes are concerned with moose hunt authorization. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://web2.gov.mb.ca/laws/regs/annual/2017/170.pdf>

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December 22nd, 2017

- 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. The Assembly is now recessed until February 6. 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>
- In the December 15 edition of the Saskatchewan Gazette, the Province posted a revised regulation to *The Animal Products Act*, entitled *The Fur Farming Regulations, 2017*. These changes are extensive and were provided to you previously. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.publications.gov.sk.ca/freelaw/documents/gazette/part2/2017/G2201750.pdf>
- On December 18, British Columbia announced it is bringing an end to the hunting of grizzly bears throughout the Province. The spring grizzly bear hunt was scheduled to open on April 1, 2018, but the ban on hunting for resident and non-resident hunters takes effect immediately. Further details can be found at the following link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FLNR0372-002065>
- On December 19, Alberta released a draft plan to help woodland caribou populations across the Province recover. Phase 2 of engagement on the draft plan has begun and ends in March 2018. Further details can be found at the following link: <https://www.alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=51188644EB79C-9D76-A96B-AACEF826364538F6>
- On December 19, the Ministry of Forests, Wildlife and Parks of Quebec released the 2017 Black Bear Hunting and Trapping Report, which revealed that 5,236 black bears have been harvested by hunting or trapping and nearly 17,000 licenses sold. 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=2017-12-18&dateFin=2017-12-20&afficherResultats=oui&Page=2&idArticle=2512197949>
- Also in Quebec, the Ministry released the 2017 Moose Hunt results, which reported that 27,631 moose have been harvested throughout the year, although final results will not be available until the end of January. 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=2017-12-18&dateFin=2017-12-20&afficherResultats=oui&Page=2&idArticle=2512194371>
- On December 19, British Columbia announced that proposed hunting, trapping, motor vehicle restriction and firearms restriction regulation changes for 2018 to 2020 are now online and available for public review and feedback. The opportunity for public comment ends January 19, while final regulations will be in effect between April 1, 2018 and March 31, 2020. Further details can be found at the following link: <https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2017FLNR0373-002078>
- On December 20, Saskatchewan announced that chronic wasting disease head testing is available to hunters until January 8. The newly-identified zones are 44, 39, and 3, and the disease has now been confirmed in 32 of 83 wildlife management zones. Further details can be found at the following link: <http://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/news-and-media/2017/december/20/cwd-testing>

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## **Fur in the Media**

- [Mike Smyth: NDP does an about-face on grizzly bear hunting](#) – Vancouver Province, December 18, 2017
- [BC Liberal MLA slams grizzly hunt ban as “thin edge of the wedge”](#) – Global News, December 19, 2017
- [Provincial government reintroduces cougar and bear hunting](#) – CTV News, December 19, 2017
- [Nunavut looks to limit caribou sport hunting](#) – Nunatsiaq, December 20, 2017

- [Alberta has 2,500 cougars: Biologists says hunting popular in the province](#) – CTV News, December 21, 2017
  - [Trophy hunting is macabre, but it may also be endangered species' best hope for survival](#) – National Post, December 21, 2017
  - [B.C. court rules American Indigenous man has right to hunt in Canada](#) – CTV News, December 29, 2018
  - [Comment: Populism driving politics on grizzly-bear hunt](#) – Victoria Times Colonist, December 30, 2017
  - [More than 150 grizzlies killed while NDP contemplated hunting policy](#) – Vancouver Sun, January 1, 2018
  - [Greenland, Nunavut agree on quota hike for Baffin Bay polar bears](#) – Nunatsiak Online, January 2, 2018
  - [Porcupine caribou numbers 'highest ever recorded'](#), CBC News, January 4, 2018
  - [B.C. proposes limits to mule deer hunt to help declining buck population](#), CBC News, January 10, 2018
  - [Canada must do better to protect freezing animals in transport](#) – Globe and Mail, January 8, 2018
  - [Ontario fur managers group pushes province for better roadkill reporting regulations](#), CBC News, January 8, 2018
  - [Alberta cougar hunt sparks debate among scientists, hunters and activists](#) – Globe and Mail, January 7, 2018
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