



## FUR AND TRAPPING IN QUÉBEC

Many people have misconceptions about trapping and the use of wild furs. That's why the Ministère de l'Environnement et de la Faune is taking this opportunity to let you know that regulated trapping in Québec plays an important role in the responsible management and conservation of wildlife. Wear your fur garment proudly and never forget that :

- **Fur is a natural product and a renewable resource.** Meat from furbearing animals and the utilization of by-products in arts and crafts are other uses made possible by trapping.
- **No endangered and threatened species may be hunted or used in the fur trade.** These species are protected by provincial and federal laws as well as international agreements.
- **The 18 furbearing species used in Québec are abundant.** The most commonly used species, including beaver, muskrat and raccoon, are more abundant now than they have ever been.
- **Not just anyone can go trapping.** A special training course must be successfully completed before a trapping licence is issued.
- **Trapping is rigorously controlled in Canada.** Provincial and territorial regulations prevent excessive trapping and ensure the use of the best trapping systems available to enhance animal-welfare and conservation. Regulations are enforced by specially trained wildlife conservation officers.
- **All of society benefits.**- directly or indirectly - from well regulated hunting and trapping. These activities help to maintain stable and healthy wildlife populations, while reducing damage to property and providing useful products for human use.

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