

# INFORMATION LETTER

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**SUBJECT: OIL AND GAS - REGISTERED TRAPPER NOTIFICATION AND  
COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

Over the past two years, members of the British Columbia Trappers' Association, Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors and Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers have worked together to develop the OIL AND GAS - REGISTERED TRAPPER NOTIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM. This process has been facilitated by the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. In addition to the above-mentioned associations and agencies, several independent trappers, Treaty 8 Aboriginals and members of other provincial agencies contributed to the agreement development. Although Treaty 8 Aboriginals attended many of the meetings, they do not wish to participate in the program at this time. However, it is important to recognize the potential for them to participate in the OIL AND GAS - REGISTERED TRAPPER NOTIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM in the future.

A "registered trapline" (registered trapper) is defined by S.43.(1) of the Wildlife Act which states that "A regional manager, or a person authorized by the regional manager, may grant registration of a trapline on Crown land to a person who is, or to a group of persons, each of whom is:

- (a) 19 years of age or older, and
- (b) a citizen of Canada or a permanent resident of Canada.

Furthermore, "trapline" is defined by the Definitions section of the Wildlife Act as meaning "... an area for which registration is granted to one or more licensed trappers for the trapping of fur-bearing animals."

A "registered trapper" includes any trapper who holds a current trapping licence and has permission from the registered owner to the trapline to trap that line.

The purpose of the agreement is to set out terms, conditions and procedures for the notification of registered trappers and compensation associated with impacts created by the oil and gas industry on the registered trapping industry. The program consists of two phases: Phase I Notification; and, Phase II Immediate Impacts. Phase I defines notification requirements for the oil and gas industry where industry activity has the potential to impact registered trappers. Phase II defines how immediate impacts of the oil and gas industry on the registered trapping industry will be addressed.

The OIL AND GAS - REGISTERED TRAPPER NOTIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM is attached. This program has been endorsed by the British Columbia Trappers' Association, Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors and is supported by the Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks and the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources. The OIL AND GAS - REGISTERED TRAPPER NOTIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM is implemented as of the date of this Information Letter.

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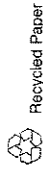
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COMPENSATION PROGRAM**

**PURPOSE:**

This document sets out the terms, conditions and procedures agreed to by representatives of the oil and gas industry (Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers, (CAPP) and Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC)), the trapping industry (British Columbia Trappers' Association, BCTA) and supported by the province of British Columbia (Ministries of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources (MEMPR), and Environment, Lands and Parks, (BC Environment)) respecting a program of notification and compensation associated with impacts created by the oil and gas industry on the registered trapping industry in British Columbia.

**PHASE I: NOTIFICATION**

The intent of the notification component of the program is to facilitate personal contact between the registered trapper and the oil and gas company prior to exploration or development activities.

**Program Details:**

- A. Registered trappers wishing to participate in the OIL AND GAS - REGISTERED TRAPPER NOTIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM must complete or update a Contact Form (attached) each year. In most cases, forms for non-Aboriginal trappers will be completed when they obtain a trapping licence.
- B. BC Environment will print and distribute Contact Forms and make them available to all registered trapper licensing locations. Whenever possible during regular duties and functions, oil and gas and registered trapping industries and government will distribute Contact Forms.
- C. BC Environment will hold copies of submitted Contact Forms on each Registered Trapline file and make them available to whomever is responsible for establishing initial contact with registered trappers who may be impacted.
- D. The process to be followed in attempting to contact registered trappers:
  1. Oil and Gas companies must send a letter accompanied by project maps, at scales of 1:250,000 and 1:50,000, with the proposed access to the nearest well travelled road or traditional

Obligations prescribed by S.5 of the Regulation will have been fulfilled by the oil and gas company if the notification process (D.1 through 7 above) is followed.

**PHASE II: IMMEDIATE IMPACTS**

The intent of this component of the program is to address the immediate impacts of the oil and gas industry on registered trapping activity.

**Program Details:**

- A. Oil and gas industry participation in the program is defined by the following which may be amended by mutual consent of oil and gas and registered trapping industries.
- B. Procedures for negotiating equitable settlements for affected registered trappers are as follows:
  - 1. Destroyed traps of all legal types will be compensated at twice their value. Replacement of necessary support equipment and destroyed fur will be at a fair market value.
  - 2. Registered trappers required to relocate their trapping activity will be compensated at a rate of \$285.00 per day. An agreement will be established between the affected trapper and the oil/gas company on the time required for the registered trapper to relocate.
  - 3. Registered trappers will be compensated at a rate of \$285.00 per day for opening lines blocked as a result of oil/gas activity.
  - 4. Heliportable programs will be considered the same as opened seismic lines and relocation costs, at a rate of \$285.00 per day for affected traps, will be applied where appropriate.
  - 5. Subsequent or additional impacts on a registered trapline by the same or other companies will be treated as new impacts. Compensation for these impacts is to be made at the same rate.
  - 6. Compensation payments must be made within 30 days of the agreement between the registered trapper and the oil and gas company.

**OIL AND GAS - REGISTERED TRAPPER NOTIFICATION AND COMPENSATION PROGRAM  
CONTACT FORM**

This form must be completed by all registered trappers in order to participate in the oil and gas - registered trapper notification and compensation program. This information will assist contact between the registered trapper and the company representative. Be as explicit as possible to avoid misunderstanding. **Sign and return to the local BC Environment office.**

Registered Trapper's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Registered Trapline Number (ATN) \_\_\_\_\_  
Date form completed \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated entry time on trapline \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated exit time from trapline \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**BEFORE ACTIVITY COMMENCES:**

What method of contact will best succeed in alerting you of an impending program and make personal communication possible? If important, indicate whether you are on or off the trapline at these times.

**BY PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Best Times to Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone numbers of two alternate contacts and best times to phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**BY MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**BY MESSAGE ON RADIO:** Station listened to, best time to leave message: \_\_\_\_\_

After message has been received, how to set up rendezvous (indicate the best means of contacting you): \_\_\_\_\_

Rendezvous location (trapper cabin, geographical location). Identify a site that can be readily located by industry's first person in. Provide the best description possible on a Registered Trapline map with the location identified. \_\_\_\_\_

**IF ACTIVITY IS INITIATED BEFORE THE REGISTERED TRAPPER IS CONTACTED:**

The message drop/rendezvous sites will also be important if contact is made before activity commences but the registered trapper is already on the trapline.  
Location on the trapline to be used by industry's first person in (surveyor and/or cat push) for message drop: \_\_\_\_\_

**By signing this form, I agree to comply with the oil and gas - registered trapper notification and compensation program in its entirety** \_\_\_\_\_