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Via email only

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SUBJECT: Indigenous Community Notification of Vacant Registered Trapline Availability – Deadline May 5, 2026

Dear Executive Director Jim Meness,

I am writing to advise that registered traplines are currently available for reallocation within the Kemptville-Kingston District. Indigenous individuals interested in becoming a head trapper on one of the registered traplines listed below, or other traplines within the district, should contact the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) at the contact information provided at the end of this notice.

The MNR is not allocating traplines in the Algonquin Land Claim Settlement Area on a permanent basis. However, the vacant traplines listed below are available on a 3-year temporary basis, with annual licence renewal, and temporary authorizations to trap commercially. Please note that the process to allocate future permanent registered traplines will be completely independent of any temporary registered trapline assignments. New trapline buildings will not be authorized or considered at this time within the Algonquin Land Claim Settlement area.

The following trapline is currently available for assignment on a temporary basis within the Algonquin Land Claim Settlement Area:

TW-029	3-Year Temporary Allocation
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The trapline location is identified on the attached map.

The ministry allocates vacant traplines using the current process outlined in the procedure called *WilPr1.1.7 Allocation of Head Trappers for Registered Traplines* (attached). Indigenous individuals interested in being considered for a vacant trapline may apply using the attached head trapper form. If there is a family connection to the trapline, the applicant should provide information to show the family connection to the trapline. Applications should be submitted to the district office by May 5, 2026.

Information to support showing a family connection to the vacant trapline should include the following:

- Name of the individual making the claim (the “claimant”);
- Name and relationship, to the claimant, of the person upon whom the connection is based;
- Date(s) during which claimant’s ancestor is known/believed to have been trapping the area in question;
- Other relevant information evidencing a historic practicing of trapping within the area;
- A letter of support from the Band in which the claimant is a member.

For more information on Family Connection, please see the attached FWBull1.1.8 Criteria for establishing a significant Aboriginal family connection to a registered trapline.

All persons expressing an interest in a vacant trapline must be (or be willing to become) qualified to trap in Ontario through successful completion of the *Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course*. To find out about course availability, please contact the following:

- [Ontario Fur Managers Federation](#),
- [Anishinabek Nation](#),
- [Nishnawbe Aski Nation](#), or
- [Grand Council Treaty #3](#)

Members of rights-bearing Indigenous communities generally do not require an Ontario trapping licence when trapping for food, social or ceremonial purposes within their traditional territory. However, commercial fur harvesting, which involves the preparation and sale of raw pelts to fur dealers, requires the issuance of an Ontario trapping licence. Ontario trapping licences are issued annually and authorize trapping within the registered trapline assigned to a head trapper.

Before the ministry allocates any vacant traplines, the ministry first considers established or asserted Aboriginal or treaty rights protected by Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*, and any impacts that may flow from the decision to assign a vacant trapline to another trapper. Please advise the ministry if your community believes that assigning any of these vacant traplines to Indigenous persons from your community, other communities or non-Indigenous persons may have an adverse impact on your community’s asserted or existing Aboriginal or treaty rights.

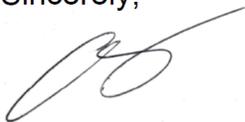
Also, consistent with existing trapping harmonization/administration agreements with Nishnawbe Aski Nation, Anishinabek Nation and Grand Council Treaty #3, the ministry first considers whether there are any Indigenous persons with a family claim or connection to a vacant trapline.

Personal information, comments and trapper information are collected by the ministry to assist with trapline allocation and to allow for follow-up with Indigenous communities and individuals who have expressed an interest in the trapline. Personal information is collected under the authority of the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*. Personal information and any other information provided is only used and/or disclosed according to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1990*.

In addition to the vacant traplines listed in this notice, if you have an interest in a trapline that is not currently available or vacant, it is helpful to submit documentation as outlined in FWBull.1.1.8 Criteria for establishing a significant Aboriginal family connection to a registered trapline so that the district office is aware of your interest and can keep your information on file for consideration when a trapline becomes available for reallocation. Please note that the MNR sends annual notifications of available traplines in January.

If you have any questions concerning this opportunity or the collection, use or disclosure of personal information and other information, please contact a/RLS Breena Johnson in the Kemptville-Kingston district at Breena.johnson@ontario.ca, or 613-449-2463.

Sincerely,



Adam Worth
a/District Manager
Kemptville-Kingston
Ministry of Natural Resources

Attachments:

1. Head Trapper Application Form
2. FWBull1.1.8- Criteria for establishing a significant Aboriginal family connection to a registered trapline
3. WilPr1.1.7 – Allocation of Head Trappers for Registered Traplines
4. Registered trapline information and maps