

My thoughts ON THE MTA'S FUTURE...



WE NEED YOUR INPUT...

Please continue on extra paper if you have more to say. Provide your name, address, and telephone number (if you wish), and send your thoughts back to the MTA at the address below.

WE WOULD SURE LIKE TO TALK TO YOU AGAIN....

(Contact information is OPTIONAL and CONFIDENTIAL)

Name:

Address:

Telephone:

Please send your comments to:

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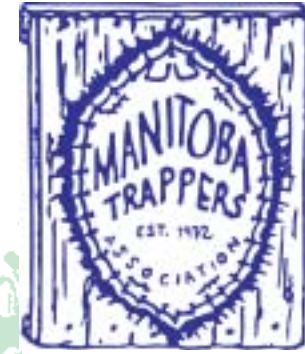
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POSSIBLE FUTURE DIRECTIONS

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Did You Know....

- ☛ At more than 300 years, trapping is Manitoba's oldest industry;
- ☛ There are more than 7000 trappers in Manitoba today;
- ☛ Each year, trapping generates about \$12 million for the Manitoba economy;
- ☛ The value of Manitoba wild fur is about \$3.0 million per year;
- ☛ Improved pelt preparation could increase fur value by 30%; and
- ☛ European fur markets are finally secure after a 30 year battle.

You ARE A MEMBER....



Art Greeves, Oxford House, MB

The Manitoba Trappers Association (MTA) was established in 1972 to serve the trappers of Manitoba. The MTA consists of 65 local fur councils, divided into 11 zones, each represented by a Zone Director. Zone Directors form the MTA Board. MTA is the means by which all Manitoba trappers can have a united voice in dealing with current issues and opportunities within the fur industry.

MTA Objectives...

1. To improve communication with, and encourage activities within all local fur councils;
2. To encourage and ensure sustainable and humane furbearer management;
3. To improve fur marketing opportunities for all Manitoba trappers;
4. To solve the problems facing the fur industry, improving the conditions of trapping and the living standards of trappers;
5. To work with government, industry, and other provincial associations for better fur harvests and markets;
6. To develop adequate credit systems, encourage research, multiple resource use, provide educational/training opportunities for trappers, and establish professional standards throughout the industry; and
7. To establish and maintain better communication links with the public, other stakeholders, and resource users, creating increased support for trapping and trappers.

YOUR MANITOBA TRAPPERS ASSOCIATION....



- ☛ Participates in the Fur Institute of Canada and the Canadian National Trappers Alliance, two organizations critical to maintaining the viability of Canada's fur industry;

- ☛ The successful effort to save trapping from the European Union's anti-fur regulation could not have happened without the hard work of trappers, through their provincial associations in a national effort;

- ☛ Conducts a Public Awareness/Education program which reaches more than 130 schools and dozens of major public events;



- ☛ Organizes/sponsors local auctions (Fur Tables) resulting in higher fur prices and more money in the pockets of MB trappers;

- ☛ Supports the operation of Trapper Education workshops which have increased total fur values by more than 20%; and

- ☛ Provides a bi-monthly Magazine on trapping and the wildlife industry.

- ☛ Maintains key communication links with the Manitoba Government regarding trapping seasons and regulations, policy development, and the industry's future;



- ☛ Negotiated a successful agreement with the Union of MB Municipalities and the MB Government to establish the Problem Beaver Control program;

- ☛ Sponsors a major Conference for all Manitoba trappers each year;



The FUTURE...

The MTA Board of Directors has begun to plan for our future.



We Need Your Input....

Below are some ideas which have been considered. Please take a few minutes to complete this short survey, and provide as much detail as you like with your thoughts on the future direction of the MTA.

I AM INTERESTED IN....

(check as many boxes as you like)

- Furbearer management (to maximize harvests every year);
- Pelt preparation seminars (to increase the value of my fur);
- A pelt purchase program (to provide better prices);
- Better marketing of Manitoba-produced fur products;
- A trap sales and supply business (to lower all of our costs);
- Education of schoolchildren and urban people about trapping;
- More tax breaks and economic incentives for full-time trappers and their families; and
- More aggressive international efforts to support the industry.
- Other :

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Please continue on the reverse with your thoughts on the future of the MTA. ☛

