

Alberta Trappers' Compensation Program



What is the ATCP?

The ATCP is a program of the Government of Alberta (AEP) that provides a framework for compensating trappers for business losses incurred through industrial activity on their RFMAs when they are not able to reach a settlement with industry. Incidences of theft and vandalism to assets on RFMAs are also considered. Current partners in the program include the Alberta Trappers Association (ATA), the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP), Small Explorers and Producers Association of Canada (SEPAC), Canadian Energy Pipeline Association (CEPA), Alberta Forest Products Association (AFPA), and ATCO.

How is the ATCP Funded?

Funding for the program is provided by Public Lands through levies on land dispositions, as well as from direct contributions from CAPP, SEPAC, CEPA, AFPA and ATCO. The ATA provides administrative support to the program.

Who is Eligible to Apply for Compensation?

Only Senior RFMA holders are eligible to make application to the program. Applicants must be active in their trapping efforts as determined by AEP.

What Types of Claims are Eligible?

Claims will only be considered if the date of submission is within three years of the date that the damage or disruption occurred. When reasonable to do so, those assets held by trappers that are insurable should be protected through insurance coverage and are not eligible for compensation.

1. Temporary disruption as a result of industrial activity that prevents maintenance of traditional trapping effort and/or harvest. *Claims must be supported by documentation of failed efforts to resolve the dispute directly with industry.*
2. Direct damage to trapping-related assets. Insurable items, including ATVs, snowmobiles and trailers, are not eligible for compensation. *If damage is a result of industrial activity, claims must be supported by documentation of failed efforts to resolve the dispute directly with industry.*
3. Theft or vandalism to trapping-related and non-insurable assets and improvements. *Claims must be accompanied by a police report.*
4. Long-term loss of livelihood as a result of industrial activity. Long-term loss claims will be paid to a maximum of five years. *Claims must be supported by maps depicting the location and extent of disturbance within the RFMA and a letter from the regional F&W biologist declaring that there is no reasonable opportunity to maintain fur harvest levels or revenues by relocating to alternative areas of the RFMA or by trapping alternative species.*

How Much Will I be Paid for my Lost Fur?

If your claim is approved, lost fur will be compensated at the average price of furs sold at auction as published in the annual Alberta Guide to Trapping Regulations. Where appropriate, payments for labour, travel, equipment rental, etc. shall be based upon government rates.

How Do I Apply to the ATCP?

You can apply by filling out the ATCP application form found on the ATA website at www.albertatrappers.com and submitting your completed claim, including supporting documentation, to the ATA office.

Who should I talk to if I need help with my application or have any questions about the program?

For assistance with the ATCP, contact ATCP Claims Coordinator Ken Bailey at 780-990-4879.



The Alberta Trappers Compensation Program is a program of Alberta Environment and Parks delivered in partnership with the Alberta Trappers' Association and representatives from industry.

