

Alberta Trappers' Association

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October 4, 2022

Dear:

Re: ATA Wolf Management/Caribou Management Program

The Alberta Trappers Association (ATA) has entered into an agreement with Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) to assist AEP with its Caribou Recovery Program in specific areas of the Province of Alberta. Our records indicate that your RFMA is in one of the designated areas. As a member trapper, you are invited to participate in wolf management as part of this program.

Program Description:

The ATA is requesting that senior holders and designated juniors of traplines in the Cold Lake/East Side Athabasca, Redrock/Prairie Creek, Richardson (NE of Fort McMurray), Little Smoky/La Peche, Chinchaga, and the Slave Lake/Nipisi caribou ranges support this important initiative by increasing their efforts in wolf management. The program for 2022/2023 will be like the program completed in 2021/2022. Compensation will be paid to senior holders or designated junior whose RFMAs overlap with or are near the specified caribou ranges as identified by AEP.

In addition to monetary compensation, the ATA would like to initiate a mentoring program in all designated Caribou Ranges, whereby experienced wolf trappers work directly with local trappers to get set up for the most effective scenario possible.

Participant Requirements:

- Must be a member of the ATA in good standing
- Must be a Senior RFMA holder or designated Junior on an RFMA in the Caribou Recovery Program area as identified by AEP (see Page 3).
- Must fill out logbooks and submit them to the ATA no later than April 30, 2023
- Must email photos of all wolves caught to the ATA with the GPS locations, date and time, at the end of each month and must indicate whether the wolves are male or female plus juvenile or adult.
- Must provide dated GPS referenced photos of all bait stations (minimum 2-bait stations/RFMA) by the 15th and 30th of each month

Duration:

The program will begin on November 1, 2022, and end on February 28, 2023. Trappers may continue trapping wolves until the end of the season. The ATA will require information on wolves caught after March 31, 2023.

*** Compensation:**

The first instalment will be paid upon submission of proof of the establishment of the bait stations and setting wolf traps and/or snares.

The second instalment will be paid after the last day of the trapping season and will be dependent upon receipt of the required information plus the completed logbooks.

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The compensation amount will be determined by the size and scope of the final project (number of trappers involved). Please note that AEP requires that all GPS locations of caught wolves be submitted to the ATA at the time of capture. Trappers must keep notes of critical management data and complete the logbook for final payment. GPS locations of bait stations will not be shared with government researchers, only the RFMA number and logbook data.

Associated Caribou Range	Participating RFMA (Number)	Total Effort (# of trap days)	Wolves Captured				Total # Wolves Removed
			Juv. Male	Adult Male	Juv. Female	Adult Female	

Effort: # of bait sites * # of traps/snares set * # of days traps/snares open

Example: 3 bait sites * 5 snares each * 20 days = 300 Trap Days

It is critical that trappers complete the logbook even if no wolves were harvested in the participating RFMA. Where wolves are not captured is as important to the scientific database as where they are captured. Trapper effort is a critical component of this program. The success of this program is extremely important to all trappers in Alberta. The ATA members that have participated in this program during past years have demonstrated that respectful and humane harvest is the most sustainable option for our long-term wolf management goals.

The ATA has been providing wolf management training sessions dedicated to this program to assist trappers in upgrading their skill set for wolf trapping. Please contact Donna Moore at the ATA office for more information.

Should you wish to participate in this program, please complete, sign, and email the attached form (Page 4), to ataexec@albertatrappers.com or mail to:

Donna Moore
Executive Director
Alberta Trappers' Association
PO Box 6020
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Signed letters must be received at the ATA office **no later** than December 31, 2022, to participate in this program.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation in this regard. With your help, the program will continue with the potential to expand in future years.

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By signing this agreement, you agree to the requirements and duration of the program as outlined above.

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact Vic Toutant at little.divide@gmail.com or 780-404-3651.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Abercrombie", written over a horizontal line.

Bill Abercrombie
President

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Name (please print)

Signature

Date

_____ RFMA Number

If you are a Senior RFMA holder and would like to designate a junior partner to participate in this program, please complete the information below.

I, _____, agree to designate my junior partner,
Senior RFMA Name (please print)

_____ to participate in the Wolf Harvest/Caribou Management Program,
Junior Partner (please print)

As per the guidelines provided. Compensation will be paid to the Junior Partner.

Senior RFMA Signature

Junior Partner Signature

Date

Date

Junior Partner Contact Information

Mailing Address

Town

Postal Code

Phone Number

Email Address