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## BEAVER CONTROL PROGRAM

### Program Guidelines

2020 – 2021

Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM)

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### **Purpose of the Program:**

The purpose of the Beaver Control Program (CAP-BCP) is to provide financial assistance to rural municipalities (RM) and First Nations Bands (FNB), south of the Northern Administrative District, to control the beaver population in their respective jurisdictions.

### **Background:**

Beavers and the structures that they create can cause many issues in all agricultural sectors, leading to flooding of property and roads that become a public safety concern. Beaver dams can also cause the flooding of crop and pasture lands, which can have a negative financial impact on municipalities and property owners. Beavers can also block culverts causing the obstruction of waterways further leading to some negative impacts on ecologically sensitive areas, infrastructure and the economy. The beavers creating this sort of damage are defined as nuisance beavers.

### **Program Administration and Budget:**

The SARM is administering the CAP-Beaver Control Program (CAP-BCP) on behalf of the Province. The program is designed to achieve maximum results and accountability, while keeping administrative requirements for RMs and FNs to a minimum. Funding for the program is provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Government under *Canadian Agricultural Partnership* agreement, in the amount of \$450,000 for this program year (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021).

### **Program Outline:**

The program will provide a cost-shared payment to RMs and FNBs that operate a humane beaver management program between April 1, 2020 and February 15, 2021; and who follow the minimum level of service determined by the 2020-21 CAP-BCP. Program funding will be prorated among all eligible claimants to a maximum of 50% paid per tail (with a base minimum of \$30 paid per tail) and up to \$500 per pond leveler/beaver deceiver; but not exceeding 50% of total expenses reported for the claim.

- The program will rebate:
  - Up to 50% per adult nuisance beaver removed by licensed fur trappers (based on a minimum \$30 payment per adult nuisance beaver);
  - Up to \$500 for pond leveler materials and installation each but not exceeding 50% of eligible cost (less any taxes with verified invoices); and
  - Up to \$500 for beaver deceiver materials and installation each but not exceeding 50% of eligible cost (less any taxes with verified invoices).

### **Program Eligibility:**

- RMs and FNBs, located south of the Northern Administrative District, will be eligible to claim under the 2020-21 CAP-BCP.
- Eligible RMs must have passed a bylaw allowing beavers to be hunted in the municipality and filed a certified copy of the bylaw with the Ministry of Environment, as per section 4 of *The Wildlife Regulations, 1981*. To determine if this was already done by your RM, please refer to the document entitled "[Rural Municipalities Where Beavers May Be Hunted](#)" found on the SARM website at [www.sarm.ca](http://www.sarm.ca).
  - **Note:** *This bylaw is not required of First Nations Bands.*

- RMs and FNBs must authorize/contract individuals with valid fur trapping license issued by the Ministry of Environment, to remove nuisance beavers.
  - Authorized licensed individuals are required to deliver the beaver tails to their respective RM or First Nation official(s) who must mark them with paint or notch, so they are not re-used in this or any other rebate program. The RM/FNB office is responsible to dispose of the tails as they deem necessary.
  - RMs/FNBs will receive a rebate of up to 50% paid per nuisance beaver removed within the program period. Compensation provided to the authorized individual must be a minimum of \$30 for the removal of each nuisance beaver to receive the rebate.
- RMs and FNBs claiming for the purchase and installation services of each pond levelers and/or beaver deceivers, must include validating invoices with the claim form.
  - Purchase and installation must be completed before the claim deadline to be eligible for rebate.
  - Claims for pond leveler and/or beaver deceiver products and services are eligible when purchased and installed in the program year (April 1, 2020 and February 15, 2021).
- Legal land descriptions or GPS coordinates to three digits must be provided for:
  - Agricultural locations where nuisance beavers were removed;
  - Agricultural locations where each pond leveler being claimed for was installed; and
  - Agricultural locations where each beaver deceiver being claimed for was installed.

**Making a Claim - Submit to SARM by February 15, 2021:**

1. [2020-21 CAP-BCP Claim Form](#)
2. [Trapper Verification Form](#) for each trapper providing service
3. Copy of valid trapper license for each trapper named on Trapper Verification Form valid for the dates indicated on each form
4. Copy of invoices for each pond leveler and/or beaver deceiver installed in program year

*If the deadline to submit a claim form falls on a statutory holiday or weekend, the deadline would move to the next business day.*

***No other government grant, rebate, assistance program or payment can be received by the RM/FNB with relation to the expenditures subject to this program. Verification of fulfillment of program requirements may be requested, random audits may be conducted, and information on specific reporting measures may also be requested.***

**2020-21 CAP-BCP Claim Form**

Complete, sign and submit the CAP-BCP Claim form and supporting documents to SARM by the program deadline date of February 15, 2021 by email to Annette Ellert, Program Manager at [aellert@sarm.ca](mailto:aellert@sarm.ca)

- *Rebates will be determined once all claims are received by SARM following the February 15, 2021 claim deadline.*

**Trapper Verification Form:** For each authorized/contracted individual, RMs and FNBs must provide the following information:

- Name of the authorized licensed individual;
- Valid South Saskatchewan Fur license for the period nuisance beaver were removed (includes FN trappers when trapping off FN lands);
- Trapping on FN lands: For trappers with a First Nation Status or free treaty license, that number must be provided in lieu of the Ministry of Environment trapping license.
  - *Each South Saskatchewan Fur license expires August 31 each year. Trappers must hold a valid and current fur trapping license number through the Ministry of Environment at the time their service is provided to the RM or FNB for the purpose of the CAP-BCP. Copies of each trapper license must accompany claims.*
- Date of removal of nuisance beaver for each location listed – *must fall within program dates*;
- Number of beavers removed from each location listed;
- Amount paid per beaver to individual named on Trapper Verification Form (*minimum of \$30 per nuisance beaver removed*);
- Legal land description or GPS coordinates of the agricultural land where nuisance beavers were removed.

For a template of the [TRAPPER VERIFICATION FORM](#) visit the SARM website at [www.sarm.ca](http://www.sarm.ca)

#### RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

If you require assistance or more information regarding the CAP-Beaver Control Program, please contact the Plant Health Officer located in your SARM Division:

Division 1: Katey Makohoniuk, (306) 594-7683, [katey.makohoniuk@gmail.com](mailto:katey.makohoniuk@gmail.com)

Division 2: Joanne Kwasnicki, (306) 541-8437, [joanne.kwasnicki@gmail.com](mailto:joanne.kwasnicki@gmail.com)

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Division 4: Lynne Roszell, (306) 852-8328, [lynneroszell@gmail.com](mailto:lynneroszell@gmail.com)

Division 5: Chelsea Neuberger, (306) 380-4526, [chelsea.baraniecki@gmail.com](mailto:chelsea.baraniecki@gmail.com)

Division 6: Colleen Fennig, (306) 946-9895, [colleen.fennig@gmail.com](mailto:colleen.fennig@gmail.com)

For more information on the CAP-BCP please visit the SARM website at [www.sarm.ca](http://www.sarm.ca) or contact Annette Ellert, Program Manager, at 306-761-3744 or email at [aellert@sarm.ca](mailto:aellert@sarm.ca).

*As part of the CAP funding agreement, all records, information, databases, audit and evaluation reports and other documents relating to this program must be retained by the RM/FNB office until **March 31, 2029**.*