

February 5th, 2024

Via Email Only

Executive Director Jim Meness
Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office
31 Riverside Drive, Suite 101
Pembroke ON K8A 8R6

**SUBJECT: Notification of Vacant Registered Trapline Availability – Deadline –
May 6th, 2024**

Dear Executive Director Meness,

I am writing to advise that registered traplines are currently available for reallocation within the Pembroke District. 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 and Forestry (MNRF).

The MNRF 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 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 traplines are currently available for assignment on a 4-year temporary basis within the Algonquin Land Claim Settlement Area:

PE019, PE038, PE077, AP004, AP005 – see attached maps.

The following traplines are currently available for assignment on a 3-year temporary basis within the Algonquin Land Claim Settlement Area:

AP047, PE021, PE025, PE048 – see attached maps.

The ministry continues to allocate vacant traplines using the current process outlined in a procedure named *WilPr1.1.7 Allocation of Head Trappers for Registered Traplines* (attached). All persons expressing an interest in a registered 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*.

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.

Personal information, comments and trapper information are collected by the ministry to assist with trapline allocation and to allow for follow-up with trappers, 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*. The use and/or disclosure of personal information and any other information provided will occur in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Individuals interested in being considered for an available trapline should submit any required documentation (i.e., head trapper application form) to this office by **May 6th, 2024**. The attached documents will assist individuals in determining what information is required for application to a trapline. Please note that the MNRF sends out notifications of available traplines for allocation purposes once annually.

If you have any questions concerning this opportunity or the collection, use or disclosure of personal information and other information, please contact Clare O'Reilly in the Pembroke District office at clare.o'reilly@ontario.ca or 705-313-1859.

Sincerely,



Randy McLaren
District Manager, Pembroke District

Attachments:

1. WilPr1.1.7 – Allocation of Head Trappers for Registered Traplines
2. Head Trapper Application Form
3. Registered trapline information and maps