

FNFN Harvester Support Programs and Services

The goal of this program is to provide opportunity for FNFN members to engage in traditional economic activities such as trapping, hunting, gathering, harvesting and crafting. The program is divided into 4 streams: Trapper Incentive Program, Hide & Fur Supply Program, Traditional Harvest Program and a Harvesters Association Fund.

Trapper Incentive Program

FNFN provides financial support to FNFN Certified and/or Registered Trappers and assists FNFN members to take up trapping activities.

Guaranteed Fur Advance: Trappers who ship their fur through the FNFN are eligible to receive an advance payment. Pelts need to be in good condition to be eligible for consideration. Advances are reconciled when fur is sold. If the fur sells for less than the advance, FNFN will absorb the cost. If the fur sells for more than the advance, the trapper receives all additional proceeds.

Trapper Education: Trapper training to keep trappers knowledgeable about traditional practices, BC Trapping Regulations, trap standards and technology. Workshops and training camps provide trappers with hands-on survival skills, trap setting and pelt handling training, introduction to new technology, and information vital to success in the international fur industry.

Trappers' Grubstake: Provides financial assistance to eligible trappers to offset their start-up costs, including a one-time opportunity to purchase traps with a subsidy. Eligible costs include fuel, certification fees, supplies, tools, small equipment, and construction materials.

Trapper Awards & Feast: In recognition of trappers' efforts and achievements. Recognition is performance based and considers trapper age, volumes and values of fur harvested. Awards are given out at the Annual Trappers' Rendezvous.

Fur & Hide Supply Program

FNFN provides support to FNFN traditional artists by providing access to supplies including processed hides and furs.

Moose hides: FNFN purchases hand-tanned moose hides and sells them to FNFN artists at cost. Prices are based on quality and square feet of the hides.

Beaver Pelts: FNFN sends beaver pelts out for tanning. Pelts are returned for sale to FNFN artists. Selling price for the dressed pelts is equal to the costs incurred by FNFN.

Crafter's Assistance: Provides annual financial assistance to crafters to offset the cost of sewing and tanning supplies, including a one-time subsidy to purchase small equipment, such as sewing machines.

FNFN needs your help finding hand-tanned moose hides or stretched and dried beaver pelts for sale. Contact the FNFN Lands Department for all fur and hide sales or purchases.

Traditional Harvest Program

FNFN provides assistance to FNFN members to harvest plants, berries, moose, birds, and other important species in our territory.

Harvester Assistance: Provides annual financial assistance to individual FNFN members to offset their costs for traditional harvesting activities. Eligible costs include fuel, certification fees, supplies, tools, small equipment and construction materials.

Community Harvest: Provides financial assistance to FNFN members or groups to organize a community harvest for families and youth that will also provide food for Elders and FNFN community events.

Harvesters Association Fund

Annual financial contributions are available for the establishment and ongoing support of a FNFN community association that represents the interest of hunters, trappers and other food and medicine gatherers.

2015 Harvester Support Program Events

- July** – Possession and Acquisition (PAL) Certification Course
– BC Trappers Certification Course
- August** – Increased Treaty shell distribution
– Trap box making workshop
– Beaver skinning workshop
- Sept** – Possession and Acquisition (PAL) Certification Course
– Harvester Support Program information session
- Oct** – BC Trappers Certification Course
- Nov** – Possession and Acquisition (PAL) Certification Course
– “Gear up to Trap” workshop
- Dec** – Harvester & Crafter support subsidies awarded
– Sign up for Snake River Trapping Camp!

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