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**WILDLIFE ACT
PERMIT FJ24-896289**

PERMIT HOLDER	British Columbia Hydro and Power Authority 333 Dunsmuir Street Vancouver BC V6B 5R4 ATTENTION: Eugene Lim PHONE: (604) 328-8436
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IS AUTHORIZED UNDER s. 2 (c)(iii) of the Permit Regulation, B.C. Reg. 253/2000,

TO	Hunt, trap or kill Beaver (<i>Castor canadensis</i>) during the open or closed season as the regional manager considers it necessary for the proper management of the wildlife resource.
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**AND
IS EXEMPT UNDER** s. 3 (1)(a) of the Permit Regulation, B.C. Reg. 253/2000,

FROM	The prohibition in s. 9 (1) of the Act against destroying Beaver (<i>Castor canadensis</i>) dams/houses.
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SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

TERMS OF PERMIT	This permit is only valid in the Peace Region, specifically the Peace River and its tributaries, between Hudson’s Hope and Old Fort, BC. The permit holder must comply with the terms in Appendix A.	
COMPLIANCE ADVISORY	Failure to comply with any term of this permit is an offence under the <i>Wildlife Act</i> , and may result in any or all of prosecution, suspension of the permit, cancellation of the permit, ineligibility for future permits, and denial of future permit requests.	
PERIOD OF PERMIT	This permit is only valid from April 1, 2025 to March 31, 2030.	
DATE OF ISSUE	February 11, 2025	
 SIGNATURE OF ISSUER	Heather Onstage Regional Manager Recreational Fisheries & Wildlife Programs Peace Region	PERMIT FEE \$250.00 HCTF SURCHARGE \$25.00

APPENDIX A TERMS OF PERMIT PERMIT FJ24-896289

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

1. The permit holder must maintain an accurate up to date record of the wildlife hunted, trapped or killed under the permit, which includes the following information:
 - a) the common name of the wildlife;
 - b) the location where the wildlife was taken;
 - c) the date the wildlife was hunted, trapped or killed;
 - d) the sex and age class of the wildlife taken;
 - e) the bands or tags on the wildlife;
 - f) a description of all nests, dams or other structures destroyed or removed

NOTE: A blank reporting form (Appendix D) is attached to the end of this permit for your convenience.

2. The permit holder must submit the original record referred to in paragraph 1 FrontCounter BC, Ministry of Forests **within 21 days** after the expiry of the permit.
3. The permit holder shall submit the copy of record referred to in paragraph 1 to the following First Nations within 21 days after the expiry of the permit or annually if a multi-year permit:
 - Fort Nelson First Nation – email: reception.lands@fnnation.ca
 - Doig River First Nation – email: lands@doigriverfn.com
4. The permit holder must produce a copy of the record referred to in paragraph 1 on the demand of an officer.

GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. The permit holder must comply with all laws applicable to the activities carried out under this permit.
2. **Permit holder MUST submit a Notification of Authorized Changes* In and About a Stream** under Section 11 of the *Water Sustainability Act* **prior** to the removal of any beaver dam through FrontCounter BC <https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/-/stream-change-minor>. For oil and gas projects, applications can be done through the [BC Oil and Gas Commission](#).

*As defined in Section 39 of the Water Sustainability Regulation, made under the *Water Sustainability Act*

For more information on changes in or about a stream, as well as, emergencies and exceptions, please visit <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/water-licensing-rights/water-licences-approvals/apply-for-a-change-approval-or-submit-notification-of-instream-work>.

3. The permit holder must hold either a valid British Columbia trapping or hunting licence or utilize a British Columbia licenced trapper (such as the local registered trapline owner) or a person with a valid British Columbia hunting licence.
4. The permit holder must take all reasonably necessary steps to ensure that public safety is not jeopardized, and fish or wildlife habitat is not damaged by any action taken under authority of this permit.
5. No removal of dams from active beaver sites from September 15th to April 15th to minimize suffering of beaver. Dams may be removed **ONLY** if all beaver using dam have been lawfully removed.
6. The permit holder must ensure that the wildlife are treated in a humane manner and are not subjected to any unnecessary harm or suffering.
7. No kill trapping of beavers is authorized between June 1st and August 15th to protect breeding females and family units. Should trapping of problem wildlife be necessary on an emergency basis, only live trapping methods are permitted during the June 1st to August 15th period. Live trapped lactating wildlife (adult females) must be immediately released on site. Non-lactating wildlife (males and sub-adults) must be immediately euthanized or immediately removed to a location as close as possible and from public view, for humane euthanizing.
8. Any live trapped wildlife must either be released on site (within 500 m of capture location) or humanely euthanized.

APPENDIX B ADVISORY PERMIT FJ24-896289

GENERAL

- It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and the limits of this permit. For example, this permit does not give the permit holder authority to access or travel through any private land without permission from the landowner.
- The Province is not liable for any illness contracted through wildlife handling. It is the responsibility of the permit holder to inform themselves of possible health hazards, and to ensure that all reasonably necessary safety measures are undertaken.
- If applicable, the permit holder is responsible for renewing this permit. The issuer is not obliged to send a reminder notice.

LEGISLATION

Below is a non-exhaustive list of provisions under the *Wildlife Act* and regulations that are relevant to this permit. It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of any provisions under the *Wildlife Act* or regulations that may apply to this permit.

Wildlife Act

Property in Wildlife

- 2 (3) A person who lawfully kills wildlife and complies with all applicable provisions of this Act and the regulations acquires the right of property in that wildlife.
- (4) If a person by accident or for the protection of life or property kills wildlife, that wildlife, despite subsection (3), remains the property of the government.
- (5) Despite anything in this Act, no right of action lies, and no right of compensation exists, against the government for death, personal injury or property damage caused by
- (a) wildlife,
 - (a.1) controlled alien species described in paragraph (a) of the definition of "species", or
 - (b) an animal that escapes or is released from captivity or is abandoned in British Columbia

Hunting and licences

- 11 (1) A person who hunts wildlife commits an offence unless the person holds all of the following:
- (a) a hunting licence issued to the person under this Act;
 - (b) any limited entry hunting authorization that is required by regulation;
 - (c) any other licence that is required by regulation;
 - (d) any other permit that is required by regulation.

11 (8) A person commits an offence if the person traps fur bearing animals unless he or she holds a trapping licence.

Trafficking in wildlife

22 A person who traffics live wildlife or wildlife meat, except as authorized by regulation or a permit, commits an offence.

Documents not transferable

81 Except as authorized by regulation or as otherwise provided under this Act, a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization is not transferable, and a person commits an offence if the person

- (a) allows his or her licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization to be used by another person, or
- (b) uses another person's licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization.

Failure to pay fine

85 (1) This section applies if a person

- (a) fails to pay, within the time required by law, a fine imposed as a result of the person's conviction for an offence under this Act or the *Firearm Act*, and
- (b) has been served with notice of this section.

(2) In the circumstances referred to in subsection (1),

- (a) the person's right to apply for or obtain a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act is suspended immediately and automatically on the failure to pay the fine,
- (b) all licences, permits and limited entry hunting authorizations issued to that person under this Act are cancelled immediately and automatically on the failure to pay the fine,
 - (b.1) the person must not apply for employment as an assistant guide,
 - (b.2) the person must not guide as an assistant guide, and
- (c) the person commits an offence if, before that fine is paid, the person
 - (i) applies for, or in any way obtains, a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act,
 - (ii) does anything for which a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization under this Act is required,
 - (iii) applies for employment as an assistant guide, or
 - (iv) guides as an assistant guide.

Proof of identity and authorization

97 (1) In this section, “**authorization**” means a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization issued under this Act.

(2) Subject to subsection (5), a person who is required to hold an authorization must, on the request of an officer,

- (a) state the person's name and address,
- (b) produce prescribed photo identification, and
- (c) demonstrate in accordance with subsection (3) that the person holds the authorization.

(3) A person may demonstrate that the person holds an authorization by

- (a) producing the authorization, or
- (b) unless the regulations require that the original authorization be produced,
 - (i) producing a legible copy of the authorization, or
 - (ii) if authorized by the regulations, stating a number assigned to the person by the director as an identification number for the person.

(4) Subject to subsection (5), a person who would be required to hold a licence or permit issued under this Act were the person not exempt under section 11 (9) or 12 (b) must, on the request of an officer,

- (a) state the person's name and address, and
- (b) produce prescribed photo identification.

(5) Subsections (2) (b) and (4) (b) do not apply to a person in a prescribed class of persons.

(6) A person who contravenes subsection (2) or (4) commits an offence.

Permit Regulation

General offence – failure to comply with permit

8 A person who holds a permit under the Act or this regulation commits an offence if the person fails to comply with a term of the permit.

Wildlife Act General Regulation

Proof of identity

21.01 (1) For the purposes of section 97 (2)(b) and (4)(b) of the Act, the following photo identification is prescribed:

- (a) valid photo identification issued to a person by any of the following:
 - (i) the government of Canada;

- (ii) the government of a province or territory, or an agent of the government of a province or territory, in which the person has a current address;
 - (iii) the Nisga'a Nation, if the person is a Nisga'a citizen;
 - (iv) a treaty first nation, if the person is a treaty first nation member of the treaty first nation;
- (b) in the case of a person who is a non-resident alien,
- (i) valid photo identification in the form of
 - (A) a passport, or
 - (B) a driver's licence issued to the person by a foreign jurisdiction in which the person has a current address, or
 - (ii) a copy of a photo identification referred to in subparagraph (i) that has been certified as a true copy by
 - (A) a lawyer, or
 - (B) a notary who is a member in good standing under the *Notaries Act*;
- (c) in any case, a valid NEXUS card.
- (2) For the purposes of section 97 (5) of the Act, persons under 16 years of age are prescribed as exempt from the requirement to produce photo identification.



APPENDIX C
SPECIFICATIONS FOR BEAVER DAM REMOVAL
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1. Use Beaver Dam Best Management Practices:

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/bmp/iswstdsbpsmarch2004.pdf> (See Section 7.6.3 therein)

2. The removal of the dam(s) must be completed in a controlled manner and undertaken in a series of 20 cm drops in dam height. After each drop-in dam height, the subsequent water level and sediment plume must be allowed to stabilize prior to the next level drop, thereby allowing for a controlled breach and controlled flows downstream
3. When the water level in the reservoir has been lowered to the extent that no undue scour of the stream channel will occur, the dam may then be breached, and the dam debris removed with mechanical equipment or by hand.
4. All waters users in downstream areas of the stream must be notified prior to the removal of the beaver dam.
5. All material excavated from the dam(s) must be sidecast/removed from the area in such a manner that it is prevented from re-entering the watercourse.
6. Machinery (where used) must be free of excess oil and grease and have no hydraulic fluid leaks; only the digging bucket from the machinery arm may enter any watercourse.
7. Care must be exercised during all phases of removal of the dam(s) to minimized sediment introduction to any watercourse.
8. All reasonable care must be exercised to avoid damaging any land, works, trees, stream banks or other property. The permit holder must make full compensation to the owners for any damage resulting from the removal of any beaver dam(s).
9. Written permission for access to or travel through any private land must be obtained from all property owners prior to beginning any dam removal.
10. Where there is a series of dams, only one dam at a time may be removed. The permit holder will begin with the most downstream dam and progress upstream.
11. Other methods to reduce or eliminate flooding problems caused by beavers should also be considered. These can include installation of beaver stops, fencing, or snorkel devices.

APPENDIX D RECORD OF WILDLIFE HUNTED, TRAPPED OR KILLED PERMIT FJ24-896289

- The permit holder **MUST** maintain an accurate up-to-date record.
- The permit holder **MUST** submit the original copy of this record to FrontCounter BC, Ministry of Forests **within 21 days** of the permit's expiry or annually as indicated in "Appendix A – Terms of Permit – Reporting Requirements" of this permit.
- The permit holder must produce a copy of this record on the demand of an officer

*If more room is required, please use a sheet of blank paper

Common name of wildlife	Location where wildlife was taken	Date wildlife was hunted, trapped or killed	Sex and age class of wildlife	Bands or tags on wildlife	Description of all nests, dams or other structures destroyed or removed

Signature of Permit Holder

Date

FrontCounter BC
Ministry of Forests
Locations: <https://portal.nrs.gov.bc.ca/web/client/locations>