

WILDLIFE ACT

PERMIT FJ14-154005

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IS EXEMPT UNDER s. 3 (1)(a) of the *Permit Regulation*, B.C. Reg. 253/2000,


FROM	The prohibitions in section 9(1) of the <i>Wildlife Act</i> against disturbing or destroying the dam or house of a Beaver (<i>Castor canadensis</i>) or Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>) in the Peace Region, specifically dams or houses within MUs 7-31 through 7-35.
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AND,

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>) or Muskrat (<i>Ondatra zibethicus</i>) during the open or closed season within the Peace Region, specifically within MUs 7-31 through 7-35.
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SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

TERMS OF PERMIT	The permit holder must comply with the terms in Appendix A.	
ADVISORY	It is the permit holder's responsibility to be aware of all applicable laws and the limits of this permit. The Province is not liable for any illness contracted through actions taken under authority of this permit. 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.	
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 July 7 to March 31, 2023	
DATE OF ISSUE	July 6, 2015	
 SIGNATURE OF ISSUER	Chris Addison Regional Manager Recreational Fisheries & Wildlife Programs Peace Region	PERMIT FEE \$800.00 HCTF SURCHARGE \$80.00

APPENDIX A TERMS OF PERMIT

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REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

1. The permit holder must maintain an accurate up to date record of all activities conducted under authority of this permit that includes the following information:
 - a) common name of the wildlife;
 - b) location (UTM) where a dam or house was removed or destroyed;
 - c) the date and time a dam or house was removed or destroyed;
 - d) the date the wildlife was hunted, trapped, or killed
 - e) the sex and age class of the wildlife hunted, trapped or killed
 - f) a description of all 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 an up to date copy of the above record to Front Counter BC annually. The record must be submitted by January 31 of each year, containing all records from the previous calendar year. The permit holder must also submit the comprehensive summary of all activities undertaken under the authority of this permit within **21 days** of the permit's expiry.
3. 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. This permit extends to the permit holder's employees or contractors only when they are engaged in the direct performance of their duties on behalf of the permit holder.
3. All work is to be undertaken or supervised by trained professionals with suitable experience.
4. **Permit holder MUST submit a Notification under Section 9 of the *Water Act* to the Regional Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations office prior to the removal of any dam.** Notification form available at:
http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/water_rights/licence_application/section9/index.html
5. The permit holder must take all reasonably necessary steps to ensure public safety is not jeopardized and fish and/or wildlife habitat is not damaged by any action taken under authority of this permit.
6. No removal or destruction of dams or houses from active beaver sites from September 15th to April 15th to minimize suffering of beaver. Dams or houses may **only** be removed during the above mentioned period if all beaver using the dam or house have been lawfully removed.
7. Care must be exercised during all phases of removal of the dam(s) to minimize sediment introduction into any watercourse.
8. The permit holder must ensure that the wildlife are treated in a humane manner, and are not subjected to any unnecessary harm or suffering.

9. Any live trapped wildlife must either be released on site (within 500 m of capture location) or humanely euthanized.
10. The permit holder or contractor(s) must hold a valid British Columbia trapping licence, or utilize a British Columbia licenced trapper (such as the local registered trapline owner) or a person exempt from requiring a trapping licence (such as a member of a Treaty 8 First Nation or any other First Nation whose traditional territory includes the BC Hydro Site C Clean Energy Project area).
11. The permit holder is authorized to remove or destroy all beaver dams or houses within the Project Activity Zone for the duration of the Site C Clean Energy Project construction up to the confluence of Wilder Creek and the Peace River mainstem. This permit **does not** authorize the permit holder to remove or destroy beaver dams or houses upstream of the aforementioned confluence.
12. Follow relevant provisions detailed in the *Standards and Best Practices for Beaver and Beaver Dam Management*, Section 7.6 of the March, 2004 *Standards and Best Practices for Instream Works*.
13. The permit holder to report annually to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (NE Region), the number and locations of beaver dams or houses removed or destroyed.

APPENDIX B ADVISORY

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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.
- Liability for any damage resulting directly or indirectly from the removal of any beaver dam(s) rests with the permit holder.
- 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 his or her own permit. The issuer is not obliged to send a reminder notice.
- In recognition of the WCMA, the Permit Holder is encouraged to contact West Moberly First Nation, Doig River First Nation, and Prophet River First Nation, or a local Treaty 8 First Nation on the interest of sharing knowledge regarding the availability of First Nation Trappers.

LEGISLATION

Here are some, but not all, relevant excerpts from the **Wildlife Act**:

Property in Wildlife

2 (1) Ownership in all wildlife in British Columbia is vested in the government.

2 (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.

2 (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, 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.

Production of licence or permit

97 If a person who is required to hold a licence, permit or limited entry hunting authorization issued under this Act

- a) fails to produce it for inspection to an officer on request, or
- b) fails or refuses to state his or her name and address to an officer on request,

the person commits an offence.

REGULATIONS

This excerpt from the **Permit Regulation**, made under the Wildlife Act, is relevant:

8 A person who holds a permit under the Act or the Permit Regulation commits an offence if he or she fails to comply with a term of the permit.

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

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- The permit holder **MUST** maintain an accurate up-to-date record.
- The permit holder **MUST** submit the original copy of this report to FrontCounter BC, Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations **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

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

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

Signature of Permit Holder

Date

FrontCounter BC
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Locations: <http://www.frontcounterbc.gov.bc.ca/locations/>