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Policy Title:	03 Predator Control Policy
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Resolution 54-11	
The Wildlife Act, 1998	
The Wildlife Regulations, 1981	
The Fur Regulations, 1984	

That the Rural Municipality of Beaver River # 622 was approved by the Ministry of Environment to be included in the Provincial Wolf Management Area which falls under the Provincial Predator Control Policy.



PREDATOR CONTROL POLICY

Effective Date: January 5, 2010

Replaces: October 23, 2006

INTENT:

To provide provision under policy, for landowners to have the ability to control large predators that are causing damage or posing a threat to livestock or property.

DEFINITIONS:

- **Landowner:** owner or legal lessee of privately controlled land
- **Occupant:** any person residing on privately controlled land including immediate family members and employees
- **Predator:** for the purposes of this policy, large carnivores that can cause damage to apiaries or livestock; includes but is not limited to coyote, fox, black bear, wolf and cougar
- **Predator Control Person:** Saskatchewan residents recommended by the Rural Municipality (RM) and approved by SE under special permit to conduct predator control measures in the RM
- **Predator Control Specialist:** An individual on contract to the Saskatchewan Sheep Development Board (S.S.D.B.) for the purpose of resolving landowner complaints regarding predators
- **Wolf Management Area (WMA):** a specified area within agricultural Saskatchewan, designated by Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (MoE) based on a recommendation from an RM Council, where control measures are put in place to reduce wolf numbers and/or remove problem wolves

CONSIDERATIONS:

- Coyotes outside the Northern Fur Conservation Block (NFCB) may be taken without a license at all times of the year by any Saskatchewan resident
- Wolves and foxes, outside the NFCB, can only be taken during an open season by a Saskatchewan resident with a fur license unless that person is addressing a safety or livestock predation concern and is qualified to do so under this policy
- Black bears, outside the NFCB, can only be taken during an open season by an individual with a bear hunting license unless that person is addressing a safety or livestock predation concern and is qualified to do so under this policy
- Cougars cannot be taken at any time unless by a person addressing a safety or livestock predation concern who is qualified to do so under this policy
- This policy is intended to be applied in the South Saskatchewan Trapping Area (SSTA) only; problem predators in the NFCB and in the provincial forest outside of the NFCB will continue to be managed through routine harvest by licensed trappers; exceptional circumstances will be dealt with by SE on a case-by-case basis

POLICY and GUIDELINE (S):

- Landowners and/or occupants may destroy any predator to protect property or livestock on their land
- In the SSTA, outside of a WMA, Saskatchewan residents with a Special Permit from SE may use power snares with a cable width not exceeding 3/64 of an inch to take wolves, foxes and coyotes
- A fur license is required if the Saskatchewan Resident intends to sell the hide and a Special Permit is required to retain the hide for personal use
- Free-hanging neck snares, with an MoE approved lock, may be used to resolve livestock predation concerns in the SSTA under Special Permit
- Cougars may only be killed when they represent a direct threat to livestock, property or human life and kills must be reported immediately to MoE

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- Beekeepers may shoot bears within one kilometre of their hives with landowner permission or on their own land without a Special Permit from MoE
- Only personnel approved and trained by MoE in the use of the predacide Compound 1080 may utilize this chemical to destroy wolves or coyotes
- All predators taken under this policy must be reported immediately to the nearest MoE office

1. Wolf Management Areas (WMA)

Within wolf management areas:

- landowners or occupants may shoot wolves on their own land at their discretion
- landowners may use power snares (without a restriction on cable width) on their own land without a fur license with a Special Permit from MoE
- landowners may use approved free-hanging neck snares on their own land without a fur license with a Special Permit from MoE
- there is no restriction on the cable width of power snares
- predator control persons may within their RM and where they have landowner permission:
 - hunt wolves on any private or leased land
 - hunt wolves at any time including during an open season for big game

2. Disposition of Predator Hides and Carcasses

- any landowner, occupant, predator control person or predator control specialist who harvests a coyote, fox or wolf, under this policy may sell the hide of the animal provided they hold a fur trapping license and all provincial fur royalties are paid
- any landowner, occupant, or predator control specialist who harvests a bear under this policy may sell the hide of the animal(s) provided they have obtained the necessary Sale of Wildlife Permits
- any landowner, occupant, predator control person or predator control specialist who harvests a coyote, fox, or wolf under this policy may retain the hide of the animal for personal use provided they have a Special Permit and all provincial fur royalties are paid
- any landowner, occupant, or predator control specialist who harvests a bear, under this policy may retain the hide and/or carcass of the animal for personal use provided they have obtained the necessary Special Permit
- any cougar taken under this policy is the property of the crown and the carcass and the hide must be turned in to a MoE office

3. Saskatchewan Livestock Predation Program (SLPP)

- Predator Control Specialists will be able to act immediately on complaints received by the S.S.D.B. regarding wolves and bear; MoE to be informed within 48 hrs of any response initiated
- Predator Control Specialists will be required to notify MoE prior to taking action on complaints received by the S.S.D.B. regarding cougars
- the SLPP will review its current delivery methods for wolf complaints and identify where improvements could be made
- the SLPP will commit to funding and organizing a series of training workshops to demonstrate effective control techniques for large predators to landowners and trappers in problem areas