

Skeena Wildlife Regulation Change Proposal Form

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Objective of Proposal (describe what outcomes the regulation change is expected to achieve. For example change to bull:cow ratio, reduce crowding of hunters, etc):

- The objective of this proposal is to exempt licensed trappers from requiring an export permit to transport furs out of BC, similar to that of hunting licence if the hunter themselves is transporting the furs.

Proposal Description (specific MU's, season dates, bag limits, attach a map if required, # of authorizations, etc):

- Trappers exempt from having to apply to be authorized under section 2(n)(ii) of the *Permit Regulation*, B.C. Reg 253/2000.
- Provincial regulation change, so effective to all Regions and Wildlife Management Units.

Proposal Rationale (provide supporting survey data*, scientific literature, and/or traditional knowledge):

- Currently, an export permit is required to export furs to another provincial jurisdiction. For example, a trapper harvests furs in Atlin, but will drive them to the auction in Prince George. Under currently provincial policy, a trapper would be required to have an export permit to drive them through the Yukon, and back into the Province.

Pros and Cons of Implementing this Proposal (explain how the benefits of this proposal outweigh the costs):

- **Pros:**
 - Allow for trappers in BC that have to travel outside of BC in order to get furs to auction houses.
 - This will be particularly helpful to trappers in the Atlin region, who currently have to apply for export permits to get their furs to the auctions.
- **Cons:**
 - Could potentially impact enforcement and monitoring effectiveness for fur between jurisdictions.

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Demonstrate how support was achieved for this proposal within your First Nation or stakeholder group (e.g., voting results from members including total number polled, # support, # non-support, # indifferent, etc; concerns raised during discussion; efforts taken to reach as many individuals represented by your group):

List First Nations and stakeholder groups (other than your own) that you contacted regarding the proposed regulation change (include details of support or not for the proposal):

- This is a provincial regulation change
- There have been discussions at the provincial level for this change to occur in 2014, thus far, this change has not occurred.

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