



AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD

Title: Beaver Harvest Incentive Program

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POLICY STATEMENT

The County of Minburn is committed to protecting municipal infrastructure from water movement problems related to beaver activity and the reduction of flooding on agricultural property.

PURPOSE

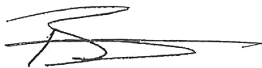
To provide procedures for the harvest of beavers for the purpose of preventing damage to infrastructure and flooding of agricultural land caused by beavers.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

1. The County of Minburn shall prioritize the harvesting of beavers in the following order:
 - a. Areas that occur on County of Minburn land and cause operational and/or structural integrity issues to municipal infrastructure (i.e., roads, bridges culverts, etc.)
 - b. Areas that occur on County of Minburn land that is currently or has the potential to cause damage/flooding to private land such as yard sites, agricultural crops, and pastureland.
 - c. The County of Minburn shall hold a valid Damage Control License authorizing the removal of beavers.
 - d. The County of Minburn shall implement a Beaver Harvest Incentive Program that will pay a bounty of twenty dollars (\$20) for each beaver harvested by a ratepayer or resident within the municipal boundaries of the County of Minburn in accordance with policy procedures. There is no minimum size difference for eligible beavers. Problem wildlife personnel employed or who are specifically contracted by the County of Minburn are exempt from this program.
 - e. Landowners with beaver issues on private land (i.e., agricultural crop and pastureland, yards, etc.,) are encouraged to rectify the issue independently.

PROCEDURES

1. The Agriculture and Utilities Foreman, or designate, shall work with internal departments and the public on prioritizing the harvesting of beavers in accordance with General Principles, Section 1 of this policy.
2. The Agriculture and Utilities Foreman, or designate, shall ensure the delivery of the Beaver Harvest Incentive Program.
3. Beavers harvested under the Beaver Harvest Incentive Program shall be compensated upon a signed declaration of the following:
 - a. The legal land location where the beaver was harvest.
 - b. The date of the harvest.
 - c. The harvest was conducted in a lawful manner, in accordance with current legislation.
 - d. The participant has permission to harvest on the said land.
 - e. Trappers must present entire beaver carcass at which time a County of Minburn employee will remove one front paw, and eligible paws will be totalled and compensated in accordance with this policy.
4. Disposal of all beavers submitted under the Beaver Harvest Incentive Program shall be the responsibility of the person submitting the carcass after proper submission procedures have taken place.
5. The Agriculture and Utilities Foreman, or designate, shall determine the maximum amount of beaver carcasses that will be accepted under this program based on per quarter section of property.



Chief Administrative Officer