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Oral Question 491-18(3): Fur Harvesting Programs

This letter is in follow up to the Oral Question you raised on November 1, 2018 regarding fur harvesting programs. I would like to provide you with the following information regarding trapper training workshops scheduled for the Mackenzie Delta region in 2018-2019.

Given the large beaver population in the region, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' (ENR) Inuvik regional office is in the process of planning beaver trapping workshops that bring together local trapping experts and experts from the Fur Harvesters Auction.

ENR is also developing plans for other harvesting workshops. In winter 2019, Renewable Resource Officer (RRO II), Mr. John Lucas, will teach Arctic fox trapping and pelt preparation, once the fur is primed. Additionally, in early 2019, RRO II Mr. Ian McLeod and Patrolman Mr. Bobby Ruben will hold a workshop on grizzly bear hide skinning and drying for sale at auction, as well as marten trapping and pelt preparations.

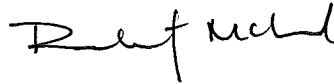
The details of these workshops are being finalized as follows:

<u>Type of Workshop</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Beaver Trapping	Aklavik	Dec. 9-15, 2018 (specific date TBD)	ENR Shop
Beaver Trapping	Inuvik	Dec. 9-15, 2018 (specific date TBD)	ENR Compound
Beaver Trapping	Tuktoyaktuk	Dec. 9-15, 2018 (specific date TBD)	ENR Shop
Arctic Fox Trapping	Sachs Harbour	Early 2019	To Be Determined
Grizzly Bear and Marten Trapping and Hide Preparations for Auction	Paulatuk	Early 2019	To Be Determined

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For more information on these workshops, please contact Mr. Norman Snowshoe, ENR Inuvik Region Superintendent at (867)678-6690 / norman_snowshoe@gov.nt.ca or Mr. Scott McQueen, ENR Traditional Economy Coordinator at (867)767-9232 Ext. 53054 / scott_mcqueen@gov.nt.ca.

Sincerely,



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