

## *Educate on the Sustainable Natural Renewable Products from Nova Scotia Fur Bearing Animals*



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**The objective:**

To educate the general public on the types of natural renewal products that can be obtained from Nova Scotia fur bearers and their value .

To do this the trappers association visited various locations with an information and display booth. These locations were:

- The Nova Scotia Wild Blue Berry Association annual field day. 250 attendees .
- Three DNR wood lot owner of the year events. 460 wood lot owners and 421 grades 5&6 student attendees.
- The Guy Show for out door recreational users. 2000 attendees.
- The Nova Scotia Federation of Agricultural annual meeting . 250 delegates representing 2500 farm families.
- The Spring Halifax Sport and RV show . 6000 attendees.

Trappers association made direct contact with about 2000 attendees at these events.

**The booth display:**

- A complete Nova Scotia Furbearer pelt kit .
  - Poster display how raw pelts are processed and display of final product.
  - Information sheets were made available to show the importance of trapping and how trapping is done.
  - Information guide on having a sustainable forest management plan creating a furbearer biodiversity environment for sustainable wild life populations.
  - Information sheets various furbearers.
- The booth resources acquired from DNR, Fur Harvesters Auction , North American Fur Auctions , The Fur Institute of Canada, and trappers association members.

**How the habitat funding was acknowledged:**

Trappers association had a poster made and displayed at each event to acknowledge the funding source. When talks or interviews were given , the fund was acknowledged . Trappers association also had an ink stamp made depicting the name “ Nova Scotia Habitat Conservation Fund (contributions from hunters & trappers)”. Information sheets or posters handed out had the stamp applied. Every member of the TANS association was sent a news letter. Information was also posted on a well known internet hunting site called “Nova Hunting” that TANS had been awarded funding for the project.

**Conclusion:**

Some information sheets and posters were given out . Those most wanting the printed resource were school teachers and students. There is a definite desire to have this information in the class room. Others were more focused talking one on one. They all were very much interested in wildlife and maintaining suitable habitat. The pelt kits made it easy to show the basic difference between bob cat and lynx or mink and marten. Two color phases of coyotes created lots of interest. We consider this booth program very much a success.