



## **Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur (GMVF) Update for NWT Trappers**

Fur Harvesters Auction (FHA) cancelled the March 2020 auction due to COVID-19 measures restricting the company's ability to conduct the auction process under normal conditions.

To meet fur buyer and shipper demands, FHA quickly developed an online process to conduct a fur auction from its North Bay headquarters. A limited number of Canadian buyers and fur brokers were allowed on site to inspect the collection. While the online process appears to have run smoothly, many species did not sell because most international buyers need to inspect the fur and were unwilling to buy furs without seeing them in person.

The [Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur \(GMVF\) program](#) is designed to protect trappers from market downturns and unexpected events exactly like the present. The GMVF program is the Government of the Northwest Territories' commitment to NWT residents, their lifestyle and the traditional economy. For example, the GNWT provides advances on high quality fur so trappers do not have to wait until auction to receive full payment for their furs.

FHA is now planning to hold its next auction from August 20-22, 2020. It is expected to be better attended by international buyers and brokers who need to replenish inventories to meet client demand in their home countries. FHA also recognizes the need for trappers to manage expenses in preparation for the 2020-21 trapping season. Selling your fur is a big responsibility that FHA takes seriously.

**The Last Receiving Date for the August FHA auction is set for June 7, 2020.** Please have your furs into your local ENR office in advance of this date. FHA auction dates are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions, and ENR will continue to provide updates as they become available.

**If you have any questions please contact the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR):**

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