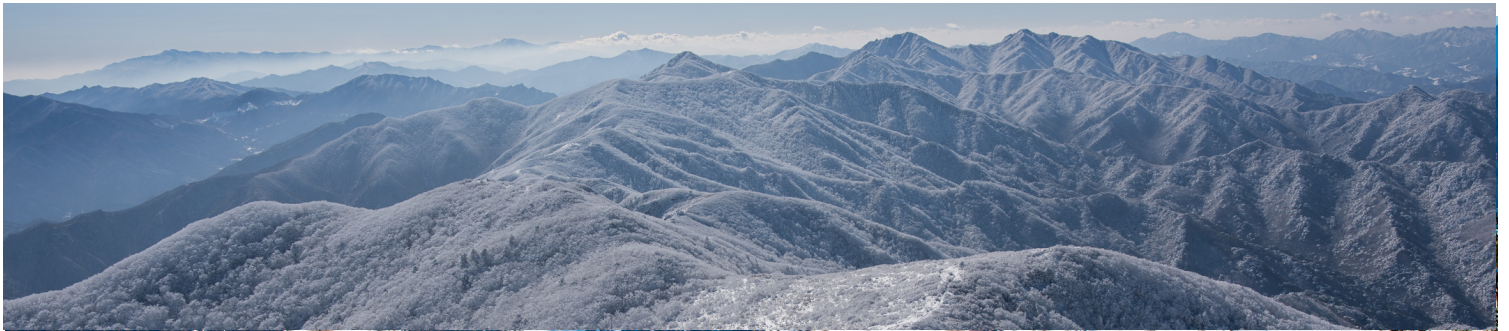


# MD OF RANCHLAND AG BULLETIN

News, updates, and information for our community.



## REGISTERED FUR MANAGEMENT AREAS IN ALBERTA

Registered Fur Management Area(s) (RFMA) are parcels of public land where the holder of the registered fur management license is permitted to hunt and trap fur-bearing animals on the land during the allotted time. Trapping seasons vary based on zones and species throughout Alberta.

Trapping is a highly regulated industry that provides many societal and ecological benefits. These include, assisting with wildlife monitoring and recording species population trends through annual trapper harvest reports. Managing and monitoring fur-bearing populations reduce the risk of diseases within species and provides tools for wildlife conservation. Additionally, many methods used by trappers have been adopted in the nuisance wildlife control industry. Priorities of the trapping community include supporting the sustainable management of furbearers as well as their habitat in Alberta.

If interested in discussing further, please contact Shayna at [ag2@ranchland66.com](mailto:ag2@ranchland66.com) or 403-646-3131.

Source(s): 1) <https://furbearerconservation.com/why-trap>  
2) <https://www.albertatrappers.com/mission-vision>

## GRANT TO APPLY FOR

<https://www.alberta.ca/efficient-grain-handling-program>

### **Sustainable Canadian Agricultural Partnership- Efficient Grain Handling Program**

The S-CAP Efficient Grain Handling Program funds grain handling equipment with a significant energy efficiency improvement over standard practice. Funding up to \$100,000/applicant. Program funding is retroactive to April 1, 2023.

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## WEED TO WATCH

### Giant Hogweed

*Heracleum mantegazzianum*

ID characteristics: Typically 3-5 meters tall and enjoys moist environments. Stems are hollow with dark purple spots, also occurring on leaf stalks. Flowers are large, white compound umbels. Giant Hogweed is commonly confused with Cow Parsnip



Source/Photo: [https://abinvasives.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/PN\\_FS-GiantHogweed.pdf](https://abinvasives.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/PN_FS-GiantHogweed.pdf)

**Alberta Envirothon**  
**May 1-3, 2024**  
**Lakeland College - Vermilion Campus**  
**REGISTER HERE!**  
**Earlybird team fee rate = \$300**  
**until Dec 31, 2023 (regular \$350)**  
**(includes all team accommodations, meals, and t-shirts)**

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## ORGANIZATION HIGHLIGHT

### Alberta Native Plant Council

<https://naturealberta.ca/alberta-native-plant-council/>

The Alberta Native Plant Council Society (ANPC) is a grassroots group of dedicated plant enthusiasts who have supported the conservation of native plants and native plant habitat in Alberta since 1988. Their motto is "Sharing Knowledge, Supporting Conservation." They provide outreach, publications, guidelines, stewardship, advocacy, and funding, while also implementing and supporting native plant initiatives.



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