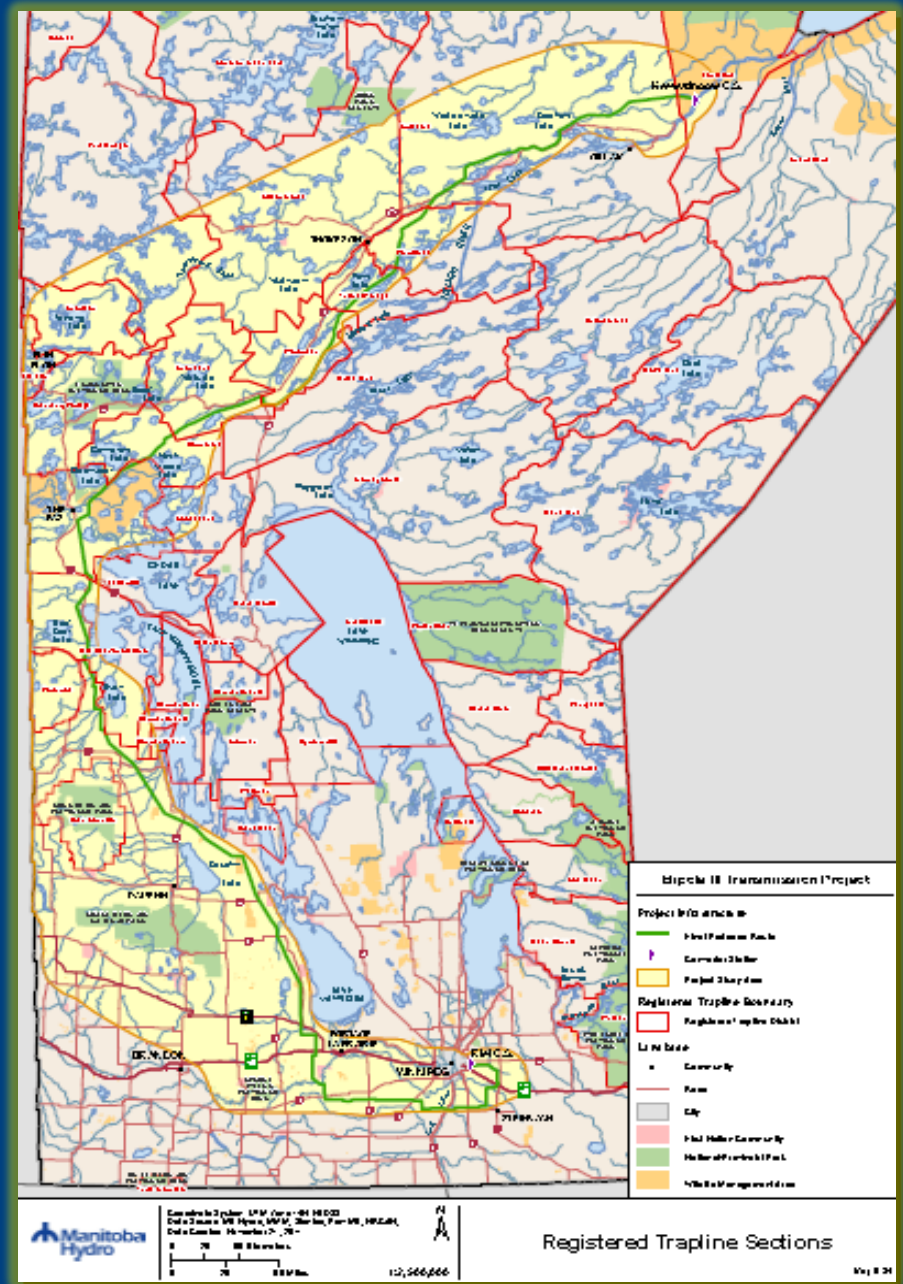


# Trapper Notification/Compensation Policy for Transmission Line Development

A Presentation to the  
MB Clean Environment Commission

# Bipole III Final Preferred Route



# Policy Background

- 1980s
  - Policy to compensate trapline holders was introduced
- 2002
  - Policy revised to include a notification component



# Stronger Relationships with Trappers

- Working with trappers to gather information
- Assess locations for future trapline development if needed
- Reduce project related impacts
- Pilot study to better understand furbearer behaviour



# Respecting Trapper's Values



- Traditional and cultural lifestyles

- Two-way communication



# Two Policy Programs

## The Compensation Program

- For RTL holders affected by new transmission facilities (115kV and greater)
- May include:
  - trapline improvements
  - employment opportunities
  - equipment replacement
  - monetary settlement

## The Notification / Communication Program

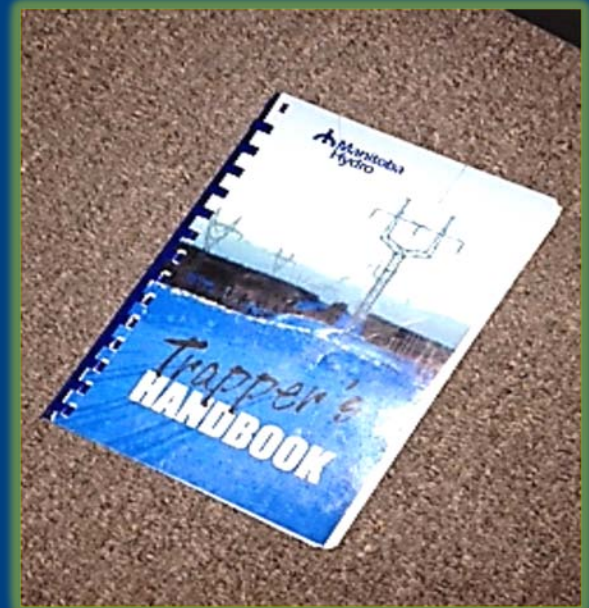
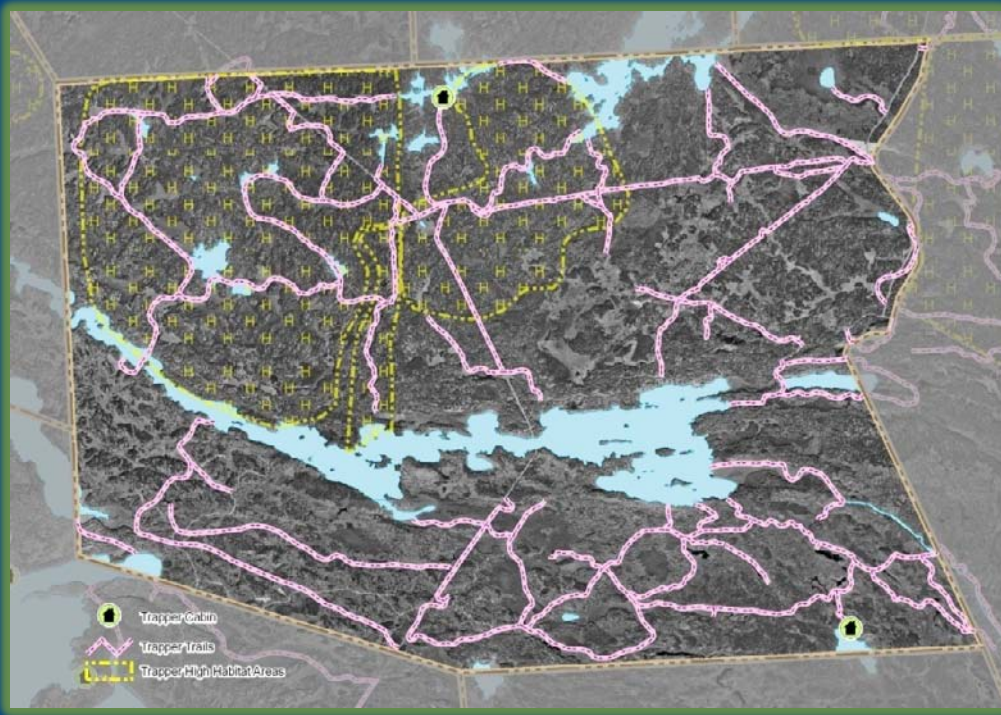
- All licensed trappers in the vicinity of the t-line are attempted to be contacted
- Purpose: for local trappers to **Participate** in the development stages of new *major* transmission projects

# Notification/Communication Program

## What does participation mean?

Trappers may:

- Record data and traditional knowledge on traplines around proposed development sites



# Notification/Communication Program

## Initial Notification

- Occurs during latter stages of SSEA period or after EIS has been filed
- MB Hydro will contact the MTA, LFCs & trappers
- May initiate collection of trapline information





# Notification/Communication Program

## Intermediate Notification

- Occurs during the public & Gov. review of the EIS
- Manitoba Hydro will contact trappers to:
  - Review project plans
  - Record additional information
  - Discuss employment, business opportunities
  - Explain timing of project activities on the trapline
  - Begin discussing settlement (if eligible)



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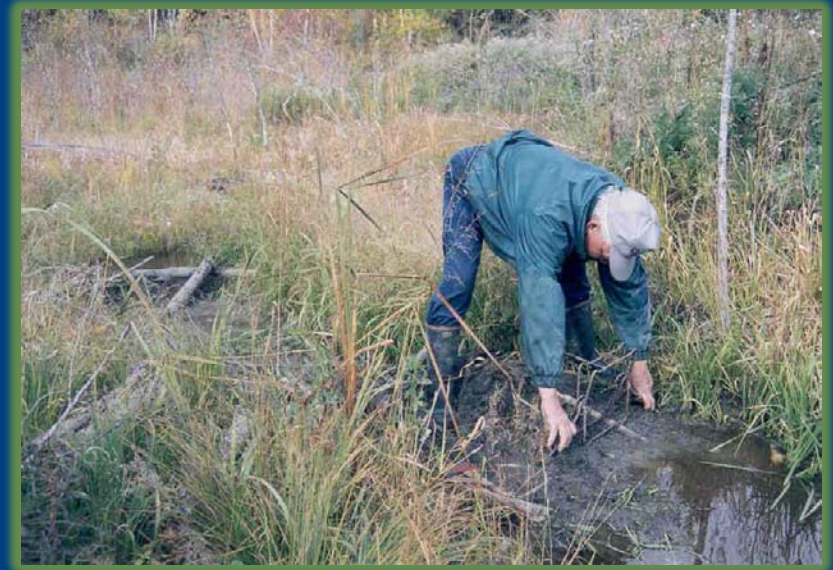
## Pre-Construction Notification



- Occurs before construction activities
- Determine fair and reasonable type of compensation
- For eligible trappers, monetary settlement for the disturbance period offered
- Release agreement signed by trapper and Manitoba Hydro
- Trappers updated on project schedules
- Trappers requested to remove trapping equipment, as required

# Compensation Program Replacement/Improvement

- Trappers may be compensated for any damage during construction activities to:
  - Equipment
  - Buildings
  - Trails used for trapping



# Compensation Program

## Monetary Settlement

- When?
  - When there is an anticipated reduction in trapping income due to transmission construction activities
- What?
  - Settlement packages may be provided for the disturbance period - based on a formula
- Who?
  - Line holders of affected RTLs



# Determining Monetary Settlement Information used to calculate settlement

1. % of trapline affected (including 10km disturbance zone)
2. Trapline production (over the last ten years)
3. Best three-year average gross income
4. Net income for one year (minus estimated 50% expenses)
5. Add estimated domestic losses (50% of net income)
6. Multiply over five years (one year clearing, one for construction and three years for wildlife to adapt)

# Settlement Agreement

- Once agreed to, details of compensation is confirmed in a written agreement
- Line holders indicate their approval by signing the release agreement



# Contact at Manitoba Hydro

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