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## Advocacy group supports fur farm legislation

*Enacting codes as law provides basic assurances, makes enforcement possible*

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**VANCOUVER** – Proposed legislation to turn voluntary codes of practice for fur farmers in British Columbia into provincial law is being supported by a Vancouver-based national wildlife protection group.

“Enshrining the voluntary Code of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farmed Mink into law will provide a baseline for welfare standards in the province,” says Adrian Nelson, Director of Communication for The Fur-Bearers. “The public saw the horrific realities of the fur industry that operates without enforceable legislation through our Make Fur History campaign last year. Despite the clear problems at fur farms in British Columbia, enforcement wasn’t possible due to a lack of provincial regulation.”

Introducing the voluntary codes of practice – which were developed by the fur industry, without input from wildlife advocates – is a positive first step that will create a safety net for consumers, the industry, and the animals.

The legislation was introduced today in Victoria by Lana Popham, member for Saanich South and has the support of the BC SPCA.

“The BC SPCA strongly supports the national code of practice and handling of farmed mink being adopted under an amendment to the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act*,” says Dr. Sara Dubois, Chief Scientific Officer at the BC SPCA. “By defining generally accepted practices of animal management for this industry as determined by the National Farm Animal Care Council, clear expectations would be set for basic care of mink for use in BC SPCA investigations.”

“We are looking forward to working with the provincial government further to implement positive change that will benefit all parties,” Nelson adds.

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The Fur-Bearers was formed in 1953 as The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals to protect fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement. Today, The Fur-Bearers represents over 50,000 supporters nation-wide, many of whom live in British Columbia.

Photos and video obtained as part of the #MakeFurHistory campaign are available upon request.

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