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Broad support for fur farming ban nationally

Wildlife protection group sees ¾ of Canadians across political spectrum want practice to end

VICTORIA – Seventy-four percent of Canadians support banning fur farming nationally, a survey by a wildlife protection group has found, as a bill to do end fur farming nationally was introduced in Parliament today.

The Fur-Bearers, a non-partisan, charitable organization founded in 1953 to advocate on behalf of fur-bearing animals in the wild and in confinement, commissioned the survey by Research Co. over the last weekend. Highlights of the findings include:

- 74% of Canadians support banning fur farming nationally (77% female, 72% male).
- Of those who support a ban, 56% expressed strong support and 18% expressed moderate support. Moderate opposition to a ban came in at 14%, while 2% are strongly opposed. 10% of respondents were undecided.
- Support for a ban is highest in British Columbia at 81%, and lowest in Atlantic Canada at 68%.
- The majority of Canadians who voted for any of the three major parties in the 2021 federal election are in favour of a ban on fur farming: 80% among those who supported the New Democratic Party (NDP), 73% among those who backed the Liberal Party and 71% among those who cast ballots for the Conservative Party.

“It is clear to us that Canadians are ready to leave fur farming in the past,” says Aaron Hofman, spokesperson for The Fur-Bearers. “Internationally, welfare issues and the COVID-19 threat have led to more than a dozen nations to outright prohibit the practice of keeping hundreds to thousands of animals in wire-bottomed cages, only to be killed and skinned for luxury fashion products. Canadians expect their governments to listen – and act to end fur farming.”

Liberal MP Nathaniel Erskine-Smith today introduced Private Members’ Bill C-247 to end fur farming nationally. The Fur-Bearers are encouraging residents to contact their MP and voice support for this bill. A system that connects users to their elected official by postal code and provides key points on the issue is available at www.TheFurBearers.com/action.

Survey results are based on an online study conducted from February 5 to February 7, 2022, among 1,000 adults in Canada. The data has been statistically weighted according to Canadian census figures for age, gender and region in Canada. The margin of error—which measures sample variability—is +/- 3.1 percentage points, nineteen times out of twenty.

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More information on fur farming in Canada can be found at www.TheFurBearers.com/furfarmfacts. Detailed information regarding SARS-CoV-2 and the BC fur farms can be found at www.EndFurFarmingBC.com.

The Fur-Bearers are a national wildlife protection organization, based in North Vancouver, who advocate on behalf of fur-bearing animals (those whose pelts have commercial value).

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