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## **Advocates slam APP extension to fur farms**

**System created to keep food on plates, jobs in market – not support overseas commodities, APFA says**

**VANCOUVER** - Fur farms being granted a payment extension under the Advance Payment Program administered by Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is a perversion of a program designed to keep food on tables and jobs in the market, says The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (APFA).

APFA, a national animal advocacy group, is slamming the decision as fur is an overseas commodity – not a by Canadians for Canadians product, as the spirit of the APP was designed for.

“Fur is a dying industry that is being unnecessarily propped up by our government,” says APFA spokesperson Michael Howie. “That they’re being given an extension on payments and even payment-without-penalty offers is an insult to those who depend on this kind of program to keep our country running.”

Despite growth in mink farms in recent years, it has been known for months that the market price of fur was plummeting; the industry was grown almost entirely on the demands from the Asian market – a demand that could not last.

“Canadians want to know that their tax dollars and representatives are protecting their interests, not those of a few trying to make a quick buck from the upsetting lives of mink in captivity,” Howie says. “It’s time for our government to stop protecting industries Canadians don’t support. It’s time for them to let the fur industry die, and move onto a brighter, more humane future.”

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Interviews are available upon request. Statistics on the drop in mink fur values and the fur industry in general, as well as a blog calling on supporters to contact their MPs, are available at [www.FurBearerDefenders.com](http://www.FurBearerDefenders.com).

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