

Fisher Trapping Regulation Update

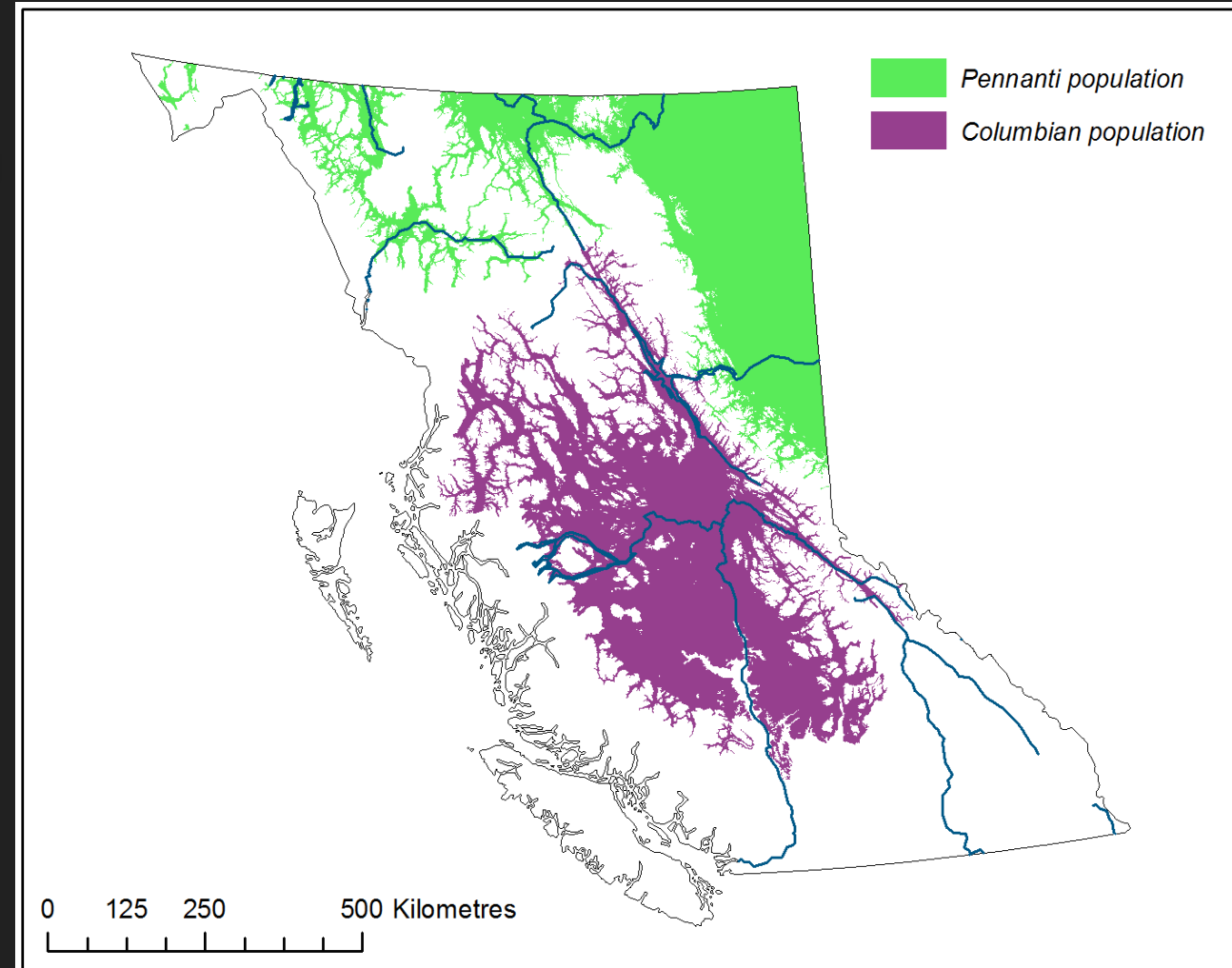
Currently:

- Trapping seasons in Regions 3, 5, 6, 7A and 7B
- Season Nov 1 –Feb 15
- CR in all regions except R3; CI in R3
- Avg (2014-18) harvest = 167



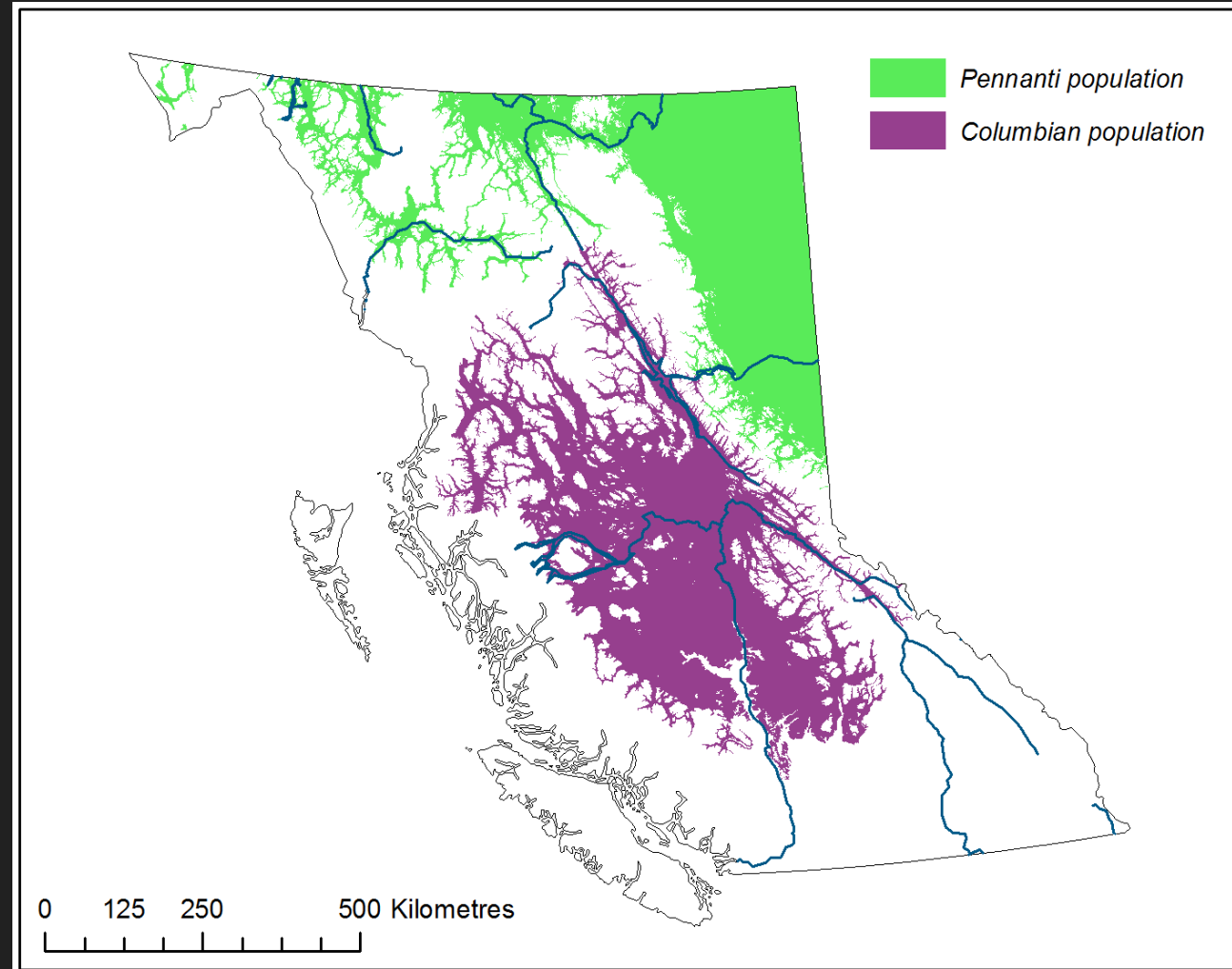
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- 2020 red-listing of Central Interior (Columbian) population prompted a trapping regulation review.
- Specifically: closing all commercial trapping seasons in areas where fishers are red-listed.
- Not to impact the food, social and ceremonial rights of First Nations as they relate to fisher trapping.



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- Region 3 (Thompson): MUs 3-27 to 3-33, 3-38 to 3-41
- Region 5 (Cariboo): MUs 5-1 to 5-6, 5-10 to 5-15
- Region 6 (Skeena): MUs 6-1 to 6-11
- Region 7A (Omineca): MUs 7-5 to 7-18, 7-23 to 7-30, 7-37 to 7-41.
- Region 6 MUs 6-19 to 6-27 and Region 7B (Peace) MUs would remain open.



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- Issue discussed at PHAT.
- Letters to First Nations sent out the first few weeks of January, 2021.
- Requested response within 60 days (mid to late March 2021).
- Once those discussions are concluded, will move to final decision on closing fisher trapping seasons.



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6-1 to 6-11, 6-19 to 6-27, 7-5 to 7-58 *Nov 1 - Feb 15

See Compulsory Inspection & Reporting requirements, page 92

*Season dates currently under review and subject to closure. Check Hunting & Trapping Regulations Synopsis Corrections and Updates page at www.gov.bc.ca/trapping prior to trapping.

- Decision prior to the 2021/22 trapping season (off-cycle regulation change).
- Note: this regulation change proposal is separate from the Fisher Exclusion Box Project and the longer term Fisher Recovery/Management Plan Project.
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