

NORCO Beaver Fur Handling Class March 15, 2026

The following MTA members; Tom Dougherty, Ron Garbitt, Ernie Grimes, Brittany Gursky, Rick Merchant, Will Ness, Joe O'Neil, Dan Talbot and Dave Vance volunteered to help at the NORCO Beaver Fur Handling class. Tom Gravel had a recently caught beaver for us, to demonstrate how to skin, flesh and board. Rick Merchant donated 9 beavers for the students in the class. Wayne Adams from NORCO put out a great spread of refreshments and lunch. The chili was delicious!



All the beaver hides completed by the class were donated by Rick Merchant. Thank You Rick!



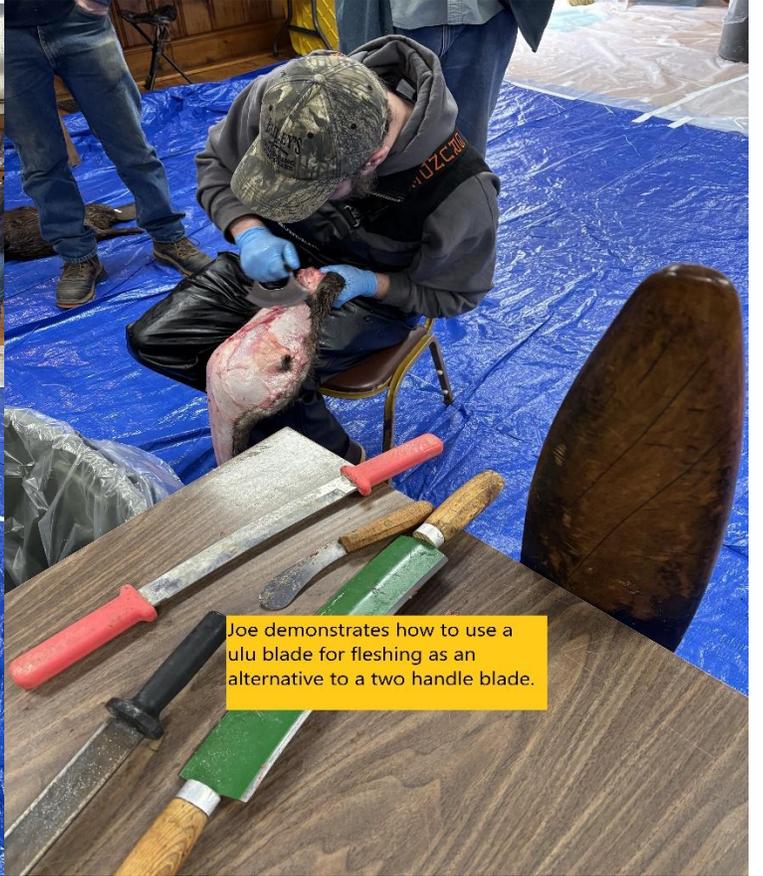
MTA member Rick Merchant makes an initial cut from the jaw down to the tail.



Rick has his safety garments on, an apron and gloves.



MTA member Joe O' Neil begins to flesh the beaver that Rick skinned. Joe uses several two handle fleshing knives.



Joe demonstrates how to use a ulu blade for fleshing as an alternative to a two handle blade.



MTA member Ernie Grimes and Doug Arme with a fine finished beaver pelt.



John Lee with MTA member Will Ness and a well done extra large beaver hide.



Bob Zaik and MTA member Dave Sword with Bob's finished beaver pelt ready for drying.



MTA member Brittany Gursky with Adam Green and Kim Tran. Three years in a row for Adam and Kim, nice work again.



MTA member Ron Garbitt with Emmitt & John Motyka.



Kris Koss with MTA member Will Ness and Kris's boarded beaver.



Matt Taylor-Gurby and MTA member Dan Talbot with Matt's finished beaver. Nice work!



Joe Mahan with instructor Rick showing off a well handled beaver hide.



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