

FISHER

SIZE

LGE	Over 71cm	Over 28"
MED	64 cm-71 cm	25"-28"
SML*	Under 64 cm	Under 25"

*Females only

COLOUR

The colour of the back surface of the pelt determines the colour

DKBROWN	BROWN	LBROWN
PALE	XPALE	XXPALE



(a) dark clear (b) dark brown clear (c) dark brown off (d) brown clear (e) brown off (f) light brown clear (g) light brown slight off (h) pale clear (i) pale slight off (j) extra pale clear

COLOUR AND CLARITY CATEGORIES OF FISHER PELTS
TOP: WHOLE PELTS | BOTTOM: CROSS-SECTIONS OF FUR



(a) early (b) coming on to prime (c) prime (d) late

FUR-OUT PRIMING SEQUENCE OF FISHER PELTS



(a) very early (b) early (c) coming on to prime (d) prime (e) slightly late (f) late

LEATHER-OUT PRIMING SEQUENCE OF FISHER PELTS



(a) early (b) coming on to prime (c) prime (d) late

**FUR-OUT PRIMING SEQUENCE OF FISHER PELTS
CROSS-SECTIONS OF FUR**

CATALOGUE SECTION I

CODE	GRADE	DEFINITION
SEL	SELECT	Best possible quality, prime pelts. Full bodied, fully covered. Leather is clear. Fur and leather are free of imperfections.
I	FIRST	Very good quality. Fully covered skins except for very slight weakness on the flanks (guard hair weakness). Leather may have a limited amount of blemish.
I-II	FIRST AND SECOND	Very visible lack of guard hair coverage on the flank and back or lacking density of underwool. Slightly open.
II	SECOND	Very weak open flanks and back or very loose underwool. May have blue leather.
SDG	SLIGHT DAMAGED	SDG (Gd.): SELECT or FIRST quality skins that are up to 10% damaged. SDG (Av.): I-II and II quality skins that are up to 10% damaged.

CATALOGUE SECTION III

CODE	GRADE	DEFINITION
DGD	DAMAGED	DGD (Gd.): SELECT or FIRST quality skins that are up to 25% damaged. DGD (Pr.): I-II and II quality skins that are up to 25% damaged. SEL and I quality skins that are up to 50% damaged.
III / IV	FOURTH	Badly rubbed, woolly. Summer skins. Very limited commercial value.

Fisher, unlike most other furbearers is sorted by sex. Females are smaller than males and have fine, silky texture and usually better quality hair. The fur of large males is coarse and the leather thick and boardy. Small males have fur that is almost as desirable as that of the females.