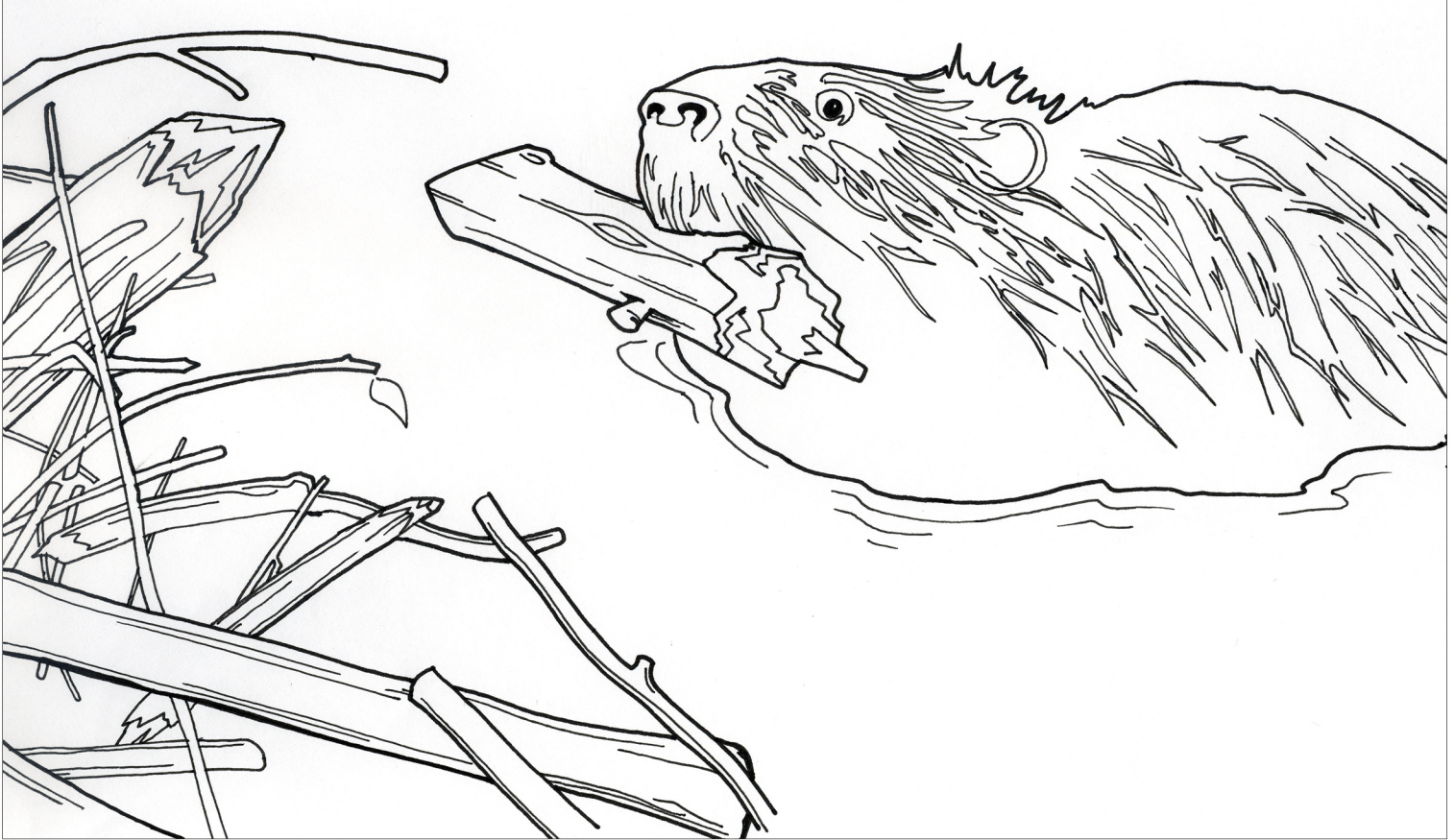




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Beaver

The beaver (*Castor canadensis*) is the largest rodent in the world except for the capybara of South America. An adult weighs from 16 to 32 kilograms and, including its tail, a large beaver may measure 1.3 metres long. Very compact and rotund, the beaver is ungainly and slow on land, but not in the water. The beaver is a graceful, strong swimmer, both under water and on the surface, attaining speeds up to seven kilometres per hour.

Learn more about the beaver at the Canadian Wildlife Federation's website *Hinterland Who's Who* (hww.ca).