Dene Ts'ılı Awards!

On hehalf of our grandparents, Déline ?ehdzo Got'ine wishes to recognize and celebrate women, men and youth for Dene Ts'ili practices. A total of \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded at an ?ehdzo Got'ine Annual General Meeting for excellence in these categories:

- 1. Behaving like our grandfathers
- 2. Hard working
- 3. Teaching youth
- 4. Shares Dene béré with the community
- 5. Sharing information with community leaders





Máhsi cho!

Approved in principle at a **public** meeting, November 4, 2015 thanks to the public! Déline ?ekwé Working Group: Michael Neyelle, Chief Leonard Kenny, Alfred Taniton, Dora Blondin, George Baton, Jimmy Dillon, Raymond Tutcho, and Walter Bayha. **Drawings:** Dennis Kenny. Dene language specialist: Jane Modeste. **Technical support:** Déline ?ehdzo Got',ne staff (Ed Reeves and Ted Mackeinzo) < NWT Environment and Natural Resources and the ?ehdzo Got'ıne Gots'é Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board), Janet Winbourne, Stuart Cowell, and Micheline Manseau.



Please respect
Déline's "Caribou
Forever Plan"
2015-2016







"In the past we were told, take only what you need. Now things are changing. This is the first time we're trying to make a plan like this. If we make one, we need to abide by it.

Maybe it could work." – Dora Blondin

A Plan for the Future

Déline Got'ine are concerned to hear that bekwé are declining. We've made a two year plan to renew our traditional beca for conserving bekwé so that they will be here for future generations. Our Pekwé Nátsezé Pepa is an important part of this plan. The plan supports:

- 1. ?ekwé gha máhsi ts'iniwe há Dene béré kats'iniwe há (ceremonial harvest and alternative harvest)
- 2. **Denecho kə gok' atá náts'ezé** (hunting like our grandparents did, with respect)
- **3. ?edets'é K'áots'erewe** (strong Dene governance, including monitoring and enforcement).

Kúhťa ?ekwé Nátsezé

The Déline pekwé plan was signed by our three leaders, and commits to actions according to our conservation traditions. We have reached our limit of 150 caribou harvested and ask community members to respect our decision to end the pekwé hunt in the Déline District or this season. The community is supporting:

- Alternative harvesting (moose, todzi, fish and other wildlife).
- Sharing among families and communities.





Dene Pega for the Future

The Déline plan includes stories as reminders of the Dene pepa that have always governed our community. Our plan uses traditional ways of supporting Dene Ts'ili. This includes community meetings, teaching hunting skills and protocols, the ceremonial harvest, and Dene Ts'ili. Awards. We have also made a plan to deal with people who don't follow our policy within the community. The ENR wildlife officer is only brought in as a last resort.

Belarewílé Gots'é ?ekwé - Caribou Forever

NOTICE TO HARVESTERS

The Déline community has ended the harvest in the pekwé zone. There is strong support for alternative harvesting (moose, muskox, todzi, fish, ptarmigan) and sharing among families and communities. Please respect Déline's "Caribou Forever" Plan!



For more information, contact Ed or Ted at the Déljne ?ehdzo Got'jne office.





