

SEPTEMBER 2005 NEWSLETTER

Sahtu Renewable Resources Board - To protect, conserve & manage renewable resources



BLACK FLIES AT MACKENZIE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

Insect Specialist (Entomologist) Professor Doug Currie, Curator of Entomology at the Royal Ontario Museum paid Mackenzie Mountain School a visit on September 21st with a message about Black flies. While most people know about their Bad and Ugly sides, Dr. Currie was able to convince (some of) the students that they do have a good side too. Black flies provide food for all kinds of critters that fish and other animals rely upon for food. So, I guess Black Flies are Good things if



you're a fish. Dr. Currie gave his presentation to all of the grades and afterwards they looked at some really bizarre insects from around the world. They included some pretty scary looking beetles with huge sharp jaws and two really large butterflies that looked so perfect, some of the students thought they were paintings, not real insects.



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SPECIAL THANKS TO RECENTLY RETIRED BOARD MEMBERS

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board is saying farewell to Russ Hall, DFO Board Member and Dr. Norman Simmons, CWS Alternate Member after serving their terms of appointment to the Board. Both Russell and Norman contributed greatly to our success and we offer many thanks and best wishes. Stay in Touch!

SAHTU RENEWABLE RESOURCES BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board held its annual fall meeting in Fort Good Hope from September 13th to 15th. The meeting was attended by Renewable Resource Council Presidents Roger Bonniface (Fort Good Hope), Wilfred Lennie (Tulita), Paul Modest (Deline), Vice President Jake Boyle (Norman Wells), Wilbert Kochon (Colville Lake), and several other RRC members from the communities. The current declining caribou herd numbers across the north filled most of the agenda. Some of the many factors leading to these decreases were discussed, as well as things people can do to help increase the herd numbers. Hunting bulls rather than cows will lead to more animals over the next few years.



The Sahtu Renewable Resources Board Sept. 2005. Left to right: Ron Pierrot (SSI), Leonard Kenny (SSI), newly elected Member Rosa Etchinelle (SSI), Walter Bayha (Chairman), Keith Hickling (ENR Alternate), newly retired Member Russ Hall (DFO), Paul Latour (CWS), and upcoming Member Steve Hannah (ENR).



FOLLOWING A FAMILY TRADITION

Congratulations to Philip Rabisca of Fort Good Hope for winning the 2005 Top Sahtu Youth Trapper Award. In appreciation, Philip received a Fur Harvesters Auction Jacket from the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment, just like the one his father Gene Rabisca proudly wears as Top Sahtu Elder Trapper 2005.

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ABORIGINAL TRADITIONAL STUDIES

?ehtseo Ayah School
Deline 2004/2005
Traditions to Honour

Respect for the Land
Skills to Survive
Respect for other People



Aboriginal Traditional Studies is a school-run back on the land program at ?ehtseo Ayah School, Deline. Last year, 21 students earned 36 credits through the Career and Technology Studies (CTS) program by participating in traditional skills training. This year promises to be more successful with the addition of classroom instruction and first aid and firearms certification. Congratulations and Good Luck this winter!

YOU CAN HELP PROTECT THE SAHTU — REPORT WHAT YOU SEE

Winter is approaching and once again the land will be visited by industry and others. You can help keep animals, land, water and forests safe. There are certain people who look after certain things. Keep these names and numbers handy and call the right people about any wrong behavior you see out on the land. Protect the land.

If you see suspicious activities involving Animals, Fish or Birds let the people at the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) know about it. Fish and Wildlife Manager Keith Hickling and his team of ENR Conservation Officers are in the communities to protect wildlife from harassment and illegal hunting. You are their eyes.

If you see something that affects the Land or Water, tell the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada (INAC). Steve Deschene, Pipeline Inspector and Armin Johnson, Land Use Inspector investigate spills and other kinds of land and water contamination in the Sahtu. The toll free number is **1-867-920-8130**.

Trees are protected by the Forestry division of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR). If you see someone doing something to the Forest that looks wrong or bad, call Paul Rivard, Forest Manager or Jeff Walker, Forest Officer and tell them what you have seen.

Animals Birds and Fish
ENR

Fort Good Hope and Colville Lake
Mabel Cook (598-2271)

Norman Wells
Keith Hickling (587-3515)

Tulita
Ron Doctor (588-3441)

Deline
Toby Halle (589-3421)

Land and Water
INAC

Steve Deschene (587-2011)
Armin Johnson (587-2911)

Forests
ENR

Paul Rivard (587-3507)
Jeff Walker (587-3510)

WANTED: WILDLIFE ARTWORK FOR THE NEWSLETTER

Let's see which school has the best artists

Send your animal drawing to: **Glen Guthrie**
Box 381 Norman Wells, NT
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