



**DEHLÁ GOT'INE ?ƏDE PLAN &  
DEHLÁ GOT'INE TS'IDUWEH ?ƏDE ?E?Á  
JANUARY 21, 2020  
SRRB PUBLIC LISTENING**

# GLOSSARY

- “Dehlá Got’ı̄ne” means most Northerly People
- “ʔəde” means caribou
- “ts’ı̄duweh” means ancient
- “ʔeʔá” means law

# WHY WE ARE HERE



# DEHLÁ GOT'INE TS'IDUWEH ʔEʔÁ - TODAY

1. The question before the SRRB in this Listening Session is “What is the most effective way to regulate the harvest of ʔəde (caribou)?”
2. For the Dehlá Got'ine, harvesting ʔəde is integral to our existence. Our culture is built on the relationships that we have with the land and the animals. Our history tells us how the ts'iduweh ʔeʔá (ancient laws) were made, and we have many stories about why it is important to keep our ts'iduweh ʔeʔá.
3. We are passing these ts'iduweh ʔeʔá on to our grandchildren.



# DEHLÁ GOT'INE TS'IDUWEH ʔEʔÁ - TODAY

4. We also know that Crown governments are making laws. For many years, they thought that only their laws mattered. The Constitution, the Sahtu land claim and the courts have made it clear that we all have to work together. The Sahtu land claim says that the GNWT, the SRRB and our local RRCs all have roles to play in regulating the ʔəde harvest.
5. Sharing responsibility for conservation and management of the ʔəde harvest is good for us and good for ʔəde. The Dehlá Got'ine ts'ıduweh ʔəde ʔeʔá and plan provides an opportunity to collaborate, and for each party to play a role and assume its responsibilities for ensuring that things are done in a good way.
6. We want to work in partnership with the other parties.



# DEHLÁ GOT'INE TS'IDUWEH ᑭᑭᑦ - TODAY

7. Colville RRC has approved the *Dehlá Got'ine Ts'ıduweh ᑭᑭᑦ ᑭᑭᑦ, 2019* and developed the *Dehlá Got'ine ᑭᑭᑦ Plan* to establish rules and provide directions on how to harvest ᑭᑭᑦ in the Colville Lake area in accordance with section 13.9.4 (b) of the Sahtu land claim.
8. We will also share information about ᑭᑭᑦ in the Colville Lake area with ENR and the SRRB in accordance with section 13.9.6 of the land claim.
9. We are seeking recognition of the *Dehlá Got'ine Ts'ıduweh ᑭᑭᑦ ᑭᑭᑦ, 2019* and approval of the *Dehlá Got'ine ᑭᑭᑦ Plan* by the SRRB under 13.8.23(c) of the Sahtu land claim.



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# RESPECTING ʔƏDE

1. As Dehlá Got'ine, all of our ts'ıduweh ʔəde ʔeʔá are based on respect.
2. There are many more things that people should know about the harvest of ʔəde than we can write down in a modern law today.
3. Elders and experienced Dehlá Got'ine harvesters can teach younger or less experienced hunters about our laws and share specialized knowledge about how to properly harvest ʔəde.





# DEHLÁ' GOT'INE ?ƏDE PLAN

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- Colville RRC agrees with the findings of the SRRB in 2016 that **self-regulation** in accordance with **community conservation plans** is a more effective means of conservation than *Wildlife Act* regulations and enforcement.
- The SRRB recommended that Sahtu RRCs develop and implement community-based ʔədə plans as the primary mechanism for managing ʔədə harvesting and meeting obligations under the Sahtu land claim.

# **DEHLÁ GOT'INE ʔƏDE PLAN, SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD ON OCTOBER 21, 2019**

- The Dehlá Got'ine ʔədə Plan is built on the recognition of Sahtu Dene and Metis wildlife harvesting rights set out in the land claim, including the right to participate in decision-making concerning wildlife harvesting and management.
- The Dehlá Got'ine ʔədə Plan reflects our harvesting and wildlife management customs, while providing a basis for collaboration with ENR, SRRB, other wildlife managers and harvesters.

# PRINCIPLES

Our Plan is based on the following principles:

1. The Dehlá Got'ı̄ne have a deep and profound relationship with ʔədə, and hold the inherent right to protect wildlife and the land according to Dehlá Got'ı̄ne ʔeʔá and customs.



# DEHLÁ GOT'İNE ʔƏDE PLAN PRINCIPLES

2. Dehlá Got'İne Traditional Knowledge is the baseline knowledge that is required as the “leading edge” to guide all efforts toward ʔədə conservation, including harvesting.
3. Conservation decisions are to be guided by Dehlá Got'İne Traditional Knowledge, and the advice of Dehlá Got'İne elders and land stewards.

# DEHLÁ GOT'INE ʔƏDE PLAN PRINCIPLES

4. Research will be undertaken only if in compliance with ethical standards of research, and in accordance with Dehlá Got'ine ts'ıduweh ʔeʔá.
5. Harvesting practices that are contrary to Dehlá Got'ine ts'ıduweh ʔeʔá are prohibited.
6. Local harvests will be self-regulated, according to local conservation plans, as prescribed by the SRRB in 2016, and entrenched in the draft Dehlá Got'ine ʔədə ts'ıduweh ʔeʔá, 2019.

# DEHLÁ GOT'INE ʔƏDE PLAN PRINCIPLES

7. Policies, programs and decisions in regards to ʔədə conservation will be developed and acted upon collaboratively, recognizing that sharing responsibility for the conservation and management of ʔədə is mutually beneficial.
8. Conservation partners will address all potential impacts on ʔədə, including the effects of climate change and industrial activities.
9. Conservation must adopt a balanced approach that accommodates Dehlá Got'ine traditional customs and practices, including Dehlá Got'ine harvesting ʔeʔá.

# DEHLÁ GOT'INE ?ƏDE PLAN 6 GOALS

## **Our Plan has the following 6 Goals:**

1. Revitalize Dehlá Got'ine ts'ıduweh ?eǰá, and cultural traditions as they relate to wildlife conservation.
2. Formalize our existing community-based conservation approach in recognition of our right to meaningfully participate in the conservation of ?ədə. This includes direct involvement in collecting and assessment of information and knowledge, and being a key participant in the decision-making process, consistent with the Sahtu Land Claim.

# DEHLÁ GOT'INE ʔƏDE PLAN

## 6 GOALS

3. Monitor and assess the local harvest of ʔədə, in accordance with the our Dehlá Got'ine Ts'ıduweh ʔədə ʔeʔá, 2019.
4. Document Dehlá Got'ine traditional knowledge about ʔədə and their habitat, and other parts of the ecosystem, using local knowledge, and appropriate science as agreed to by the Colville RRC. *We want to obtain information from Dehlá Got'ine conservation partners about the **impact of industrial activities** on ʔədə and use all of this information to help Dehlá Got'ine make decisions to protect ʔədə.*

# DEHLÁ GOT'INE ?ƏDE PLAN 6 GOALS

5. Educate Dehlá Got'ine youth about the old ways and the new ways, and involve Dehlá Got'ine youth in conservation of ?ədə.
6. Adopt a communication strategy to share knowledge, involve the community, and keep the community informed of discussions and decisions about ?ədə conservation.



# INTERIM MANAGEMENT & SHARING HARVEST INFORMATION



# INTERIM MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

1. Colville RRC and ENR have agreed to work together on an interim basis to share responsibility for the conservation and management of ʔəde in the Colville Lake area (Zone S/BC/01).
2. The Sahtu land claim and the Wildlife Act both promote a coordinated, collaborative and integrated approach to conservation and management.
3. Our Interim Management Agreement allows us to work with ENR, the SRRB and other parties while we move towards fully implementing our ʔəde ʔeʔá and ʔəde Plan.

# INTERIM MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

4. Under the IMA, Colville RRC will establish interim guidelines and provide directions to local harvesters concerning the harvest of  $\varnothing$ de.
5. ENR will recognize Colville RRC authorizations issued to local harvesters as evidence of authorization to harvest in the Colville Lake area pursuant to 13.4.8 of the land claim.
6. The Colville RRC and ENR will meet regularly to discuss management issues (the SRRB is invited to attend). If concerns arise, special meetings can be called to resolve them.

# SHARING HARVEST INFORMATION

1. The IMA includes a Traditional Knowledge and Limited License Agreement. This will allow Colville RRC to share traditional knowledge, local harvesting data and other relevant observations respecting ʔəde with ENR under terms and conditions.
2. ENR is permitted to use the harvesting numbers provided by the Colville RRC to inform discussions with the SRRB and other wildlife managers, as per the Sahtu Land Claim.
3. ENR will also involve Colville RRC in their research and monitoring work, and support work being done by Colville RRC.

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# DEHLÁ GOT'INE TS'IDUWEH ʔƏDE ʔEʔÁ, 2019

1. Our ʔeʔá (law) authorizes Dehlá Got'ine participants and non-participants to harvest by the Colville RRC pursuant to 13.4.8 of the land claim.
2. We also want harvesters from other Sahtu communities who are planning to harvest ʔəde for personal and family food to seek authorization from the Colville RRC before hunting in the Colville area.

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3. We do not want harvesters who are not beneficiaries of the Sahtu Land Claim Agreement or who do not have treaty rights to harvest in our area to take ʔəde without authorization from the Colville Lake RRC.
4. We want visiting harvesters who have been authorized to harvest, to be accompanied by a Colville RRC wildlife monitor, to ensure that they stay safe and follow our community's rules for harvesting.

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5. We do not want to permit any harvest of ʔəde for anything other than personal or family food.
6. We want to ensure that the harvest is respectful of ʔəde. The harvest of ʔəde by hitting them with a stick, axe or any other type of club is extremely disrespectful to ʔəde and is strictly forbidden as a major offence under our laws.
7. Burning of any harvested ʔəde is extremely disrespectful to ʔəde and is strictly forbidden as a major offence under our laws.

# DEHLÁ GOT'INE TS'IDUWEH ʔƏDE ʔEʔÁ, 2019

8. We want to ensure that when ʔəde are harvested, the kill sites are clean and the whole ʔəde is used.
9. We will not allow harvested ʔəde to be sold for cash or traded for any alcohol or drugs.

A person is sitting in a field, looking through binoculars. The scene is dimly lit, suggesting dusk or dawn. The background shows a horizon line over a field.

# **MONITORING & ENFORCEMENT**

# ROLES OF COLVILLE RRC WILDLIFE MONITORS & ENR OFFICERS

1. We want the SRRB and ENR to recognize and support the Dehlá Got'ıne Ts'ıduweh ʔəde ɁeɁá, so that ENR and SRRB help the Colville RRC to monitor and enforce our laws.
2. We want Colville RRC monitors and ENR officers to be able to confirm that harvesters in the Colville Lake area have authorization from Colville RRC.
3. We want harvesters to participate in ʔəde research and monitoring work to assist the SRRB, ENR and Colville RRC in making decisions.
4. We recognize that it will take additional work by all parties for these mechanisms to be implemented.

A person wearing a cap and a sweater stands in a field, looking towards the horizon. A large, dark, scalloped-edged shape is superimposed over the center of the image, containing the word "SANCTIONS" in white, bold, uppercase letters. The background shows a vast, open landscape under a cloudy sky.

# SANCTIONS

# SANCTIONS AGAINST OFFENDERS

1. We want the SRRB, ENR and other Sahtu parties to support mechanisms for enforcing our ɔeɔa.
2. We think that there should be sanctions when people break our ɔeɔa.
3. We think these sanctions should fit the offense. They could include bans from receiving a harvest authorization for a period of time, requirements to participate in harvest education with Elders, community services hours, or fines and referrals to ENR officers/ NWT courts.
4. We recognize that it will take additional work for sanctions to be implemented.

# CLOSING COMMENTS



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1. We know that the most effective way to regulate the harvest of ʔəde (caribou) in the Sahtu region is the Dene way.
2. We want to work with SRRB, ENR and all of the Sahtu communities in ways that respect our own laws, customs and traditions.
3. Sharing responsibility for conservation and management doesn't mean that we all have to do it the same way. We can respect our differences while finding ways to work together.

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