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## COLVILLE LAKE RENEWABLE RESOURCES COUNCIL

### Media Statement

#### Dehlá Got'jne ʔədə

#### **Re: The Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (SRRB) Hearing - *Sahtú Ragóʔ a (Hunting Law) and Approaches to Wildlife Harvesting: Report on the Colville 2020 Public Listening (Hearing) Session***

"We appreciate the SRRB Report as it recognizes of our inherent rights to carry out our Dehlá Got'jne ʔeʔá of respect in our relationship with ʔədə and the environment. Our inherent rights are reflected in the Sahtu Land Claim Agreement and we are pleased that the SRRB heard us on those points," David Codzi, President of the Ayoni Keh Land Corporation.

Colville is very pleased that the SRRB Report reflects the Dehlá Got'jne way of life which is based on our elders teachings with respect to ʔədə and is what we put forward as evidence at the Hearing. The ʔədə Traditional Knowledge we submitted as evidence at the SRRB Hearing is based on thousands of years of ʔədə hunting practice and knowledge.

"We shared aspects of our ʔədə Traditional Knowledge out of respect and based on our responsibility for the ʔədə in our traditional territory to ensure that they are thriving today and into the future," Wilbert Kochon, Chief, Behdzi Ahda" First Nation.

"Now that the SRRB's Decision is released, we still have a lot of hard work to do and we need the funding support of our co-management partners, SRRB, ENR and Canada, for our Colville RRC to carry out our Dehlá Got'jne responsibilities that we have towards ʔədə" Joseph Kochon, Executive Director, Colville Renewable Resources Council.

Significance of the SRRB Report for Dehlá Got'jne:

- recognition of Dehlá Got'jne inherent rights to implement Dehlá Got'jne ʔeʔá with ʔədə
- recognition of the local authority of the Colville RRC
- after the Dehlá Got'jn ʔədə Plan is completed the Total Allowable Harvest will be removed
- Colville Interim Management Agreement to be continued in the meantime

Glossary:

ʔədə means caribou; ʔeʔá means law; Dehlá Got'jne is tradition name of the Dene of Colville Lake.

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