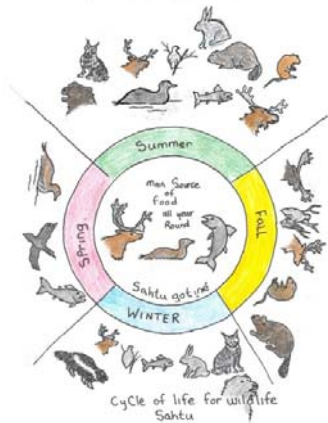


## Dene Ts'ı́lį Awards!

On behalf of our grandparents, Déłįnę ʔehdzo Got'įnę wishes to recognize and celebrate women, men and youth for Dene Ts'ı́lį practices. A total of \$5,000 in prizes will be awarded at an ʔehdzo Got'įnę 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



## Máhsı cho!

Approved in principle at a **public meeting**, November 4, 2015— thanks to the public! **Déłįnę ʔekwé 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:** Déłįnę ʔehdzo Got'įnę staff (Ed Reeves and Ted Mackeinzo) < NWT Environment and Natural Resources and the ʔehdzo Got'įnę Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board), Janet Winbourne, Stuart Cowell, and Micheline Manseau.



# Keeping our ʔekwé ʔeʔa strong for the future.



"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

Déliné Got'iné are concerned to hear that rekwe' are declining. We've made a two year plan to renew our traditional ɛɛa for conserving rekwe' so that they will be here for future generations. Our **rekwe' Nátseze ɛɛa** is an important part of this plan. The plan supports:

1. **rekwe' gha máhisi ts'iniwe há** (ceremonial harvest and alternative harvest)  
**Dene béré káts'iniwe há**  
**2. Denecho ka gok'atá náts'eze** (hunting like our grandparents did, with respect)  
**3. ɛɛa ts'iniwe há** (strong Dene governance, including monitoring and enforcement).

## rekwe' Nátseze ɛɛa

These rules in conservation come from the stories and practices of our grandparents.

- Blunose East rekwe' náts'eze is limited to 150, and then náts'eze is shut down.

- Only smaller yáɛgo (male) náts'eze. We are stopping tsida (female) and larger bedzio náts'eze.

- A buddy system for younger zehdzo got'iné so they learn skills and respect.

- No wastage is permitted.

- Traditional practices for respectful harvesting and sharing must be observed.

- No harvesting in the the Tekacho and ǰtsère Túe areas in spring so the herd can rest on the way to calving grounds.

- The Déliné zehdzo Got'iné is



empowered to monitor harvest (numbers, sex and location) so good decisions can be made.

## Dene ɛɛa for the Future

The Déliné plan includes stories as reminders of the Dene ɛɛa that have always governed our community. Our plan uses traditional ways of supporting Dene Ts'ǰi. This includes community meetings, teaching hunting skills and protocols, the ceremonial harvest, and Dene Ts'ǰi 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.

