



GMVF **TRAPPERS** **NEWSLETTER**

Fall/Winter 2009

Edward Cholo of Fort Simpson receives a Fur Harvester's Auction award from Carl Lafferty, Manager, Wildlife and Environment, with Environment and Natural Resources. Edward's fur sold in a *Top Lot* at Fur Harvester's Auction in 2009.

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Charlie Tale of Wrigley receives a drum of gas from Renalyn Pascua-Matte, Manager, Trade and Investment, with Industry, Tourism and Investment. Charlie won the Dehcho Region *Highest Sales* and *Highest Number of Pelts Sold* Award, 2008-2009.

Fur Industry Leadership Recognition

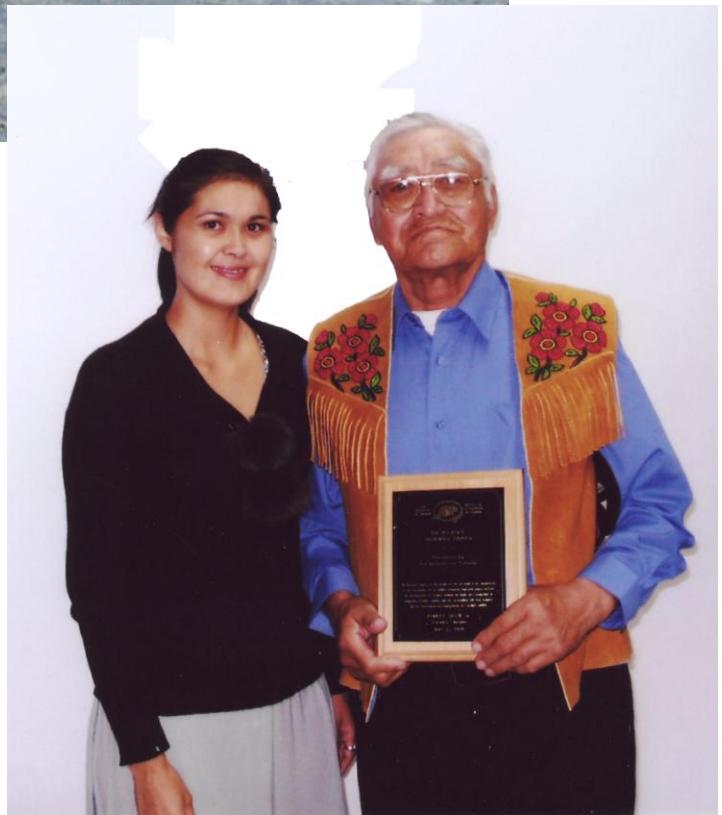


Robert Alexie Sr. working with on the land youth programs at Bear Creek near Fort McPherson.

The Fur Institute of Canada had its annual awards ceremony on June 13, 2009 where it recognized leaders in the fur industry.

Robert Alexie Sr. of Fort McPherson was presented the Jim Bourque Award for his extensive work with community people in developing and implementing on the land programs for youth.

Mr. Glen Guthrie was presented the Lloyd Cook Award, which recognizes his commitment to excellence in trapping, trapper education and public understanding of wildlife management.



Elaine Alexie with Robert Alexie Sr. displaying the Jim Bourque Award.

Take a Kid Trapping / Harvesting Program 2009 - 2010

Planned Projects	
SAHTU	Behdzi Ahda First Nation – Colville Lake
	Tulita Students Trapping (SRRB) - Tulita
	Deline Students Trapping (SRRB) - Deline
	Fort Good Hope School – Fort Good Hope
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	Behdzi Ahda First Nation – Colville Lake
SOUTH SLAVE	Princess Alexander School - Hay River
	Deh Gah Elementary School - Fort Providence
	Diamond Jenness Secondary School – Hay River
	PWK High School – Fort Smith
	Ecole Boreale – Hay River
	Diamond Jenness Secondary School – Hay River
	JBT Elementary School – Fort Smith
	Deh Gah Elementary School – Fort Providence
NORTH SLAVE	Western Arctic Leadership Program – Fort Smith
	Jean Wetrade Gameti School - Gameti
	Elizabeth Mackenzie School - Behchoko
	Yellowknife Catholic Schools - Yellowknife
	LutselK'e Dene School – LutselK'e
	Yellowknives Dene First Nation - Detah/Ndilo
	Yellowknife Education District 1 - Yellowknife
	Kalemi Dene School - Ndilo
INUVIK	Mezi Community School - Wha Ti
	Chief Jimmy Bruneau Regional High School - Behchoko
	SAM School – Inuvik
	Samuel Hearne Secondary School – Inuvik
	Moose Kerr School – Aklavik
	Gwicha Gwich'in Band - Tsiigehtchic
	Chief Julius School - Fort McPherson
	Aklavik Community Corp. – Aklavik
DEHCHO	Samuel Hearne Secondary School – Inuvik
	Moose Kerr School – Aklavik
	Birch Bark Canoe - Liidlii Kue First Nation Ft Simpson
	Charles Yohen School - Nahanni Butte
	Jean Marie River First Nation – Jean Marie River
	Chief Julian Yendo School – Wrigley
	Sambaa K'e Dene Band – Trout Lake
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40 Projects	

Take a Kid Trapping / Harvesting Program

Program - There are 40 planned projects for the 2009 – 2010 year on the chart to the left. The programs aim to assist youth in the development of traditional life skills related to trapping and harvesting wild edibles from the land.



Checking Fish Nets Under Ice



Harvesting Muskrat



Traditional Trap Sets



Marten Set



Building Birch Bark Canoes

NWT 2009-2010 Fur Market Forecast

Marten: NWT trappers should expect \$65 - \$95 for prime dark XXL – XL skins

Lynx: **Expect \$85 - \$150.** Last year lynx prices took a big adjustment with demand and clearances strong on pelts with clear white bellies with distinct black spots. Fur Harvesters Auction has received the highest prices consistently the past few years, with our northern cats bringing a premium. Again, it is the Russian market commanding, and expect stronger prices once Russia recovers.

Fisher: **Average price of \$50.** The past two seasons have witnessed prices falling away on this luxury item. We are expecting to see an improvement on this item as the season progresses.

Beaver: **\$15 - \$20.** Beaver was the most disappointing of all species last season. Last year's sales went mainly to China and if China can solve the dressing and plucking issue this article will improve, however, castor prices are very good.

Wild Mink: **\$18 - \$20 range.** Mink remains a big disappointment as competition is limited with a few Italian accounts showing interest. Price levels are expected to remain at last season levels.

Muskrat: **Expect \$3 - \$5.** Fuelled by strong demand coming from China, we expect muskrat to be one of the better items this year. Chinese buyers will see competition from Canadian and eastern Europeans, which should make for a healthy market.

Red Fox: **Average \$40.** We expect demand will be greatest for better quality darker coloured foxes from heavy and semi-heavy eastern sections.

Cross Fox: **\$35 - \$40.** This item has been a strong performer the last few years and we expect good demand again this year for this unique pelt.

Arctic Fox: **\$20 - \$25.** Strong demand for white fox, expect price levels to improve over last year.

Arctic Wolf: XXL-XL with good colour (black or white) complete, well-handled skins are in strong demand and we anticipate prices in the \$250 - \$400 range. Smaller sizes, tawny colours and damaged skins are difficult to sell.

Wolverine: XXL-XL sizes complete well-handled skins with distinct clear patterns will fetch **\$300 - \$450.** Incomplete skins are much lower in price. Take extra care to ensure lower lip is left on your skins.

Black Bears: Fair demand for good quality, well-handled skins. Poor quality will see limited interest.

Polar Bears: Excellent demand for complete well-handled white pelts for taxidermy. **Clear bears 8ft and greater will sell for \$3,000 and more.**

Grizzly Bear: Demand remains strong for good quality complete skins for taxidermy, **average price in the \$2,400 range**

Weasel: Strong demand in the **\$5 - \$7 range.**

Squirrel: Good demand for complete skin, including the tail, will fetch **\$1 - \$3.**

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