

# GMVF TRAPPERS NEWSLETTER



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# Deninu School Students Create GMVF Forming Boards

Students at Fort Resolution's Deninu School are enjoying their woodwork shop. The school has recently upgraded its woodwork shop by making extensive renovations to the facility and also by purchasing some new industrial grade equipment. The school has partnered with the GMVF Program by using their renovated shop and new equipment to build cedar forming boards for muskrat and marten. The finished boards will be given to trappers who attend the annual GMVF Program trapper workshops. The boards will also be used for the new Trapper Recognition plaque seen in the photo at right.



Brett Mandeville, Top Youth Trapper South Slave 2009/10



Muskrat and marten boards being constructed

Deninu School is very proud of our new shop, which officially opened in March 2010. Besides filling the need to teach our students the construction/repair skills necessary for sustainable living, it has allowed us the opportunity to teach our students potential job skills. And with the demands for qualified trades personnel ever present in the north, it made perfect sense to build and then offer shop class.

With that said, it would not have been possible without the support from groups like the department of Education Culture and Employment, South Slave Divisional Education Council, Brad Mapes (Wesclean), Deninu School staff and Fur Management/Traditional Economy - Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI), and it certainly will not be possible to maintain unless we continue to have such support. We thank the above groups and any aid that we receive from others over time. For now, if the present popularity is any indicator, there remains little doubt that the shop at Deninu School will be here for years to come. **Dan Summers – Principal Deninu School**



Louie King cutting a marten board



Lloyd Lafferty branding a muskrat board



GMVF logo brand

# Trapper Recognition Awards

Seventeen trappers' across the Northwest Territories (NWT) are being recognized for their achievements on the trap line for the 2010/11 trapping season.

The **Trapper Recognition Award** Initiative is a part of the Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur (GMVF) Program administered by the Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI) in collaboration with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR).

Trappers' from five NWT regions were awarded in four categories:

1. Youth trappers' who sold fur at auction
2. Senior trappers' who sold fur at auction
3. Highest number of pelts
4. Highest dollar values sold

The most productive youth trapper of the five is awarded Youth Trapper NWT.



**GMVF jacket awarded to trappers**

Awards include congratulatory letters from the Minister of ITI, along with certificates of recognition, plaques and GMVF jackets. In addition, \$500 cash is awarded to the Youth Trapper NWT and a drum of gas is awarded to any trapper who achieves both highest pelts and highest sales value in one year.

***The chart below lists the recipients for 2010/11 Trapper Recognition Awards***

REGION	HIGHEST SALES \$	HIGHEST # PELTS	SENIOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	YOUTH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
<b>SOUTH SLAVE</b>	Devon Beck (Fort Resolution)	Jerry M. Beaulieu (Fort Resolution)	Fred Mandeville (Hay River)	Samuel Rymer (Fort Resolution)
<b>NORTH SLAVE</b>	Jimmy Pierre Mantla (Behchoko)	Leon Ekendia (Behchoko)	Henri Apples (Behchoko)	Artie Les Franki (Behchoko)
<b>SAHTU</b>	Robert Kochon (Colville Lake)	Robert Kochon (Colville Lake)	Leon Modeste (Deline)	Branden Orlias (Colville Lake)
<b>DEH CHO</b>	Charlie Tale (Wrigley)	Charlie Tale (Wrigley)	Frances Nahanni (Fort Simpson)	Eric Harry Moses (Fort Simpson)
<b>INUVIK</b>	James B. Firth (Inuvik)	James B. Firth (Inuvik)	Sam (Inglangasuk) Lennie (Inuvik)	Marilyn Maring (Inuvik) NWT
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# Wolf and Wolverine Carcass Collection Update



## **Wolf Carcass Collection (\$200.00 /carcass)**

Biologists with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), are asking resident hunters and trappers to provide skinned carcasses of wolves harvested in the NWT. It is important the head and legs remain attached to the carcass. The payment for a skinned wolf carcass is \$200.

Examination of carcasses provides litter size information of female wolves, breeding status of males, assessment of nutritional condition of male and

female wolves, age determination, survival patterns, diet, and food linkages.

To qualify for the carcass payment, each wolf carcass must be brought into a local ENR office and properly tagged with the information requested. The hunter's name, community, kill date, kill location, how it was killed (e.g., shot, trapped, snared), and sex of the wolf need to be recorded on the tag. Also, the tag should indicate if any other wolves were observed with the wolf. Tag numbers for any of these other associated wolves that were also killed should be written on each tag. Tags and bags for carcasses are available at your local ENR office.

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## **Wolverine Skull Collection (\$25.00 /skull)**

ENR is continuing its long term study of wolverines. Over the past 5 years, the Department has been collecting entire wolverine carcasses. Based on the recommendation of their co-management partners, the Inuvik region will continue its wolverine carcass collection this winter. However, in 2011/12, ENR will **only be collecting wolverine heads** (skull with jaw) in the Sahtu, Dehcho, South Slave and North Slave regions. This skull collection provides biological information on: the date and distribution of the harvest, sex and age (tooth) composition of the harvest, genetic material (muscle) to complement DNA hair-snagging studies on the barrens, and to test for Trichinosis (tongue).



Hunters and trappers providing intact heads to their local ENR office will be paid \$25.00 per head.

**For more information, contact either your Regional Biologist, or R. Mulders at: (867) 920-6315;**  
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