

# GMVF TRAPPERS NEWSLETTER



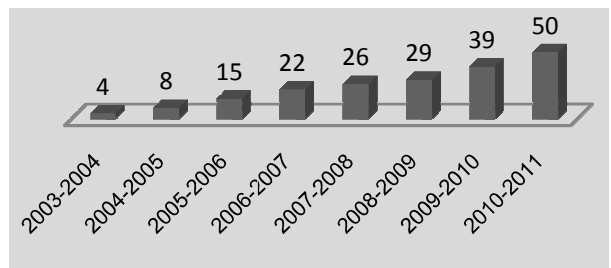
Winter 2010-11

Behchokò participants intently watch the new wolverine pelthandling DVD at the GMVF trappers workshop January 14<sup>th</sup>.

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### Take a Kid Trapping/Harvesting Projects



# Trapper Recognition

As part of a continued program to build and strengthen the productive capacity in the trapping industry, the Genuine Mackenzie Valley Fur (GMVF) Program offers awards in recognition of trappers' efforts and achievements. The awards are given annually to top trappers in each of the five regions, North Slave, South Slave, Dehcho, Sahtu and Inuvik. The awards include:



**GMVF JACKET**

1. Highest Sales Award (Regional)
  - Based on the \$ value of harvest sold through the GMVF Program
2. Highest number of Pelts Sold (Regional)
  - Based on the number of pelts sold through the GMVF Program
3. Senior Trapper Award (Regional)
  - Based on age and productivity in the GMVF Program
4. Youth Trapper Award (Regional)
  - Based on age and productivity in the GMVF Program
5. Youth Trapper NWT
  - Based on the most productive of the five regional youth trapper awardees

Awards include GMVF jackets, plaques, certificates, and a letter from the Minister of Industry, Tourism and Investment (ITI). In addition, trappers who win both high pelts and high sales in the same year are awarded a drum of gas. The Youth Trapper NWT is awarded \$500.

## Trapper Recognition Awards for 2009-2010

REGION	HIGHEST SALES \$	HIGHEST # PELTS	SENIOR TRAPPER	YOUTH TRAPPER	YOUTH TRAPPER NWT
<b>S.SLAVE</b>	Jeff Sanderson (Ft Resolution)	Jerry M. Beaulieu (Ft Resolution)	Daniel Squirrel (Ft Providence)	Brett Mandeville (Hay River)	
<b>N. SLAVE</b>	Leon Williah (Behchokò)	Leon Williah (Behchokò)	Edward Catholique (Lutselke)	Lucas Williah (Behchokò)	
<b>SAHTU</b>	Robert Kochon (Colville Lake)	Robert Kochon (Colville Lake)	George Voudrach (Ft Good Hope)	Jarrett Lafferty (Colville Lake)	Jarrett Lafferty (Colville Lake)
<b>DEH CHO</b>	Charlie Tale (Wrigley)	Judy Lomen (Fort Liard)	Fred McLeod (Ft Simpson)	Adam Blake Yeadon (Fort Liard)	
<b>INUVIK</b>	James B Firth (Inuvik)	Fredrick Blake (Tsiigehtchic)	John Carmichael (Inuvik)	Trent Arey (Aklavik)	

# Trapper Workshops

## Inuvik and South Slave

The GMVF Program, in partnership with Fur Harvesters Auction (FHA), put on pelthandling workshops for trappers in the Inuvik Beaufort-Delta, South Slave and North Slave Regions in November and December 2010 and January 2011. Nine communities were visited in total including: Paulatuk, Tuktoyaktuk, Aklavik, Ulukhaktok, Fort Providence, Fort Resolution, Hay River, Fort Smith and Behchokò.



Fort Smith workshop January 2011

The workshops focused on the taxidermy market which includes wolves, wolverine and bear. According to FHA officials the market pays top price for prime well-handled pelts prepared properly for the taxidermy trade. Taxidermy pelts, wolverine and wolves specifically fall into four categories listed below with the projected payout:

1. Full mount \$500
2. Rug \$300
3. Wall hanger \$200
4. Trim \$100



Rug

If the pelts have missing parts such as paws, pads on the paws, claws, or have poorly handled ears, lips, nose and eyes they would fall in category and decrease in value. Starting from a possible full mount (category 1) a damaged pelt could fall down to a rug (category 2) or even further down to a wall hanger (category 3) and finally to the lowest (category 4) which is the trim trade. The workshops gave tips on how to prepare the pelts to get top price for a full mount taxidermy quality pelt.



Angik School presentations Paulatuk December 2010

## North Slave

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR), North Slave Region had a workshop in November at the forestry base in Yellowknife. Several local trappers attended the workshop which focused on pelthandling fox, marten, lynx and wolves. ENR is hosting a series of six youth trapping programs at their Bliss Lake trapping camp throughout January and February 2011. These workshops include three days of trapping, pelthandling, checking fish nets under the ice and day to day life at camp.



North Slave workshop November 2010

# Take a Kid Trapping/Harvesting



NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

## Purpose

The Take a Kid Trapping Program is designed to introduce NWT youth to trapping and traditional life skills development. It was developed for youth of all ages to build on the traditional practice of passing on skills and knowledge to the next generation. The program was initiated in 2002 out of concern that the average age of a trapper/harvester was 60. It was believed that the survival of traditional harvesting practices would be threatened if more youth weren't encouraged to participate.

## Delivery

The program is delivered through schools and Aboriginal organizations in partnership with the departments of ITI, Municipal and Community Affairs (MACA) and ENR. The administration of this program is carried out through ITI regional offices. Third party clients such as community groups, schools and Aboriginal organizations must prepare and submit an application for funding to the Regional Superintendents of ITI. Applications are reviewed by regional committees made up of representatives of ITI, ENR and MACA. Successful applicants hire instructors and incorporate hands-on experiences for youth which build traditional life skills, conservation skills and show best practices in trapping.

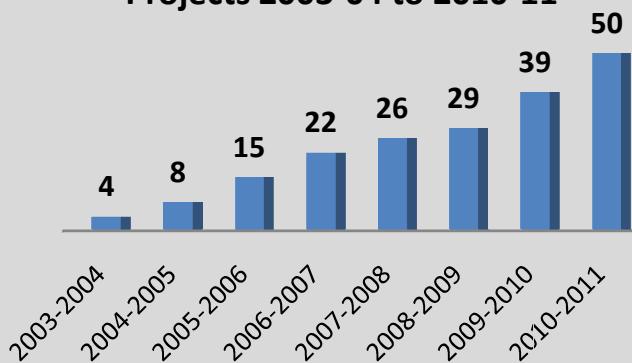
## Take a Kid Harvesting

In 2009-10 a sister program was developed called **Take a Kid Harvesting**. This spinoff program of Take a Kid Trapping includes projects where youth harvest wild edibles from the land. For the 2010-11 year, 50 projects are complete or underway, including 25 Take a Kid Harvesting projects and 25 Take a Kid Trapping projects.

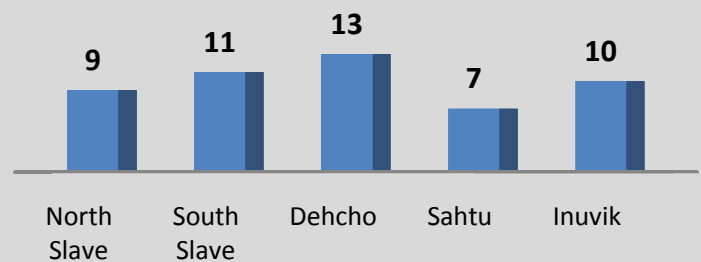
## Eligibility

The program is intended for schools and Aboriginal agencies. Application templates can be picked up at your regional ITI office. **For further information contact Traditional Economy at 867-920-6406.**

Take a Kid Trapping/Harvesting  
Projects 2003-04 to 2010-11



Take a Kid Trapping / Harvesting  
Projects 2010-11



## CONTACT US

The Department of Industry, Tourism and Investment wants to hear from you. If you have any news, pictures or comments for the GMVF Newsletter, please direct your enquiries to Traditional Economy at 867- 920 - 6406 or email [gmvfurs@gov.nt.ca](mailto:gmvfurs@gov.nt.ca).

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