



**Hatchet Lake
First Nation**



**Fond du Lac
First Nation**



**Black Lake
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**Northlands Dene
First Nation**



**Sayisi Dene
First Nation**

HARVESTING PROTOCOL BETWEEN THE ATHABASCA AND MANITOBA DENESULINE

WHEREAS the Athabasca Denesuline of Fond du Lac, Black Lake and Hatchet Lake and Manitoba Denesuline comprised of the Northlands and Sayisi Dene (the Denesuline) are caribou people who depend on caribou for sustenance, health and culture; **AND**

WHEREAS the Denesuline have been exercising their traditional hunting and harvesting practices within their traditional harvesting areas for millennia as an Inherent Right; **AND**

WHEREAS barrenground caribou populations migrate through Denesuline territory; a territory which the Denesuline have been harvesting on since time immemorial;

THEREFORE, it is understood and agreed that this Harvesting Protocol will provide the foundation for the Denesuline to work together cooperatively to address any issues or concerns that may arise regarding the harvesting of caribou.

THE ATHABASCA AND MANITOBA DENESULINE AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

1. To respect each others customary laws in the peaceful pursuit of our livelihood through hunting, fishing, trapping and gathering throughout our Denesuline traditional territories;
2. To respect the traditional boundaries and territories of another community that have developed among us over time;
3. To only harvest in the Denesuline traditional territory of another community after notification has been given to the community;
4. To recognize and respect overlapping Denesuline traditional harvesting boundaries and agree to resolve any overlapping issues in the spirit of mutual respect;
5. To respect local community caribou harvesting protocols, which includes no wastage, or wounding of caribou. (For example, see the “*Athabasca Denesuline 10 Traditional Protocols of Caribou Hunting*”).
6. To educate our hunters on proper traditional hunting protocols;
7. To do our utmost to resolve concerns that arise between us immediately through effective communication in the spirit and intent of this Harvesting Protocol;
8. To jointly address any concerns or issues in the management of caribou, in order to have a strong voice in future management decisions;
9. To work together to address any breach of this Harvesting Protocol.
10. This is a live working document and can be amended at anytime.

Signed this 17 day of September, 2016



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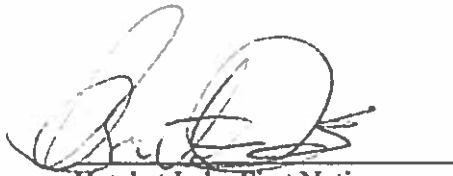
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