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Winter Leadership Meeting
February 12-14, 2013
Fort Providence, NT

Resolution #01

Moved by:

RE: Edehzhie


Chief Wayne Sabourin
Deh Gáh Got'ie First Nation

WHEREAS, Canada unilaterally terminated interim protection of the Edehzhie, in violation of their commitments in the PAS, exposing that highly sensitive area to mining and mineral exploration, without any consultation with the DFN; and

Seconded by:

WHEREAS, the DFN have taken legal action to restore protection of Edehzhie; and


Ernest Cazon, Elder
Liidlii Kue First Nation

WHEREAS, the judicial review hearing is scheduled for March 5-8, 2013 in Federal Court in Yellowknife, NT;

CARRIED
2 Abstentions

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DFN lawyers are authorized and instructed to pursue settlement negotiations with the objective of reaching an agreement requiring the speedy completion of the PAS and establishment of a permanent National Wildlife Area under co-management, and recovery of DFN legal costs; and

Certified copy of Resolution #1
made in Fort Providence, NT on
February 13, 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT any tentative settlement agreement will be subject to approval by a leadership teleconference.


Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief



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Winter Leadership Meeting
February 11-14, 2013
Fort Simpson, NT


Resolution #02

RE: NWT Wildlife Act

Moved by:


Ernest Cazon, Elder
Liidlii Kue First Nation

Seconded by:


Gabe Hardisty, Elder
Pehdzeh Ki First Nation

CARRIED

Certified copy of Resolution #2
made in Fort Providence, NT
on February 14, 2013 .


Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS Dehcho First Nations have relied on wildlife to nourish their families, communities and culture since time immemorial, and rely on wildlife for cultural survival; and

WHEREAS harvesting wildlife is an inherent right of the people of the Dehcho; and

WHEREAS the Dehcho First Nations are committed to the conservation and sustainable use of wildlife, including through the exercise of our inherent jurisdiction to manage harvesting in our territories by all persons; and

WHEREAS the Dehcho First Nations have sought advice on the proposed amendments by the Government of the Northwest Territories to the territorial Wildlife Act, and have identified a number of concerns;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The Grand Chief will take action, consistent with DFN Assembly resolutions and laws, to seek political resolution of the outstanding concerns of the Dehcho First Nations with the proposed NWT Wildlife Act;

The Dehcho First Nations formally request the support of Members of the Legislative Assembly in bringing forward amendments to the proposed legislation;

The Dehcho First Nations will make their concerns known to the public through media and such other means as are considered necessary.