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Resolution #02

RE: LEADERSHIP RESOLUTION

Moved by:

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Seconded by:

Elder Gabe Hardisty
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Certified copy of resolution
made in Fort Providence,
NWT on February 6, 2014

Herb Norwegian
Grand Chief

WHEREAS, non timber forest products can offer wide ranging health and economic benefits, and

WHEREAS, the forest management division made 5 commitments to the Dehcho in 2006 to advance this industry, and

WHEREAS, this gap in regulations and policies is still in existence and

WHEREAS, these commitments are listed in the summary of the 2nd Annual Forest Industry conference and workshop. Held in Hay River, October 2-6, 2006

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DFN insist the the GNWT honour it's commitments to the Dehcho and have supportive regulations and policies in place prior to the 2014 harvesting season.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE NTFP INDUSTRY IN THE NWT

A five-step plan outlining what the Forest Management Division will commit to do to advance the development of the NTFP industry follows.

WHAT THE FOREST MANAGEMENT DIVISION COMMITS TO:

1. **Community Awareness:** look into a brokerage structure: how do artisans in Nunavut market carvings? What role could a co-operative play to assist producers of NTFPs?
2. **Develop Regulations and Policies;** draft a policy paper to lead the process for developing appropriate regulations and policy for NTFPS.
3. **Research and Inventory:** support a project involving Gene Hachey and Dave Buck to work with community to develop an assessment inventory of NTFPS in summer 2007. Build NTFP elements in Community Forest Resource Assessments (CFRAs) where possible.
4. **Training Mentoring:** Link up artisans/crafters and schools; make the training available to schools and hold a competition or fair to promote development of these skills.
5. **Business Planning:** Hold an NTFP conference in the Sahtu region during the fall of 2007 to continue transfer of business development skills.