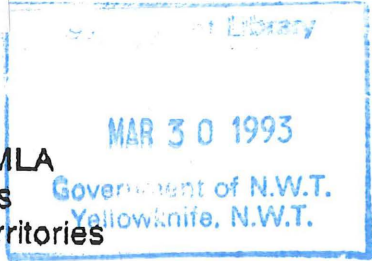


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March 22, 1993

The Honourable Titus Allooloo, MLA
Minister of Renewable Resources
Government of the Northwest Territories
Yellowknife, NWT

Dear Mr. Allooloo:

Recently, our MLA Jim Antoine raised an issue in the Legislative Assembly about this exceptionally poor trapping year and its effect on trappers. This issue is of great concern in Fort Simpson where our Council has made it a priority to support the trappers.

At a meeting on March 18, I met with the trappers to discuss their concerns and to develop a strategy for the trappers' incentives and the harvesters' assistance funding from Renewable Resources.

With the decline in trapping revenues this year, trappers will not receive the incentive income they need in order to go back out trapping next year. Even the trappers who live most of the winter in the bush, and normally can make a living from trapping, will have difficulty covering their expenses.

We would like to see the incentives reflect the usual productivity of the trappers. Therefore, we request that the incentives for next year be calculated as an average of the best three years of trapping over the past five years. This approach would help to stabilize the trappers income in this poor year, and provide the incentive needed to go out again next year.

We, the undersigned request that the Minister of Renewable Resources accept the following strategy for supporting the trappers of Fort Simpson:

1. calculate next year's incentives based on an average of the best three years of trapping over the last five years for each trapper;
2. compensate the Band with \$10K to cover the revenue lost from forgiving the loans to the trappers under the harvester assistance program;
3. extend the deadline for the switch to quick kill traps by one year to give the trappers more time to become skilled in their use.

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