

MISSION STATEMENT

To maintain, promote, preserve and enhance the EEYOU (traditional way of life) for its members and the EEYOU ISTCHEE (Cree Nation) through:

1. Developing and implementing programs that benefit member's living conditions in the bush and undertaking the responsibilities set out in the James Bay and Northern Quebec Agreement and the Incorporation documents of the Association.
2. Advocating for sustainable wildlife harvesting and greater stability in the wild fur industry.
3. Promoting and maintaining bush survival techniques and reviving traditional tools, methods and systems for hunting, fishing and trapping while showing respect for the land, all living things and each other.
4. Partnering, and strengthening relationships with other EEYOU organizations and institutions to promote traditional EEYOU values and preserve the EEYOU language and way of life.

In pursuing this mission, the CTA will continually balance the opportunities that modern ways can offer to its members with the guidance that traditional EEYOU values and EEYOU governing systems provide.

8) TRAPLINE BOUNDARIES

The objective of this project is to formally recognize the Cree Trapline Boundaries through a review exercise that will look at the previous and current versions of the Cree Trapline Boundaries.

The main objective of this project is to review the existing versions of the trapline boundaries currently in use by different Cree organizations and communities and come up with a common and up-to-date version of the trapline boundaries. While realizing that finalizing the trapline boundaries can be a long process that will also involve community consultations and conflict resolution, the project team will have to complete the mandate in the three district phases described in this report.

Phase 1

- Gather and review all shape files of trapline boundaries
- Identify working group
- Hire a full-time coordinator
- Develop a working budget
- Collect community trapline maps
- Produce new preliminary trapline boundaries shape files
- Prepare community trapline maps at 1:250,000

Phase 2

- Present project on review of the trapline boundaries to CTA Board of Directors and Tallymen in all Cree communities
- Public consultations
- Review all community maps and traplines
- Review list of Tallymen – update

Phase 3

- Prepare base maps for consultations (Individual Interviews)
- Identify disputes and overlaps
- Resolve gaps and overlaps
- Send disputes to conflict resolution committee
- External traplines
- Priority traplines
- Traplines
- Present final report to all community members

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