

Government of
Northwest Territories

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MLA, DEHCHO**ORAL QUESTION 278-20(1):
DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS FOR TRADITIONAL CABIN OWNERS**

This letter is in follow up to the oral question that you raised during Session on Monday, June 10, 2024 regarding eligibility under the Harvesters' Wildfire Damage Assistance Program.

This program is delivered by the Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC) and is intended to assist traditional harvesters who have experienced damage or loss of property and/or equipment as a result of wildfire. It is available to residents of the NWT who harvest under a finalized land, resource or self-government agreement, a Treaty or other Aboriginal right, or hold a General Hunting License under the NWT Wildlife Act.

To be eligible for this program, individuals need to demonstrate that the equivalent of 25% of their gross income came from harvesting within the last 24 months of the incident. Harvesting is considered to include hunting, trapping, fishing, or other hunting and gathering activities. Trapping records can be used to help support an application, and the department will consider information provided by applicants on the value of other harvesting activities.

Individuals can reach out to their local or regional ECC office for additional information and assistance in submitting an application under the program.

Thank you for your question.

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Jay Macdonald
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