

# MEMORANDUM



**Subject:** MNA Statement on the current Government of Alberta Métis Harvesting Policy

**To:** MNA Members - Harvesters

**CC:** Members of the Provincial Council of the Métis Nation of Alberta

**From:** Karen Collins and Bev New; Co-Ministers of Métis Rights and Accommodation

**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017

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The current Government of Alberta Métis Harvesting Policy was adopted unilaterally by the Government of Alberta (GoA) in 2007 to replace the Interim Métis Harvesting Agreement which had been mutually negotiated between the GoA and MNA. This policy was later amended in 2010, again without the involvement of the MNA.

For certainty, the MNA does not support the GoA Harvesting policy.

In the meantime, the MNA is actively negotiating with the GoA to develop an agreement on harvesting that is consistent with the law and relevant to the Métis communities in Alberta. We ask for your patience and continued trust to allow for the time needed to finalize a Harvesting agreement for all Métis in Alberta.

For more information or if you have questions, please contact Harvesting Liaison, Amy Quintal at [aquintal@metis.org](mailto:aquintal@metis.org) or 780-455-2200 ext. 256.