



Neil Hartling Recognized for Sustainability Leadership by Tourism Industry Association of the Yukon

May 11, 2011 (Whitehorse, Yukon) – Nahanni River Adventures (NRA) and Canadian River Expeditions (CRE) was awarded the Sustainability Leadership in Tourism Award, at TIA Yukon’s annual Spring Conference in Dawson City.

NRA and CRE are the leaders in adventure travel trips, offering raft and canoe expeditions in Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Baffin Island in Canada’s north. Owner and operator Neil Hartling was recognized for his efforts to combine the highest quality tours available with environmental sustainability.

The tour company practices **Leave No Trace** as a matter of course. In addition they provide leadership to research and push best practices. As an example, Nahanni River Adventures and Canadian River Expeditions encouraged Nahanni National Park to enact a departure regulation system and require the use of environmental fireboxes. On the Tatshenshini River they pushed for mandatory pack-out of solid human waste.

Hartling is currently an active supporter and advocate for environmental and conservation efforts in northern Canada. For example, he provided leadership in the national campaign to expand the boundaries of Nahanni National Park to include the entire Nahanni River watershed ([Nahanni National Park Expansion Campaign](#)). He was also involved in the successful campaign to establish Alsek Tatshenshini Provincial Park in the early ‘90’s.

He is President of the Wilderness Tourism Association on Yukon (WTAY), serves on the TIA board, and serves on committees for the Canadian Tourism Commission. Hartling was and is active on the lobby effort to protect the Peel Watershed.

Nahanni River Adventures and Canadian River Expeditions has been named by National Geographic as one of the Best Adventure Companies on Earth, and was listed as one of 50 Tours of a Lifetime. They also won a Yahoo Big Idea Chair Award for Best Travel Related Website in Canada.