

ENVIRONMENT CANADA'S ABORIGINAL PEOPLES AND THE ENVIRONMENT SPEAKER SERIES – ABORIGINAL TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE - Two-Eyed Seeing and Integrative Science

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Mi'kmaw Elder Albert Marshall of Eskasoni First Nation and Canada Research Chair in Integrative Science Cheryl Bartlett of Cape Breton University were invited guest speakers in the inaugural event of Environment Canada's Aboriginal Peoples and The Environment Speaker Series – Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge, held 7 December 2010 in Gatineau, QC.

The event was an interactive opportunity to learn about methodologies, processes, issues and challenges encountered, lessons learned and best practices on relationship building. It was designed to deepen participants understanding of Aboriginal Traditional Knowledge (ATK), to share practical and specific examples of ATK use and application through the experience of knowledge-holders and practitioners, and to share lessons learned and best practices in the use and application of ATK.



The presentations that Elder Albert and CRC Cheryl can be viewed in the “articles and presentations” section of the Integrative Science website (look for it among other entries for year 2010).

Afterwards, both Elder Albert and CRC Cheryl were presented with the photo book “Two Ways of Knowing: Merging Science and Traditional Knowledge during the Fourth International Polar Year”. Albert and Cheryl see the book’s message as an excellent travelling companion for Two-Eyed Seeing and Integrative Science!

The book was put together by David and Doug Barber as a stylized, 288 page chronicle of a changing Arctic. It summarizes the adventures of 692 people from 27 countries, along with the perspectives of Northerners, scientists, politicians, media, youth, and educators, and their experiences during the International Polar Year - Circumpolar Flaw Lead project and Arctic climate change.

You can access additional information about the book, including instructions as to how to purchase it, at <http://www.ipy-cfl.ca/page6/page6.html>.