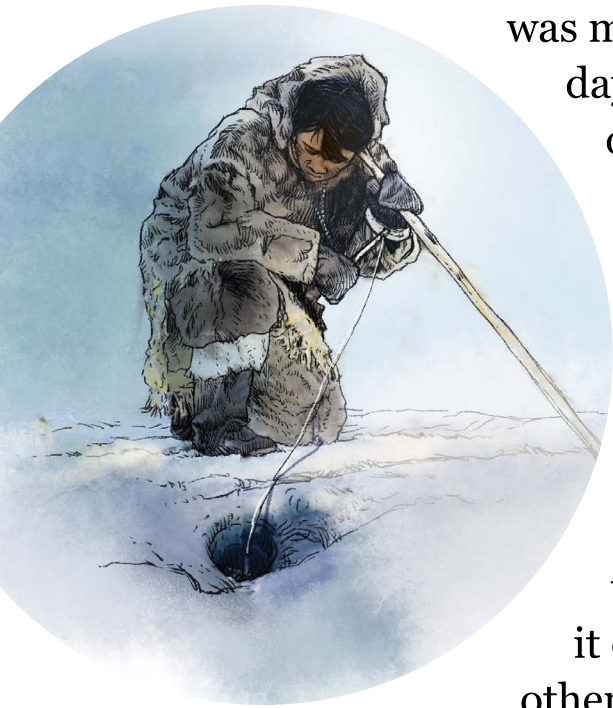




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Kaye Daoye lived along the shores of Sahtú, Great Bear Lake, mostly in Edaiila on the northeast shore. Kaye Daoye was mystically tied to a fish called a loche. One



day, after setting four hooks, he found one of them missing. This disturbed him—in those days hooks were very rare and valuable. That night he travelled with the loche in his dreams, searching for the fish that had taken his hook.

As he moved through the centre, or heart, of the lake, he sensed a great power: the water heart. Contemplating the water heart, he became aware that it connects all beings —the land, the sky, other creatures, people—to sustain the entire watershed of Sahtú.





The Déline elders stress that the interconnectedness of all things includes all people, Dene and non-Dene alike. From this universal law flows the responsibility of people to care for the world in which we live. The water heart sustains the watershed of Great Bear Lake, and, in turn, we have a responsibility to sustain it. We do this by treating the lake and other beings with the utmost respect.



