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Outstanding contribution to agriculture recognized

WHITEHORSE –The 2010 Yukon Farmer of the Year award has been presented to Alice Boland of Carmacks. Presented annually at the North of 60° Agriculture Banquet, the award recognizes those who make outstanding contributions to agriculture and agri-business development in Yukon.

“The community has benefitted from Alice’s dedication and passion for agriculture through her work to provide healthy and tasty foods for the people of Carmacks,” Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Patrick Rouble said.

Boland was recognized for her contribution to Yukon agriculture through her work over the past 11 years at the Little Salmon / Carmacks First Nation Farming Venture. Starting as a market garden pilot project, the farming venture now includes a community root cellar and greenhouse operation, and continues to promote local food production using organic methods. Boland currently manages crop production and sales at the community greenhouse.

Through Alice’s efforts, residents of Carmacks are able to enjoy locally grown produce while supporting a community business that provides local employment. Through the greenhouse Boland has provided training opportunities, education in gardening and composting, and donated fresh produce to elders, single parents and diabetics in the community.

“The contribution that Alice makes – along with all of Yukon’s farmers – is one that Yukoners reap the benefits of through access to local products and healthy foods produced right here in our communities,” Rouble added.

For more information on agriculture in Yukon visit www.agriculture.gov.yk.ca.

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Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Patrick Rouble presents Alice Boland of Carmacks with the 2010 Farmer of the Year award at the North of 60° Agriculture Banquet.