

Innu activist Penashue Congratulated for winning aboriginal award

St. John's — Opposition Leader Yvonne Jones took time during Tuesday's session of the legislature to congratulate Elizabeth Penashue on being awarded the National Aboriginal Achievement Award in Environment and Natural Resources.

Penashue was presented with the award March 7 in Toronto at the annual National Aboriginal Awards gala.

She is known for her activism and commitment to preserving the traditional Innu lifestyle.

Her work started in the early 1980s when she opposed low-level flying in Labrador.

She leads an annual 241-kilometre snowshoe trek throughout traditional Innu lands during the winter, and a month-long canoe trip on the Churchill River during the summer.

"I have the upmost respect and admiration for Elizabeth Penashue and the work she has done on behalf of the Innu Nation and aboriginal women in our province," said Jones.