



ANNUAL REPORT  
2019-2020



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Under subsection 16(1) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the Conference of Management Authorities (the Conference) must submit an annual report to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources by September 30 each year. This annual report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2020.



Polar bear – Photo Credit: ENR

# THE *SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT*

The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* provides a process to identify, protect, and recover species at risk in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The Act applies to any wild animal, plant, or other species that is managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. It applies in most areas of the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claim agreement.



Barren-ground caribou – Photo Credit: Anne Gunn

## PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2019 TO MARCH 31, 2020

The Conference of Management Authorities held four meetings during the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Akaitcho Territory Government, Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, Dehcho First Nations, Kát'odeeche First Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Northwest Territory Métis Nation, and Salt River First Nation were invited to observe or participate in Conference meetings.

### The Conference accomplished the following tasks:

#### Consensus Agreements<sup>1</sup>

Completed and submitted to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources the following consensus agreements:

- **Wood bison** – Consensus agreement accepting the recovery strategy for wood bison in the NWT.

#### Recovery Strategies and Management Plans

- Completed development of the barren-ground caribou recovery strategy and bat management plan.
- Continued work to develop a recovery strategy for Peary caribou in the NWT.

#### Species Conservation and Recovery Fund<sup>2</sup>

Awarded approximately \$40,000 in funding to five projects:

- Poster and Prose Contest (Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board)
- On the Land Programming (Beaufort Delta Education Council)
- Amphibians at Risk (Yellowknife and Hay River) (Ecology North)
- eDNA sampling (North Slave Métis Alliance)
- Education/traditional knowledge workshop (Inuvialuit Joint Secretariat)

<sup>1</sup>The consensus agreements accepting the barren-ground caribou recovery strategy and bat management plan, as well as the consensus agreement respecting implementation of the wood bison recovery strategy, were signed in April 2020, after the reporting period for this annual report, but prior to the publication of the annual report.

<sup>2</sup>Formerly the Species at Risk Stewardship Program.

Details on Conference activities are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: [www.nwt-speciesatrisk.ca](http://www.nwt-speciesatrisk.ca)

# THE CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

The Conference, established under the Act, is made up of the wildlife co-management boards and governments in the NWT that share responsibility for the conservation and recovery of species at risk in the NWT (Management Authorities). The Conference builds consensus among Management Authorities on the conservation of species at risk and provides direction, coordination, and leadership with respect to the assessment, listing, conservation, and recovery of species at risk while respecting the roles and responsibilities of Management Authorities under land claim and self-government agreements.

The Management Authorities are:

- Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT),
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board,
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board,
- Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board,
- Tłı̨chǫ Government,
- Government of Canada, and
- Government of the Northwest Territories.

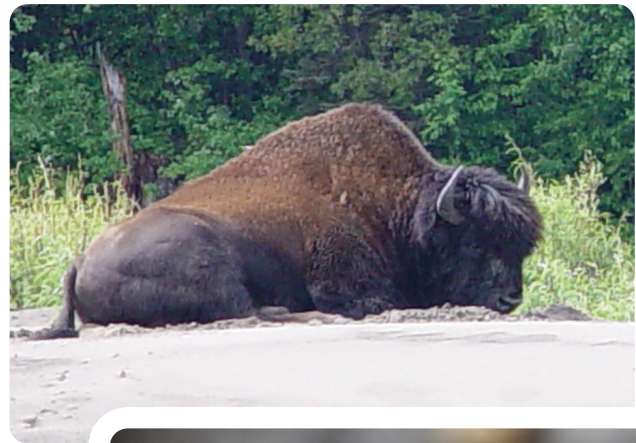
Each Management Authority may have three representatives attend Conference meetings.

The Conference develops consensus agreements on listing species at risk, conservation measures, management plans, and recovery strategies.



# NWT LIST OF SPECIES AT RISK

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT PLAN/ RECOVERY STRATEGY	IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT
<b>THREATENED</b>		
Barren-ground caribou	Complete	Under development
Boreal caribou	Complete	Complete
Hairy braya	Complete	Complete
Northern leopard frog	Complete	Complete
Peary caribou	Under development	n/a
Western toad	Complete	Complete
Wood bison	Complete	Complete
<b>SPECIAL CONCERN</b>		
Dolphin and Union caribou	Complete	Complete
Little brown myotis	Complete	Under development
Northern myotis	Complete	Under development
Polar bear	Complete	Complete



Wood bison – Photo Credit: Danny Allaire, ENR



Big brown bat – Photo Credit: Alicia Kelly, ENR

## CONTACT

For more information about the  
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and its activities, please visit:

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