



ANNUAL REPORT
2021-2022



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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, 2022.



Barren-ground caribou – Photo Credit: Parks Canada/Jay Frandsen

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.



Long-toed salamander – Photo Credit: Mark Thompson

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2021 TO MARCH 31, 2022

The Conference of Management Authorities held four meetings during the 2021-2022 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

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

- **Northern mountain caribou** – Consensus agreement on listing northern mountain caribou.
- **Barren-ground caribou** – Consensus agreement respecting implementation of the recovery strategy for barren-ground caribou in the NWT.
- **Bats** – Consensus agreement respecting implementation of the management plan for bats in the NWT.

Recovery Strategies and Management Plans

- Continued work to develop a recovery strategy for Peary caribou in the NWT.
- Initiated work to develop a management plan for northern mountain caribou in the NWT.

Species Conservation and Recovery Fund¹

Awarded approximately \$60,000 in funding to nine projects:

- Boreal Caribou Habitat Enhancement (Deninu Kųé First Nation)
- Community-led Species at Risk Detection: eDNA Sampling in Traditionally Important Water Bodies of the North Slave Region (North Slave Métis Alliance)
- Deh Gáh Culture and Science Camps (Deh Gáh Elementary and Secondary School)
- Bluenose-West Caribou Hunting and Knowledge Exchange (Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee)
- Rare Vascular Plants in the NWT (Laurie Hamilton)
- Whooping Crane Education and Awareness (Ecology North)
- Barren-ground Caribou Harvest Data Collection (Athabasca Denesųłiné Né Né Land Corporation)
- Bank Swallow Surveys (Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board)
- Alternative Traditional Foods (Sachs Harbour Hunters and Trappers Committee)

Details on Conference activities are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: www.nwt-speciesatrisk.ca

¹Formerly the *Species at Risk Stewardship Program*.

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. The Conference also reviews management plans and recovery strategies every five years and reports on progress toward meeting objectives.



NWT LIST OF SPECIES AT RISK

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT PLAN/RECOVERY STRATEGY	IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT	PROGRESS REPORT AND REVIEW
THREATENED			
Barren-ground caribou	Complete	Complete	Due April 2026
Boreal caribou	Complete	Complete	Under development Due November 2022
Hairy braya	Complete	Complete	Complete
Northern leopard frog	Complete	Complete	Under development Due November 2022
Peary caribou	Under development	N/A	N/A
Western toad	Complete	Complete	Under development Due November 2022
Wood bison	Complete	Complete	Due April 2025
SPECIAL CONCERN			
Northern mountain caribou	Under development	N/A	N/A
Dolphin and Union caribou	Complete	Complete	Due December 2023
Little brown myotis	Complete	Complete	Due April 2026
Northern myotis	Complete	Complete	Due April 2026
Polar bear	Complete	Complete	Under development Due March 2023



Hoary bat – Photo Credit: Merlin Tuttle.org



Boreal caribou – Photo Credit: Annie Gunn/GNWT

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Respectfully submitted,



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