



NWT CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

CONSENSUS AGREEMENT RESPECTING IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOVERY STRATEGY FOR BOREAL CARIBOU IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The Conference of Management Authorities has reached consensus (hereafter referred to as the "Consensus Agreement") respecting the implementation of the *Recovery Strategy for Boreal Caribou in the Northwest Territories*.

The conservation and recovery goal is to ensure a healthy and sustainable boreal caribou population across their NWT range that offers harvesting opportunities for present and future generations. The recommended conservation and recovery approaches and the Management Authorities' intent to undertake them are summarized in Annex A of this Consensus Agreement. Further information on boreal caribou and the conservation and recovery goal, objectives and approaches can be found in the *Recovery Strategy for Boreal Caribou in the Northwest Territories*.

Implementation is subject to appropriations, priorities and budgetary constraints of the Management Authorities.

Periodic co-management reviews of progress and new information, as outlined in approach 4.1, will allow for the implementation of the recovery strategy to be periodically reviewed and adapted as appropriate.

The processes for developing the recovery strategy and implementation agreement are outlined in Annex B.

GNWT Statements

The Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT) makes the following statements about its intentions to implement the recommended conservation and recovery

approaches in the recovery strategy, subject to appropriations, priorities, and budgetary constraints:

- A. **Implementation Underway** – The GNWT is actively implementing a number of the recommended actions in the recovery strategy, in whole or in part. Many of these actions are long-term and progress is made gradually over time. The actions are being implemented with co-management partners as part of ongoing management, monitoring, research, conservation planning, and environmental assessment programs. The recommendations in the boreal caribou recovery strategy provide advice to help guide these programs. This applies to recommended actions 1.2.1, 1.2.2, 1.2.3, 1.2.4, 1.2.7, 1.3.1, 1.4.1, 1.4.3, 1.4.4, 1.4.5, 1.4.12, 2.1.1, 2.1.2, 2.1.3, 2.1.4, 2.2.2, 2.2.3, 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 3.1.1, 3.2.1, 3.2.2, 3.2.3, 3.2.4, 3.2.5, 3.2.6, 3.3.1, 3.5.1, 3.5.4, 4.1.2, 4.2.1, 4.2.2, 4.2.3, 4.2.4, 4.3.1, 4.3.2, 4.3.3, 4.3.4, 4.3.6, 4.4.1, 4.4.2, 5.1.1, 5.1.2, and 6.3.2.
- B. **Resources Required** - A number of the recommended actions in the recovery strategy are important but implementing them would require additional resources and/or re-allocation of existing resources. The GNWT intends to pursue implementation of these actions as resources and capacity allow. The GNWT will seek additional resources and may consider re-allocation of existing resources to implement these actions. Re-allocation of existing resources could affect other commitments. This applies to recommended actions 1.4.2, 1.4.6, 2.2.1, and 4.3.5.
- C. **Periodic Reviews** – The recovery strategy recommends annual reviews of progress and information to enable adaptive management. The GNWT intends to undertake such reviews with the other management partners periodically as needed; however, they may not be every year. Regularly scheduled Conference of Management Authorities meetings may be used for periodic reviews. In accordance with legal requirements under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the GNWT also intends to undertake a review of the recovery strategy and report on progress every five years. This applies to recommended actions 4.1.1, 4.1.3, 6.2.1, and 6.2.2.
- D. **Not Pursuing** – Some actions in the recovery strategy are more appropriately led by co-management partners other than the GNWT, and some actions are not currently a high priority for the GNWT to implement given other higher priorities and resource constraints. The GNWT does not intend to actively pursue implementing these actions at this time. This does not prevent the GNWT from participating in implementation if opportunities arise and/or when other

management partners take a lead role. This applies to recommended actions 3.1.2, 3.3.2, 3.4.1, 3.5.2, and 3.5.3.

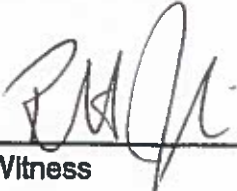
- E. **Range Planning** – The GNWT is developing a Framework that will outline the GNWT's approach to range plans for boreal caribou habitat. The Framework will attempt to address the issues and recommendations raised in the recovery strategy regarding developing and implementing range plans. This applies to recommended actions 1.1.1, 1.1.2, 1.1.3, 1.1.4, 1.2.5, 1.2.6, 1.2.8, 1.2.9, 1.3.2, 1.4.7, 1.4.8, 1.4.9, 1.4.10, 1.4.11, 3.3.2, 4.2.3, 6.1.1, 6.1.2, and 6.3.1.

INTERPRETATION

For greater certainty, terms and processes in this Consensus Agreement are as defined and described in the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*.

For greater certainty, the Management Authorities for boreal caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) are: Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, Sahtú Renewable Resources Board, Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board, Tłı̨chǫ Government, and the Government of the Northwest Territories.

WE THE UNDERSIGNED, having reached this consensus on this 24TH day of November 2017, provide this Consensus Agreement to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board, the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board, and the Tìchq Government.



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ANNEX A

RECOMMENDED APPROACHES TO ACHIEVE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY OBJECTIVES FOR BOREAL CARIBOU IN THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Approach to Conservation and Recovery ¹	GNWT Statements ²	Partners intending to implement ³
<p>Objective #1: Ensure there is adequate habitat across the NWT range to maintain a healthy and sustainable population of boreal caribou.</p>		
<p>1.1 Develop region-specific range plans and an overall NWT-Yukon range plan for habitat management.</p>		
<p>1.1.1 Create range plans by mapping and prioritizing caribou habitat areas, identifying the tools to manage disturbance in each area, and showing how these areas contribute to achieving or maintaining adequate habitat.</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	<p>WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB⁴</p>
<p>1.1.2 Where range plans identify gaps (areas without appropriate tools in place to manage disturbance), consider the suite of northern</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	<p>Other wildlife co-management boards</p>

¹ Recommended approaches and actions are reproduced verbatim from the *Recovery Strategy for Boreal Caribou in the Northwest Territories (2017)*.

² This column refers to the GNWT Statements found on page 2 of this Consensus Agreement.

³ The co-management partners in this column intend to undertake the approach indicated, subject to appropriations, priorities and budgetary constraints.

⁴ Acronyms are as follows: GNWT (Government of the Northwest Territories), WMAC (NWT) (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)), GRRB (Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board), SRRB (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board), WRRB (Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board), GLWB (Gwich'in Land and Water Board), WLWB (Wek'èezhìi Land and Water Board), SLWB (Sahtú Land and Water Board), EISC (Environmental Impact Screening Committee), EIRB (Environmental Impact Review Board), GLUPB (Gwich'in Land Use Planning Board), ENR (Department of Environment and Natural Resources), GTC (Gwich'in Tribal Council), WLUP (Wek'èezhìi Land Use Plan), TLUP (Tłı̄chǫ Land Use Plan), GSCI (Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute), RRCs (Renewable Resource Councils), ACCWM (Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management).

tools and ensure mechanisms are in place to manage disturbance.		participating
1.1.3 Coordinate range plans among NWT regions and with neighbouring jurisdictions to ensure habitat connectivity extends across boundaries.	E - Range Planning	
1.1.4 Every 5 years, review the effectiveness of range plans and update them.	E - Range Planning	
1.2 Monitor landscape change annually.		
1.2.1 Track natural landscape changes, especially fire disturbance.	A – Implementation Underway	
1.2.2 Track human-caused landscape changes, using both remote sensing and current disturbance data from industry.	A – Implementation Underway	
1.2.3 Compile and improve existing records of human-caused landscape change.	A - Implementation Underway	
1.2.4 Work with land and water boards, land managers and industry to ensure appropriate information on activities in boreal caribou habitat is submitted, compiled, and made publicly available.	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB (working with GLWB), WRRB (working with WLWB), SRRB (working with SLWB), WMAC (NWT) (working with EISC and EIRB)
1.2.5 Develop criteria to determine which types of human development activities will be considered as contributing to the disturbance footprint for boreal caribou.	E - Range Planning	

<p>1.2.6 Develop criteria to determine when anthropogenic disturbances and natural disturbances have become functions caribou habitat again.</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	
<p>1.2.7 Compile and manage spatial information on landscape change.</p>	<p>A – Implementation Underway</p>	
<p>1.2.8 Report natural and human-caused disturbance level (both current and cumulative) to land management authorities.</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	
<p>1.2.9 Develop products to facilitate the timely and effective consideration of boreal caribou in environmental impact assessment and other land use decisions (e.g., a screening tool for project applications that provides a real-time assessment of boreal caribou habitat supply and how the proposed development would affect habitat supply, relative to critical habitat thresholds).</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	<p>SRRB</p>
<p>1.3 Manage fire disturbance as a natural and necessary part of boreal caribou habitat.</p>		
<p>1.3.1 Adhere to the existing fire management policy to the best extent possible, recognizing that forest fire is a natural phenomenon and that fire suppression may be unsuccessful.</p>	<p>A – Implementation Underway</p>	
<p>1.3.2 Explore the use of fire management tools for the maintenance of high value caribou habitat areas. Possible tools include classifying caribou habitat as a value at risk, landscape-level prescribed burns to limit fire growth potential, fire breaks (including strategic planning of timber harvesting), and fuel management.</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	

1.4 Manage human-caused landscape disturbance.

<p>1.4.1 Explore concepts of ecosystem-based management for managing disturbances and habitat requirements holistically (or in an integrated way).</p>	<p>A – Implementation Underway</p>	
<p>1.4.2 Review and update existing guidelines and standard advice for industry, and develop new guidance documents where needed, to address current best practices for mitigating the impacts of development (e.g., seismic techniques, restoration of habitat, and management of access).</p>	<p>B - Resources Required</p>	<p>WMAC (NWT), GRRB, WRRB</p>
<p>1.4.3 Develop or update guidelines and/or regulations under the NWT <i>Wildlife Act</i> for how to plan and conduct development activities to minimize impacts on boreal caribou and their habitat, and ensure that wildlife management and monitoring plans for development projects adequately address boreal caribou and their habitat.</p>	<p>A – Implementation Underway</p>	<p>WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB</p>
<p>1.4.4 Work with applicants to consider how potential impacts on boreal caribou and their habitat can be mitigated before submitting their permit and license applications to a land and water board.</p>	<p>A – Implementation Underway</p>	<p>GRRB, SRRB, WRRB</p>
<p>1.4.5 Review development proposals and applications for land use permits and water licenses and provide comments and recommendations with regard to impacts on boreal caribou and their habitat.</p>	<p>A – Implementation Underway</p>	<p>WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB</p>
<p>1.4.6 Develop terms and conditions for use by the Mackenzie Valley Land and Water Board and other regulatory bodies in permits and licenses for development activities (e.g., through the Mackenzie</p>	<p>B - Resources Required</p>	<p>WMAC (NWT), WRRB</p>

<p><i>Valley Resource Management Act</i>) that help to avoid, minimize, or mitigate impacts to boreal caribou habitat.</p>		
<p>1.4.7 Using range plans as a guide, consider boreal caribou habitat supply in forest management planning and issuance of forest management agreements.</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	<p>GRRB (working with GTC)</p>
<p>1.4.8 Using range plans as a guide, consider boreal caribou habitat supply in issuing permissions and rights for oil and gas exploration and development (calls for nominations, calls for bids, exploration licenses, operations authorizations, significant discovery licenses, production licenses, oil & gas leases) and permissions for mineral exploration and development (prospector's licenses, coal exploration licenses, prospecting permits, mineral claims, mining leases).</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	
<p>1.4.9 Using range plans as a guide, consider boreal caribou habitat supply in planning and issuing permissions for road construction and other development.</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	
<p>1.4.10 Use range plans to guide decisions about issuance of permissions and rights; then, if necessary, in response to landscape change, recommend and implement that development activities be scaled back, delayed, or not approved in a particular area, to ensure adequate habitat remains for boreal caribou, and to avoid destruction of areas identified as critical habitat in a range plan.</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	
<p>1.4.11 When a caribou management authority is also a regulatory authority or a lead agency for land use decisions, provide leadership by demonstrating that boreal caribou habitat supply has been considered during its own planning processes and that destruction of</p>	<p>E - Range Planning</p>	

critical habitat identified in a range plan has been avoided.			
1.4.12 Support the completion of land use plans and the protected/conservation area planning process, especially for lands identified as having value for boreal caribou conservation.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT) (under community conservation plans), WRRB (working with WLUP and TLUP)	
Objective #2: Ensure that harvest of boreal caribou is sustainable.			
2.1 Measure harvest levels.			
2.1.1 Educate people on the importance of reporting harvest.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB,	
2.1.2 Work with local First Nations, harvesting communities, and the Dehcho Boreal Caribou Working Group to develop reporting systems for Aboriginal harvesting of boreal caribou; these systems must be respectful or treaty and Aboriginal rights and maintain harvester privacy.	A – Implementation Underway The Dehcho Boreal Caribou Working Group has been replaced by the Dehcho/South Slave Boreal Caribou Working Group	GRRB, SRRB, WRRB (tentative),	
2.1.3 Continue to estimate harvest levels of resident hunters through the Resident Hunter Survey.	A – Implementation Underway		
2.1.4 Report estimated total harvest levels, including the number harvested and the sex ratio, to caribou management authorities.	A – Implementation Underway Depends on successful implementation of 2.1.1	GRRB, WRRB (tentative)	

	- 2.1.3	
2.2 Manage the harvest to ensure it is sustainable.		
2.2.1 Investigate and define sustainable harvest levels.	B - Resources Required Depends on successful implementation of 2.1.1 - 2.1.3	WMAC (NWT), SRRB, WRRB
2.2.2 Encourage harvesting practices that minimize negative impacts on the population (e.g., following traditional laws surrounding caribou hunting and use; excellence in marksmanship; ability to distinguish different types of caribou; avoid harvesting cows with calves).	A - Implementation Underway	GRRB, SRRB, WRRB
2.2.3 Work with officers and communities to promote compliance with hunting regulations for boreal caribou.	A - Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB (promote compliance but don't enforce)
2.2.4 Review the NWT Wildlife Act Big Game Hunting Regulations for woodland caribou. As part of this review, consider whether regulations for boreal and mountain woodland caribou should be further differentiated, and whether changes to seasons, bag limits, quotas, open harvesting zones and/or harvest reporting mechanisms are needed.	A - Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB
2.2.5 Periodically review harvest levels and make management recommendations if necessary (e.g., temporary harvest limitations).	A - Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB (if needed), SRRB, WRRB (but don't have all the information necessary)

		yet)
Objective #3: Obtain information to inform sound management decisions, including boreal caribou ecology, key habitat and population indicators and cumulative effects.		
3.1 Estimate population trends in each region.		
3.1.1 Expand upon, or develop and implement monitoring program(s) that provide key information on boreal caribou vital rates, numbers, population trends, health, and condition.	A – Implementation Underway	
3.1.2 Explore methods for using local population trend information to estimate the trend of the NWT's population as a whole	D - Not Pursuing	
3.2 Improve our understanding of boreal caribou ecology in the NWT.		
3.2.1 Investigate relationships among different types of caribou and whether the NWT population of boreal caribou has subpopulation structure (e.g., using genetics and traditional knowledge).	A – Implementation Underway	SRRB
3.2.2 Improve range map for boreal caribou, using the best available information on their changing locations and movements.	A – Implementation Underway	
3.2.3 Promote research to improve our understanding of the relationship between habitat disturbance, alternate prey, predatory density and behaviour, and boreal caribou in the NWT.	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB, SRRB
3.2.4 Promote research to improve our understanding of the natural fire regime and habitat regeneration in the NWT, as they relate to boreal caribou habitat.	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB, SRRB

3.2.5 Promote research on regeneration of human disturbances in the NWT and the effectiveness of habitat restoration techniques for boreal caribou.	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB, SRRB
3.2.6 Promote research on the impacts of climate change on boreal caribou habitat.	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB, SRRB
3.3 Explore possible use of population and habitat thresholds as triggers for management actions.		
3.3.1 As monitoring programs are developed (3.1.1), assess options for population data that could be used to trigger management actions.	A – Implementation Underway	
3.3.2 Through consultation, discuss the possibility of using population and habitat thresholds to trigger boreal caribou management actions.	Population thresholds: D – Not Pursuing Habitat thresholds: E – Range Planning	
3.4 Develop an approach to modeling cumulative effects.		
3.4.1 Develop a model that shows how monitored indicators relate to the state of the population.	D - Not Pursuing	
3.5 Incorporate community and traditional knowledge on an ongoing basis.		
3.5.1 Support community monitoring programs.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB (with further clarification of word 'support'), SRRB, WRRB,

3.5.2 Develop local training programs for community monitors, directed at those with local knowledge.	D - Not Pursuing	SRRB
3.5.3 Analyze existing knowledge and gather new knowledge.	D - Not Pursuing	SRRB
3.5.4 Ensure community and traditional knowledge perspectives are brought to the decision-making table.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB (working with GTC and GSCI), SRRB, WRRB (working with Tłıchǫ Government),
Objective #4: Manage boreal caribou collaboratively, using adaptive management practices and the best available information.		
4.1 Annually review boreal caribou management and any new information, and adapt management practices as necessary.		
4.1.1 Caribou management authorities annually review progress on recovery actions and current information on population and habitat, including community and traditional knowledge.	C - Periodic Reviews	WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB,
4.1.2 If necessary, consider alternative recovery actions (e.g., stricter habitat and/or harvest management) and make management recommendations.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB (if necessary), SRRB, WRRB, (as part of above meeting)
4.1.3 Every five years, review the NWT recovery strategy and report on the actions undertaken to implement it and the progress made towards meeting its objectives.	C - Periodic Reviews	WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB,

4.2 Work with other jurisdictions to share information and coordinate cross-boundary planning, monitoring, and management.		
4.2.1 Continue to participate on the National Boreal Caribou Technical Committee to share knowledge, develop strategies, and resolve key technical questions amongst jurisdictions.	A – Implementation Underway	
4.2.2 Continue to implement the Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation on Managing Shared Boreal Populations of Woodland Caribou between the GNWT and the Government of Alberta.	A – Implementation Underway	
4.2.3 Continue working with the Gwich'in and Government of Yukon on range planning and exchanging information for the shared NWT-Yukon population.	Range planning: E - Range Planning Information sharing: A – Implementation Underway	GRRB
4.2.4 Continue sharing information about boreal caribou with neighbouring jurisdictions (e.g., determining metapopulation status, sharing collaring data).	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB
4.3 Work with other co-management partners, Aboriginal governments and organizations, communities, resident hunters, non-governmental organizations, and industry to share information and collaborate on management actions.		
4.3.1 Continue working with renewable resource boards, local harvesting communities, Dehcho Boreal Caribou Working Group, Aboriginal governments and organizations on boreal caribou management.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAAC (NWT), GRRB (working with RRCs), SRRB, WRRB

4.3.2 Continue engaging resident hunters, non-governmental organizations, industry, and the public on boreal caribou management.	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB (working with public), SRRB, WRRB
4.3.3 Encourage cooperative work with all parties on boreal caribou stewardship and other conservation activities.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB
4.3.4 Encourage cooperative research, monitoring, and information sharing with all parties.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB,
4.3.5 Develop standard monitoring protocols for boreal caribou that could be adopted by government, industry, and other parties to facilitate data sharing and increase the geographic scope of monitoring programs.	B - Resources Required	With engagement of GRRB and WRRB
4.3.6 Ensure meaningful consultation, as required under section 35 of the <i>Constitution Act</i> , when a government action with respect to boreal caribou could potentially infringe on an asserted or existing Aboriginal or treaty right.	A – Implementation Underway	
4.4 Increase capacity, both human and financial, to implement management actions in this recovery strategy.		
4.4.1 Build and strengthen partnerships and collaborations to increase capacity for implementing management actions.	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB, SRRB
4.4.2 Identify and pursue opportunities for public and private investments in recovery strategy implementation, with help from non-governmental organizations.	A – Implementation Underway	SRRB

Objective #5: Exchange information with NWT people about boreal caribou in all regions.		
5.1 Encourage flow of information between communities, caribou hunters, caribou management authorities, industry, non-governmental organizations, and the interested public within and across all regions.		
5.1.1 Communicate about boreal caribou using a variety of approaches, depending on the demographic (e.g., Elders – community meetings or home visits; youth – social media, internet, visits to schools; harvesters – harvesters' conference; all – radio, 'out on the land' trips, information sessions in communities).	A – Implementation Underway	GRRB (would need financial support), SRRB, WRRB (tentative)
5.1.2 Continue/enhance communication with local harvesting communities, Dehcho Boreal Caribou Working Group, and local First Nations.	A – Implementation Underway	WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB (tentative)
Objective #6: Further to the national recovery strategy, ensure recovery obligations for protecting critical habitat and maintaining a self-sustaining population are met or exceeded in the NWT.		
6.1 Track and report on critical habitat indicators established in the national recovery strategy to trigger adaptive management where necessary.		
6.1.1 Measure total undisturbed habitat in the NWT range annually and compare it to the 65% threshold in the national recovery strategy.	E - Range Planning	
6.1.2 Report results at annual boreal caribou management meeting to allow management authorities to make recommendations.	E - Range Planning	

6.2 Track and report on self-sustaining population status indicators established		
6.2.1 Annually compare short term population trend, population size, and percentage of habitat disturbance in the NWT to the self-sustaining status indicators in the national recovery strategy.	C - Periodic Reviews	
6.2.2 Report results at annual boreal caribou management meeting to allow management authorities to make recommendations.	C - Periodic Reviews	WMAC (NWT) (perhaps through ACCWM forum)
6.3 As new information becomes available, refine and improve indicators for critical habitat and population status.		
6.3.1 As new information becomes available, use it to improve and refine habitat indicators for the NWT.	E - Range Planning	
6.3.2 As new information becomes available, use it to improve and refine population status indicators for the NWT.	A – Implementation Underway	

ANNEX B

DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT

On February 27, 2014, the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, acting on the direction provided by the Conference of Management Authorities in their *Consensus Agreement on Listing Boreal Caribou (Rangifer tarandus caribou)* (December 2013), added boreal caribou to the NWT List of Species at Risk as a threatened species.

A recovery strategy for boreal caribou was prepared by the Conference of Management Authorities. The recovery strategy includes appropriate recovery objectives and approaches for the conservation and recovery of boreal caribou, as well as descriptions of threats and positive influences, as required under section 61 of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*. The recovery strategy was completed on February 25, 2017, in accordance with subsection 60(1) and sections 65-68 of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*.

This *Consensus Agreement Respecting Implementation of the Recovery Strategy for Boreal Caribou in the Northwest Territories* was informed by discussions of the Conference of Management Authorities, the recovery strategy, the *Consensus Agreement on Listing Boreal Caribou*, the *Consensus Agreement on Accepting a Recovery Strategy for Boreal Caribou in the NWT*, the Species at Risk Committee's assessment and reasons for assessment, and the approved species status report. It was also informed by public input (solicited by the Management Authorities) and the results of Crown consultation duties performed by the GNWT during the listing process and the development of the recovery strategy. No information was provided to the Species at Risk Committee by the Conference of Management Authorities or a Management Authority under paragraph 31(1)(c) and no clarification was requested under section 34 of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*.