

**Conference of Management Authorities (CMA)
Draft Meeting Minutes, September 30, 2020
Teleconference**

Attendees	Organization
Jody Pellissey	CMA Chairperson/Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board
Doug Doan	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Kaytlin Cooper	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Deborah Simmons	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
Jessica Hurtubise	North Slave Métis Alliance
Bruce Laurich	Environment and Climate Change Canada
Joanna Wilson	Environment and Natural Resources
Karin Clark	Environment and Natural Resources
Jodie Maring	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Stephanie Behrens	Tłı̨chǫ Government
Allie Mayberry	Acho Dene Koe First Nation
Michele Grabke	Species at Risk Secretariat

1. Introductions – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Roundtable introductions.

2. Agenda – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Review of draft agenda.

Agenda approved.

3. Species Conservation and Recovery Fund (SCARF) – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Nominations for new SCARF subcommittee member

The Species Conservation and Recovery Fund (SCARF) is seeking a new member to participate in the subcommittee as Jodie Maring has indicated that she is taking a temporary leave starting in October/November.

The regular membership is composed of four representatives designated by the CMA, including one representative from the GNWT Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The terms of reference for the subcommittee does not indicate a membership term. The current subcommittee members are:

- Brett Elkin (ENR)
- Amy Amos (GRRB)
- Jodie Maring (WMAc-NWT) (to be replaced during temporary leave)
- Jessica Hurtubise (NSMA)

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The SCARF subcommittee meets at minimum twice a year to approve the application material (~November) and to evaluate applications (~March).

The Secretariat reached out to the CMA to solicit nominations by September 30, 2020. One nomination was received from the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) nominating Ms. Chukita Elias (Joint Secretariat - Jr. Resource Coordinator).

Decision 20200930-01: Consensus for Ms. Chukita Elias to replace Jodie Maring on the Species Conservation and Recovery Fund (SCARF) subcommittee.

4. Next meeting – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Scheduling for fall/winter 2020 meetings and February 2021 meeting.

- December 14 (teleconference): to review consultation and engagement results from fall for northern mountain caribou and to check-in on the barren-ground caribou and bat implementation agreements.
- February 23-25, 2021: regularly-scheduled meeting and will include in-principle approval of consensus agreements, implementation progress reports.
 - The February meeting will either take place in Inuvik or through teleconference depending on public health requirements, or travel restrictions.

5. Northern mountain caribou – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Updates on Aug-Nov consultation and engagement.

Timelines for northern mountain caribou:

- August-November 2020 – consultation/engagement period
- December 14, 2020 – CMA meeting to review the results of consultation/engagement.
- April 29, 2021 – deadline for consensus agreement on listing
 - Start electronic signatures on March 29

Updates:

- **ENR:** ENR invited the public to comment on the potential addition of northern mountain caribou to the NWT List of Species at Risk as a species of Special Concern. The public comment period was advertised on the website and through emails with a timeline of July 31 to September 30. The deadline was extended to October 31. Comments are being collected through emails or a survey created using Survey Monkey. A total of five responses have been received: one letter and four Survey Monkey submissions. In addition, engagement letters will be going out to Indigenous Governments and Organizations. The wording in the letters will look differently this year. An assessment was done, and because the listing does not trigger protections or changes that would affect rights, the letter is not focused on impacts of rights but rather on seeking input and inviting comments on the listing. We are still on schedule and hopefully we will be done by November.

- **GRRB:** GRRB has not done any consultation yet but the material was sent out to the RRCs at the end of June. RRCs have not been meeting because of COVID. In addition, they are currently selecting new councilors. Consultations will be done in the form of emails or paper mail, presentation sheets, and a questionnaire. Consultation on the proposed listing of northern mountain caribou will also be coordinated with consultation on two federal species as well. We are hoping to get that material out in the next couple of weeks then we will gather the information together.
 - Question from ENR: Has GRRB discussed or looked further into the ENR proposal to adopt the federal northern mountain caribou management plan since the CMA meeting to discuss this proposal (held in August 2020)? Has the GRRB board had a chance to review the proposal and the federal plan?
 - Response from GRRB: The board did review that a little while back, there were no decisions made, and no comments/concerns raised. We will be mentioning this when we contact the RRCs and the board will review as part of the February board meeting.
- **SRRB:** The board has been working to reboot the Níó Neḡ P'ęne Working Group. There have been preliminary discussions with Tuli't'a and Norman Wells folks. We want to do more engagement with Fort Good Hope. We are very happy with the extended deadline provided by ENR because we would really like to meet with folks about this and get feedback over the coming months as we are encouraging the community parties to comment and provide input.
 - Question from ENR: Has SRRB thought any further about the national management plan and possibly adopting it?
 - Response from SRRB: We haven't really talked about it, this is something that we will discuss with the communities. It makes a lot of sense to me, it is very high level and there is lots of room for community driven processes.

6. Bats – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Updates on Aug-Nov consultation and engagement.

The draft actions to prepare have been completed.

Timelines for bats:

- August-November 2020 – consultation/engagement period
- January 29, 2021 - The consensus agreement statements and Annex A's are due in anticipation of the February 2021 CMA meeting. The draft consensus agreement respecting implementation of the bats management plan was included in the May 2020 meeting material and will be distributed by the Secretariat.
- December 14, 2020 – CMA meeting to review the results of consultation/engagement.
- April 9, 2021 – The legal deadline for completion and submission of the implementation consensus agreement.
 - Start electronic signatures on March 29

The Secretariat will share previously completed implementation agreements (Wood bison) for an example of what is required.

7. Barren-ground caribou – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Touch base on Aug-Nov consultation and engagement.

The draft actions to prepare have been completed.

Timelines for barren-ground caribou:

- August-November 2020 – consultation/engagement period
- January 29, 2021 - The consensus agreement statements and Annex A's are due in anticipation of the February 2021 CMA meeting. The draft consensus agreement respecting implementation of the barren-ground caribou recovery strategy was included in the May 2020 meeting material and will be distributed by the Secretariat.
- December 14, 2020 – CMA meeting to review the results of consultation/engagement.
- April 9, 2021 – The legal deadline for completion and submission of the implementation consensus agreement.
 - Start electronic signatures on March 29

Update on federal listing process from ECCC: ECCC has been trying to contact HTOs to see if they want meetings or if community visits are permitted. We also have to see if ECCC travel is permitted. We are looking at having meetings in winter 2021, but there is a concern that this may be too optimistic. We don't have an updated timeline for when a decision will be made on barren-ground caribou.