

NAME	APPOINTING ORGANIZATION	MEMBER SINCE	TERM EXPIRY
<b>Chairperson/Alternate Chairperson</b>			
Leon Andrew (Chairperson)	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ)	May 31, 2016	May 30, 2026
Dr. Suzanne Carrière (Alternate Chairperson)	Environment and Climate Change (ECC)	February 26, 2010	March 31, 2025
<b>Members</b>			
Dr. Nicholas Larter	Environment and Climate Change (ECC)	February 26, 2010	March 31, 2025
Lynda Yonge	Environment and Climate Change (ECC)	March 24, 2017	March 23, 2027
Petter Jacobsen	ECC, on the advice of the CMA	December 19, 2020	December 19, 2025
Sam Bullock	ECC, on the advice of the CMA	January 3, 2023	January 2, 2028
Bobby Migwi	Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)	February 2, 2024	February 2, 2029
Vacant	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB)		
Kelby Ogryzlo	Government of Canada	January 31, 2024	March 31, 2026
Kristi Benson	ECC, on the advice of the CMA	March 29, 2024	March 31, 2029
Jessica Norris	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)	June 25, 2024	May 31, 2029
<b>Alternate Members</b>			
Aimee Guile	Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)	August 22, 2018	July 19, 2028
Robert Charlie-Tetlich	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB)	January 31, 2024	January 31, 2029
Dang Dang Gruben	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)	June 25, 2024	May 31, 2025
Donna Schear	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ ᑭᑦᑲᑦᑲᑦ)	September 3, 2024	September 3, 2029

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## MEMBERS

### **Leon Andrew:**

Leon is a Shúhtaot'jñę elder with the Tulít'a Dene Band. He is the Research Director and Chair of the Nę K'ə Dene Ts'jłj (Living on the Land) Forum. He served as a Special Advisor to the ʔehdzo Got'jñę Gots'ė Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board) for many years. He has been an advisor to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories on Transboundary Water negotiations with Alberta. Leon was an Access and Benefits negotiator and served on the Canol Heritage Trail Committee for the Tulít'a District during 2004-2006. He has also served on the Board of the Tulít'a Land and Financial Corporation. Leon has provided his research expertise on numerous traditional knowledge studies, assisted and advised GNWT Archeologists from the Prince of Wales Museum, and is also an experienced interpreter in Dene and English languages. He was an active trapper in the Tulít'a area and has first-hand experience of both the positive and negative effects of exploration activities on the environment and traditional economy of the Northwest Territories. Leon is recognized as one of the Sahtú Region's most experienced researchers, and he serves in a leading capacity in various regional, national and international research programs involving research and monitoring: the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy, Mackenzie River Basin Board, the Canadian Mountain Network, Northern Water Futures, and Āramă̄t: Biodiversity Conservation and the Health and Well-being of Indigenous Peoples (New Frontiers in Research Fund of Canada's research Tri-Agency). Leon was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the ʔehdzo Got'jñę Gots'ė Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board).

### **Dr. Suzanne Carrière:**

Suzanne holds a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. from McGill University and a Ph.D. from L'Université Laval. She brings many decades of experience as a wildlife biologist, gaining field experience in the National Park Service, in private firms working on environmental assessments in northern Quebec, and as a wildlife biologist for the Government of the Northwest Territories. Now retired, she was a departmental authority on biodiversity planning, research, monitoring, and management. She has extensive experience in species assessment as she was a voting member for the NWT on the Committee on Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) from 1998 to 2023. Suzanne served as a member of the SARC since 2010 and is currently its Alternate Chairperson. Suzanne was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

## **Dr. Nicholas (Nic) Larter:**

Nic brings more than 30 years of experience with wildlife and species at risk management in the NWT. He holds B.Sc. degrees from the University of Alaska Fairbanks and M.Sc. and Ph.D degrees in Zoology from the University of British Columbia. His graduate work was on the ecology of the Mackenzie wood bison population. He was the caribou/muskox biologist for the Department of Environment and Climate Change (ECC), Inuvik Region, from 1993-2002 where he conducted field research on the Banks Island ecosystem looking at the relationships between Peary caribou, muskoxen, arctic wolves, arctic hares, their forage and seasonal changes in its availability caused by moisture, snow and ice conditions. He was the Manager of Wildlife Research and Monitoring for the Dehcho Region in Fort Simpson from 2002 until his retirement in 2019. He conducted field research programs on moose, boreal caribou and Nahanni wood bison and harvest studies on Dall's sheep, mountain goats, moose and northern mountain caribou in the Mackenzie mountains. He did extensive research with local harvesters investigating the levels of contaminants in country foods, particularly moose and caribou. During his career with ECC, Nic regularly presented his research to a variety of local, national and international audiences. From 2013-2020 he represented the NWT as a member of the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). He is currently a member of the wood bison species specialist group for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN). Nic was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

## **Lynda Yonge:**

Lynda brings more than twenty years of experience with wildlife and species at risk management in the NWT. She holds a B.Sc. degree in Zoology from the University of British Columbia and a Master of Environmental Studies from York University with a specialization in environmentally sustainable development. She worked for the Department of Environment and Climate Change in a variety of positions including Species at Risk Specialist, Wildlife Management Specialist and Director of Wildlife. During that time, she played a key role in developing the collaborative process that resulted in the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* and the *Wildlife Act* and was a key player in drafting the two acts. She has a strong knowledge of the legislation and processes in place to identify, assess, list and manage/recover species at risk as well as with the tools available to manage wildlife to prevent them from becoming at risk. She has been involved with the management of a wide range of species including polar bears, barren-ground caribou, boreal caribou and wood bison, and brings a personal passion and commitment to conservation. Lynda was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

## **Petter Jacobsen:**

Petter has a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology (2008) and a Master of Arts in First Nations Studies and Environmental Studies (2011) from the University of Northern British Columbia. He is the Director and owner of Jacobsen Resources, with his primary client being the Tłıchǫ Government – Dedats'eetsa: Tłıchǫ Research and Training Institute. The majority of his work as Principal Investigator has been organizing and conducting Tłıchǫ knowledge research on barren-ground caribou, migration routes, climate change, and cumulative impacts since 2009. The on-the-land traditional monitoring program "Tłıchǫ Ekwǫ Nàxoède K'è" (formerly the Boots on the Ground program) is Petter's most recent work. Petter was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories, on the advice of the Conference of Management Authorities.

## **Sam Bullock:**

Sam works with the Dene Nation in Yellowknife as Director of Fisheries (July 2020-present) and is a full member of the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board. He was born on the land at his "Diidu's" (grandmother's) seasonal fish camp on the Mackenzie River at Dachan Choo Gèhnik (Tree River) and raised by Elders who taught him to respect all life on land, water and air. Sam holds a diploma in Climate Change Management and has worked for the GNWT Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development in Yellowknife. In 1992, Sam and his wife Renata created and operated Bullocks' Bistro, a successful fish 'n' chips eatery in Yellowknife's Oldtown, for 26 years. Sam is currently Chair of the Steering Committee for the *Integrated Fisheries Management Plan for Dolly Varden of the Gwich'in Settlement Area and Inuvialuit Settlement Region* and serves as Alternate Chairperson of the Conference of Management Authorities. Sam brings a lifelong commitment with passionate lived experience in fisheries and wildlife management on a foundation of Gwich'in Elder teachings and a keen interest in scientific observations. Sam was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories, on the advice of the Conference of Management Authorities.

## **Robert 'Bobby' Migwi:**

Bobby Migwi is from Behchokǫ, Northwest Territories. He has spent his entire life travelling the land with his family harvesting, fishing, and trapping. In the 1970s, he was in one of the last groups to travel to the barrenlands by canoe for caribou harvesting. He continues to pass on his knowledge to the youth of the Tłıchǫ region by bringing them on the land and teaching traditional survival, hunting, and trapping skills. Bobby was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board.

## **Kelby Ogryzlo:**

Kelby studied Conservation Biology at the University of Alberta, taking several species at risk and wildlife management courses, and had student summer positions with the Canadian Forest Service doing fieldwork out of Fort Simpson and an internship in Prince Albert National Park. She started her career doing summer fieldwork in northern Alberta with the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute. Then in the fall, she started a position with the Meteorological Service of Canada releasing weather balloons and making weather observation at the Stony Plain weather station and in the High Arctic at the Eureka Weather Station at 80° latitude on Ellesmere Island. During her time there she missed her work with wildlife and so she wrote an informative booklet about all the wildlife that can be seen in Eureka, including how common they are and their protective statuses. After a year and a half Kelby switched departments within ECCC and started working as a species at risk biologist with the Canadian Wildlife Service in Yellowknife. Over the past year she has worked on several species at risk projects, including co-writing the Wolverine Management Plan, and participated in various wildlife meetings hosted by different management authorities, including attending numerous Conference Management Authority meetings. Kelby was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Canadian Wildlife Service on behalf of the Government of Canada.

## **Kristi Benson:**

Kristi is a northern anthropologist and cartographer with more than 20 years of experience in conducting traditional land use, Indigenous knowledge, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), anthropological, oral history, archaeological, and other heritage projects. She has also worked integrating Indigenous knowledge into the environmental impact assessment process and various land and marine-use planning projects. Kristi's experience in the heritage field has taken place primarily in Canada's western Arctic. She has been affiliated with the Gwich'in Tribal Council Department of Culture and Heritage (and its predecessor, the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute) since 2004. She has also worked with the Inuvialuit and in the Sahtu; and worked in the International Polar Year with scientists and communities across the NWT. Kristi has conducted archaeological and ethnographic research in the NWT, Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and Mexico, and has taught Anthropology and First Nations Studies classes at Aurora College and Malaspina University-College (now Vancouver Island University). Kristi received her BA and MA in archaeology from the University of Calgary and has technical training in GIS from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. She is also a professional dog trainer and ran a sled dog rescue for a decade.

## **Jessica Norris**

Jessica Norris is an Inuvialuit beneficiary, born and raised in the Northwest Territories, and is the Wildlife Biologist for the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) based in Inuvik. She holds a diploma with Honours in Renewable Resource Management from Yukon College, a Bachelor of Science in Northern Environmental and Conservation Science with Distinction from the University of Alberta, and will be finished her Master of Science in Renewable Resources/Wildlife Biology from McGill University in 2024. Her passions include advocating for northern wildlife within her traditional territory of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. This interest directed her MSc thesis work which focused on using a mixed methods approach to understand the changes occurring within the reintroduced muskoxen population on the Yukon North Slope. She has expert knowledge in wildlife resources and always used traditional and community knowledge in wildlife management decisions and approaches. Jessica was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT).

## ALTERNATE MEMBERS

### **Aimee Guile:**

Aimee works for the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board (WRRB) as a Conservation Biologist where she provides the Board with scientific research, monitoring and management advice on plants, forests, protected areas and species at risk in Wek'èezhì. She has been in this role since May 2018. She previously worked for the Government of the Northwest Territories as a Contaminated Sites Project Manager. Aimee grew up in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories where she fostered her love of the north and the natural world. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Science from the University of British Columbia and a Master of Science degree in Environmental Practice from the Royal Roads University. Aimee was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board.

### **Robert Charlie-Tetlichì:**

Robert was born in Fort McPherson, raised by his parents John Alfred Tetlichì (originally from Old Crow) and Annabella Robert (from Fort McPherson). Robert attended Residential School in Fort McPherson (Fleming Hall) and Inuvik (Stringer Hall). Robert spent his summers at their summer fish camp at Road River, learning traditional skills and conversing mainly in the Gwich'in language. Upon graduation, Robert attended the Adult Vocational Training Center in Fort Smith, taking a course in Basic Electronics. He then joined CN Telecommunications (Northwestel) and worked there as an electronics technician.

Robert has been active as a Counselor for the Inuvik Native Band/Nihtat Gwich'in Council and a Director for the Gwich'in Tribal Council. Robert was the past GRRB Chairperson for over 15 years and was responsible for establishing the office in Inuvik. Robert is currently the Chief of the Inuvik Native Band. Robert would like to see our youth graduate from High School, pursue further studies at a post-secondary institution and return to work for our organizations. Youth should also learn their traditional cultural on-the-land skills. Robert looks forward to working with the Communities and Co-management partners on wildlife, fish and forest management. Robert was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board.

## Dang Dang Gruben

Dang Dang Gruben lives in Inuvik. He grew up practicing traditional subsistence activities throughout the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. He still enjoys harvesting and other outdoor activities. Dang Dang owns and operates his own guiding company, and has served on the following committees: Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee, and the Porcupine Caribou Management Board. He has expert knowledge about the wildlife resources in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, and is a strong advocate for the importance of traditional and community knowledge and their uses in wildlife management. Dang Dang was appointed as an alternate to Jessica Norris to the Species at Risk Committee by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT).

## Donna Schear

Donna Schear is Sahtúgot'Inę (person from Great Bear Lake), grew up in Alberta and moved to Dél'Inę, Northwest Territories (NWT) after completing high school. She currently resides in Yellowknife and works as an Engagement Specialist with the Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact Review Board. She has a Land Agent/Land Administration Diploma program from Olds College and a one-year Land Administration MACA program from Arctic College. A diverse and rewarding career has given Donna a unique and balanced perspective. She has worked with Indigenous, federal, and territorial governments in such areas as oil and gas operations, land management, safety and environmental protection, and regulatory compliance. Donna is also a vocal advocate for her people. In addition to sitting on the ʔehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board), Donna is on her 2nd term as a member of the Dél'Inę Dene K'ə Dats'eredı Kə (Justice Council). During her time in Dél'Inę, Donna was fortunate to spend time with her brother, partner and grandfather, the late Isadore Yukon, instilling a passion for the land and its teachings. These lessons from the land have made her a strong advocate for the land, her people, her language and her culture. She has a passion for the land, combined with a varied career in land management and board/council work. She brings insights from many perspectives and a strong



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voice to support the land. Robert was appointed as an alternate to Leon Andrew to the Species at Risk Committee by the ʔehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board).

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