

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Species at Risk Committee members are appointed by the four wildlife co-management boards established under settled land claim and self-government agreements, the federal government and the Government of the Northwest Territories, represented by the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR). In areas without settled land claims, members are appointed by the Minister of ENR after consultation with the appropriate groups. Appointments are for up to five years.

Committee members must have significant expertise of species, habitat, northern ecosystems or conservation. Members act independently and not as representatives of their appointing bodies.



Rusty Blackbird - Photo Credit: Samuel Denault



Barren-ground Caribou - Photo Credit: Andy McMullen



Western Toad - Photo Credit: Floyd Bertand

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AS OF MARCH 31, 2012

Members:

- **Chairperson:** Mr. James Firth – member appointed by the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
- **Alternate Chairperson:** Dr. Suzanne Carrière – member appointed by the Minister of ENR
- Mr. Robert Gau – member appointed by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
- Mr. Mike Gravel – member appointed by the Minister of ENR
- Mr. Chris Heron – member appointed by the Minister of ENR on the advice of the Northwest Territory Métis Nation
- Mr. Jason Horesay – member appointed by the Minister of ENR on the advice of the Dehcho First Nations
- Dr. Paul Latour – member appointed by the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
- Ms. Donna Mulders – member appointed by Environment Canada
- Mr. Moise Rabesca – member appointed by the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board

Alternates:

- Mr. Walter Bayha – alternate appointed by the Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
- Mr. Arthur Beck – alternate appointed by the Minister of ENR on the advice of the Northwest Territory Métis Nation
- Mr. Larry Carpenter – alternate appointed by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
- Ms. Karin Clark – alternate appointed by the Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board
- Ms. Misty Ireland – alternate appointed by the Minister of ENR on the advice of the Dehcho First Nations
- Dr. Nicholas (Nic) Larter – alternate appointed by the Minister of ENR
- Mr. Eugene Pascal – alternate appointed by the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
- Ms. Jennie Rausch – alternate appointed by Environment Canada

An additional member and alternate, to be nominated by the Akaitcho Territory Government, will be appointed to the Committee at a later date.

CONTACT

For more information about the Species at Risk Committee and its activities, please visit our website: www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca

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Respectfully submitted,

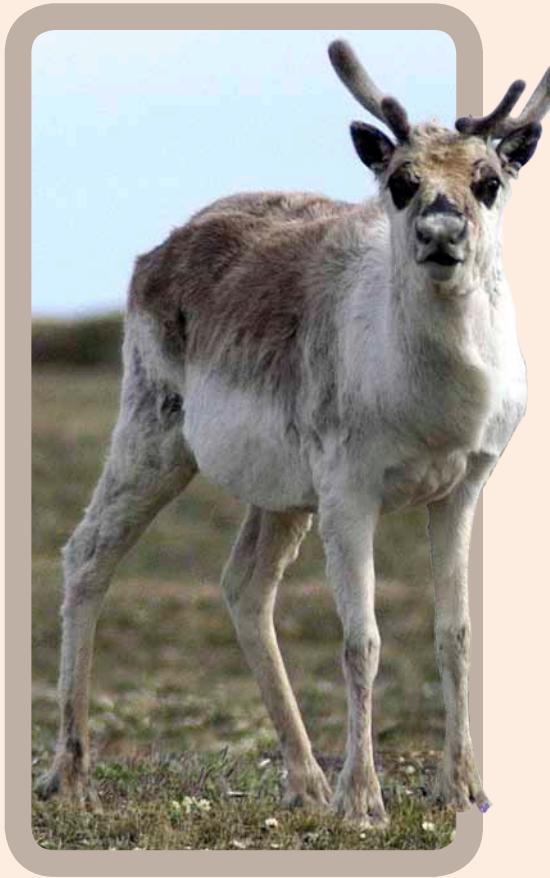


James Firth, Chairperson
Species at Risk Committee

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
**SPECIES
AT RISK**
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Cover Photo Credit: Peary Caribou – John Nagy

ANNUAL REPORT
2011 - 2012



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Under section 23(1) of the Species at Risk (NWT) Act, the Species at Risk Committee must submit an annual report to the Conference of Management Authorities by July 1 each year. This annual report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.

THE SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT

The Species at Risk (NWT) Act (the 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 managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. It applies everywhere in the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claims agreement.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, provides full administrative and financial support to the Species at Risk Committee. Contracts for preparing species status reports are advertised on www.contractsregistry.nt.ca.



Collared Pika - Photo Credit: John Nagy

THE SPECIES AT RISK COMMITTEE

The Species at Risk Committee (the Committee) was established under the Act. It is an independent committee of experts responsible for assessing the biological status of species at risk in the NWT.

Species status assessments will be done at the territorial level and results may be different from assessments done at the national level. Assessments will be based on species status reports that include the best available Aboriginal traditional knowledge, community knowledge and scientific knowledge of the species. The Committee must use objective biological criteria in its assessments and does not consider socio-economic factors.

The Committee will use the assessments to make recommendations on the listing of species at risk. The assessment categories for the legal list of species at risk are Extinct, Extirpated, Endangered, Threatened and Special Concern. Species can also be assessed as Not at Risk or Data Deficient. The Committee will identify threats and positive influences to species and their habitats, and may make recommendations on conservation measures for species at risk.

The Committee makes its recommendations to the Conference of Management Authorities, a group of boards and governments that share responsibility for the conservation and recovery of species at risk in the NWT. The Conference of Management Authorities includes wildlife co-management boards established under land claim and self-government agreements, the Government of the Northwest Territories, the Tł'chǫ Government and the Government of Canada.



Hairy Braya - Photo Credit: Bruce Bennett

COMMITTEE PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012

The Species at Risk Committee held four meetings and continued work on species status reports for polar bear, boreal woodland caribou, hairy braya, and Peary caribou, which are scheduled to be assessed in 2012. The Committee started work on species status reports for barren-ground caribou, Dolphin-Union caribou and northern leopard frog, which are scheduled to be assessed in 2013. No species have been assessed to date.

APPROVED ASSESSMENT SCHEDULE FOR 2012-2017

TO BE ASSESSED	SPECIES NAME
December 2012	Peary Caribou (<i>Rangifer tarandus pearyi</i>) Hairy Braya (Plant; formerly called Hairy Rockcress) (<i>Braya pilosa</i>) Polar Bear (<i>Ursus maritimus</i>) Woodland Caribou (Boreal population) (<i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i>)
December 2013	Barren-ground Caribou (except Dolphin-Union population) (<i>Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus</i>) Barren-ground Caribou (Dolphin-Union population) (<i>Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus x pearyi</i>) Northern Leopard Frog (<i>Lithobates pipiens</i>)
December 2014	Wolverine (<i>Gulo gulo</i>) Nahanni Aster (Plant) (<i>Sympyotrichum nahannense</i>) Western Toad (<i>Anaxyrus boreas</i>) Wood Bison (<i>Bison bison athabascae</i>)
December 2015	Drummond Bluebell (Plant) (<i>Mertensia drummondii</i>) Peregrine Falcon anatum-tundrius complex (<i>Falco peregrinus</i>) Grizzly Bear (<i>Ursus arctos</i>) Mountain Goat (<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>)
December 2016	Canadian Toad (<i>Anaxyrus hemiophrys</i>) Rusty Blackbird (<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>) Little Brown Myotis (Bat) (<i>Myotis lucifugus</i>) Northern Myotis (Bat) (<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>) Long-eared Myotis (Bat) (<i>Myotis evotis</i>) Long-legged Myotis (Bat) (<i>Myotis volans</i>) Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>)
December 2017	American White Pelican (<i>Pelecanus erythrorhynchos</i>) Collared Pika (<i>Ochotona collaris</i>) Banks Island Alkali Grass (Plant) (<i>Puccinellia banksiensis</i>) Red-sided Garter Snake (<i>Thamnophis sirtalis</i>)

The Committee used its priority checklist to identify species for assessment under section 25(2)(a) of the Act. The Committee did not receive any referrals or applications for species to be assessed under sections 26(1) or 27 of the Act. An assessment schedule detailing species to be assessed from 2012 to 2017 was developed and has been approved by the Conference of Management Authorities. The assessment schedule will be revised annually.

All Species at Risk Committee documents are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca.