

ANNUAL REPORT

Under Section 16(1) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the Conference of Management Authorities (Conference) must submit an annual report to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) by September 30 each year. The 2011-2012 Annual Report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.

THE SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT

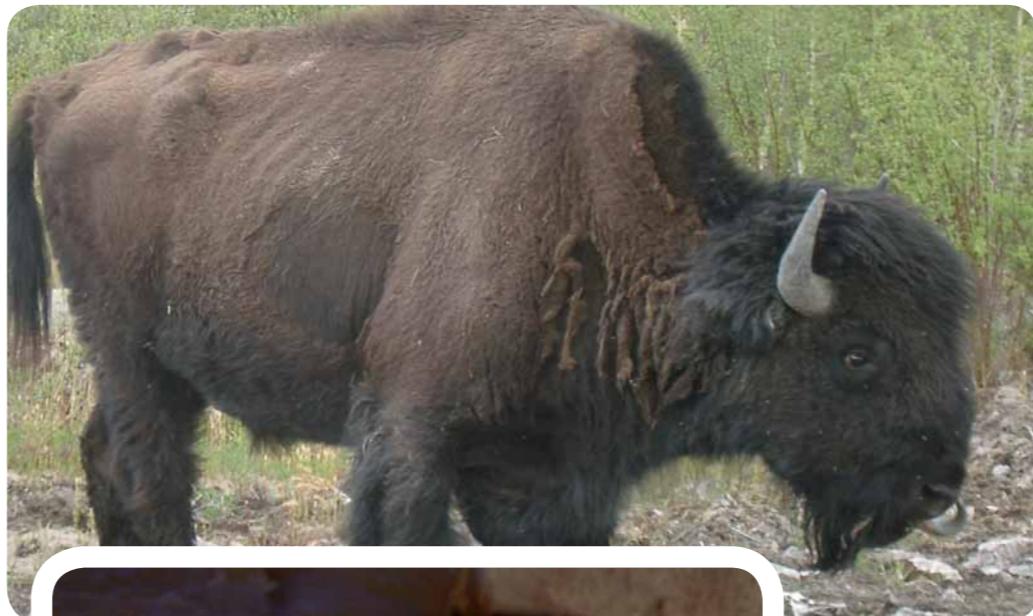
The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* (the Act) provides a process to identify, protect and recover species at risk in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The Act applies to any wild animal, plant or other species that is managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. It applies everywhere in the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claims agreement.



Red-sided Garter Snake - Photo Credit: Mike Oldham

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2011 TO MARCH 31, 2012

The Conference of Management Authorities held three meetings during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The Akaitcho Territory Government, Dehcho First Nations and Northwest Territory Métis Nation were invited to participate in Conference meetings.



Wood Bison - Photo Credit: John Nishi



American White Pelican - Photo Credit: Mark Bradley/Parks Canada

The Conference accomplished the following tasks:

- Launched the NWT Species at Risk website: www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca;
- Continued work towards developing *Guidelines for Management Plans and Recovery Strategies* under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*; and
- Awarded a total of \$30,000 in Species at Risk Stewardship Program funding to six projects:
 - Producing a Gwich'in species at risk brochure;
 - Learning about species at risk of the taiga shield at the Tibbitt Lake Taiga Shield Study Camp;
 - Learning about species at risk by the NWT Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders;
 - Learning about species at risk issues and legislation at the Dehcho Youth Ecology Camp;
 - Learning about species at risk, governance and stewardship at the Reindeer Daze History Camp; and
 - Building capacity for breeding bird surveys in the Inuvik and Fort McPherson areas.

The Conference of Management Authorities has not yet completed any consensus agreements.

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



Little Brown Myotis - Photo Credit: Joanna Wilson/ENR



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;
- Sahtu Renewable Resources Board;
- Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board;
- Tł'chǫ Government;
- Government of Canada; and
- Government of the Northwest Territories.

Each Management Authority may have three representatives attend Conference meetings. The representatives are not required to be the same for every meeting.

The Conference develops consensus agreements on listing species at risk, conservation measures, management plans and recovery strategies.



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Respectfully submitted,

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