



CONFERENCE OF
MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITIES
SPECIES AT RISK

ANNUAL REPORT
2014-2015



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Under subsection 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 by September 30 each year. This annual report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2015.



Polar bear tracks – Photo Credit: John Lucas Jr.



Western toad – Photo Credit: Mark Thompson

THE SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT

The Species at Risk (NWT) 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 in most areas of the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claim agreement.

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2014 TO MARCH 31, 2015

The Conference of Management Authorities held four meetings during the 2014-2015 fiscal year. The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Akaitcho Territory Government, Dehcho First Nations, North Slave Métis Alliance, Northwest Territory Métis Nation and Salt River First Nation were invited to observe or participate in Conference meetings.

The Conference accomplished the following tasks:

Status Assessments Received

Received species status assessments from the Species at Risk Committee for the following species:

- **Wolverine (not at risk)**, and
- **Western toad (threatened)**.

Listing Decisions in Progress

Initiated the process to decide whether to add **western toad** to the NWT List of Species at Risk. **Wolverine** was assessed by the Species at Risk Committee as **not at risk** and will, therefore, not be added to the NWT List of Species at Risk.

Consensus Agreements on Listing

Completed and submitted to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources the following consensus agreements to add species to the NWT List of Species at Risk:

- **Northern leopard frog** (*Lithobates pipiens*) – **threatened**, and
- **Dolphin and Union caribou** (*Rangifer tarandus*) – **special concern**.

Recovery Strategies and Management Planning

Initiated the process to develop a recovery strategy for **northern leopard frog** and a management plan for **Dolphin and Union caribou** by March 2017. Continued work to develop NWT recovery strategies for **boreal caribou**, **Peary caribou and hairy braya**, and an NWT management plan for **polar bear**.

Species at Risk Stewardship Program

Awarded a total of \$25,000 in Species at Risk Stewardship Program funding to five projects:

- Deninu Kue First Nation – Traditional Use Study: Woodland Caribou Habitat and Habitat Use Study,
- Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council – Mackenzie and Arctic Red River Survey of Bank Swallows,
- Fly Kid Foundation – Grace Lake and Kam Lake: "A Living Classroom",
- Ecology North – Northern Myotis Awareness Campaign, and
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board – Bat Habitat Enhancement and Education Project.

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

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:

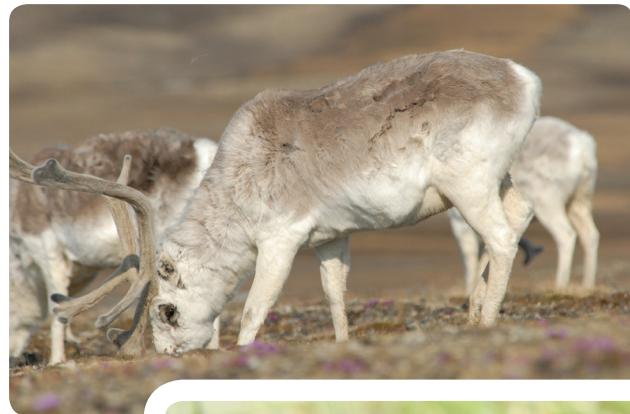
- Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT),
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board,
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board,
- Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board,
- Tł'chǫ Government,
- Government of Canada, and
- Government of the Northwest Territories.

Each Management Authority may have three representatives attend Conference meetings.

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

NWT LIST OF SPECIES AT RISK

Threatened	Boreal caribou
Threatened	Hairy braya
Threatened	Northern leopard frog
Threatened	Peary caribou
Special Concern	Dolphin and Union caribou
Special Concern	Polar bear



Peary caribou – Photo Credit: Charles Francis



Northern leopard frog – Photo Credit: Kris Kendall



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For more information about the Conference of Management Authorities and its activities, please visit:

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Respectfully submitted,



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Cover Photos:

Woodland caribou (boreal population) – Photo Credit: John Nagy (right)

Hairy braya – Photo Credit: Jim Harris (left)