

Conference of Management Authorities (CMA)
Meeting Minutes – June 11-12, 2014
Royal Canadian Legion Boardroom, Hay River, NT

In attendance:	Representative for:
Amy Amos	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, Alternate Chairperson
Natalka Melnycky	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board - resource person
Johnny Charlie	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Cindy Allen	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Jack Bird	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Lynda Yonge	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Joanna Wilson	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Lisa Worthington	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT – resource person
Marjorie Matheson-Maund	Tłı̄chǫ Government
Deborah Simmons	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
Rob Gau	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Charles Pokiak	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Marsha Branigan	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (Day 2)
James Malone	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) – resource person
John McCullum	Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board
Don Aubrey	Parks Canada
Robert Kent	Parks Canada (Day 1)
Bruce McDonald	Environment Canada (Day 1)
Arthur Beck	Northwest Territory Métis Nation
Alex Fanni	Acho Dene Koe First Nation (Day 1)
Kayley Deneron	Acho Dene Koe First Nation (Day 1)
Claire Singer	Species at Risk Secretariat
Kendra McGreish	Species at Risk Secretariat
Suzanne Carrière	Species at Risk Committee, Alternate Chairperson (Day 2)

DAY 1 – MORNING

9:00 am – In-Camera Session

#A2014061101: Secretariat to pick up satellite microphones [4-5] for the next meeting to facilitate conference call communication.

#A2014061102: Secretariat to circulate document comparing costs of meetings within and outside of Yellowknife.

#A2014061103: Secretariat to check flight times for Fort Simpson meeting and if necessary, re-schedule to make travel for members easier.

#A2014061104: Secretariat to add a discussion about how to deal with lesser known species to the next meeting agenda. Each Management Authority should discuss this with their home organizations.

#D2014061101: Management Authorities agreed that future meeting agendas should incorporate 1 hour for in-camera discussion.

10:00 am – Meeting Call to Order

1. Opening prayer - led by Johnny Charlie

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2. Introductions - *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*

3. Agenda – *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*
Review of draft agenda.

#D2014061102: Consensus to approve agenda with changes.

4. Minutes from last CMA meeting – *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*
Review of draft minutes from January 14-15, 2014 meeting in Yellowknife.

CMA requested that future meeting minutes include the meeting schedule.

#A2014061105: Secretariat to include meeting schedule in future meeting minutes.

#D2014061103: Consensus to approve January 14-15, 2014 after the addition of page numbers.

5. Review of action items – *led by Claire Singer, Secretariat*
Review of outstanding action items from past meetings and actions items from previous meeting.

6. CMA work plan – *led by Claire Singer, Secretariat*
Review of updated CMA work plan.

Following up on the CMA request to include timelines for management plans and recovery strategies in the work plan, the Secretariat revised the work plan and presented it for discussion. It's a very general timeline, based on the schedule included in the *Guidelines and Template for Management Plans and Recovery Strategies*.

- Important dates from the Act are November 27, 2015, when the CMA will submit the consensus agreement to the Minister of ENR, and February 27, 2016, when the Minister of ENR will provide the accepted strategy to the Management Authorities and make it public.
- The Act also notes that once Management Authorities receive the final draft, they must meet to determine actions forward for the consensus agreement. There has also been some discussion in the past about having a conference call prior to consensus agreement-signing meeting. These are items that should also be incorporated in a work schedule.
- A more detailed timeline should be developed working backwards from those dates.
- All of the steps to developing the final strategy, including public consultation, need to occur by September 2015 so there is sufficient time to have the consensus agreements submitted by November 27, 2015.
- This item was revisited in more detail in agenda item #15.

7. CMA decisions made since last meeting – *led by Claire Singer, Secretariat*
Review of decisions made since the January 14-15, 2014 meeting.

- Approval to request removal of Nahanni Aster from the Species Assessment Schedule.
- Approval of letter to SARC requesting removal of Nahanni Aster from Species Assessment Schedule.
- Approval of letter of invitation to the North Slave Métis Alliance.
- Listing of Boreal Caribou, Peary Caribou, Polar Bear and Hairy Braya (consensus agreements posted to website, NWT List of Species at Risk added to website, Gazette announcement).
- Funding allocation for 2014-2015 Species at Risk Stewardship Program.

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8. CMA letters sent and received since last meeting – *led by Claire Singer, Secretariat Letters sent and received since the January 14-15, 2014 meeting.*

- February 14, 2014 – GNWT to SARC re: request for clarification on Northern Leopard Frog assessment
- February 27, 2014 – SARC to CMA re: importance of SARC member attendance
- February 27, 2014 – SARC to GNWT re: clarification of the assessment of Northern Leopard Frog
- March 20, 2014 – CMA to SARC re: request to remove Nahanni Aster from Species Assessment Schedule
- April 9, 2014 – SARC to CMA re: new SARC Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson
- April 9, 2014 – SARC to CMA re: removal of Nahanni Aster from Species Assessment Schedule
- May 16, 2014 – CMA to NSMA re: invitation to observe CMA meetings
- June 5, 2014 – CMA to SARC re: new CMA Chairperson and Alternate Chairperson

9. Updates from Management Authorities on Actions Taken Since Last CMA Meeting and Changes to Representatives – *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*

GNWT

- The GNWT has hired Lisa Worthington to build the management plans and recovery strategies for Boreal Caribou, Peary Caribou, Polar Bear and Hairy Braya.
- There is also work on boreal caribou range planning taking place as well as a draft Mackenzie Bison Management Plan developed in accordance with the federal SARA listing of Wood Bison.
- Suggest revision to CMA Rules of Conduct, allowing contractors, facilitators or other people doing work for the CMA to attend without going through the same observer request process that is currently noted in the Rules of Conduct.

#A2014061106: Secretariat to draft amendments to the CMA Rules of Conduct to allow exceptions to the rules governing observers; specifically, amendments should allow for the attendance of people like contractors and facilitators who are doing specific work for the CMA.

Government of Canada

- Peary Caribou Recovery Strategy: a team has been put together to draft the strategy. This includes community HTOs, HTAs, management boards, plus communities within the range. Going to be having an all-chairs meeting to look at key sections of the recovery strategy and work on the knowledge assessment for critical habitat identification. That assessment should be complete by fall 2014, as should the first draft recovery strategy. Hoping to complete the strategy by late winter 2014 and then begin consulting on the draft in the spring and fall of 2015.
- Agreement to contribute to the GNWT July 2015 Peary Caribou survey on Banks Island (\$50,000).
- Environment Canada drafted a new path forward for the development of a management plan for Polar Bear. The proposal is for Environment Canada to draft a management plan that's quite broad that allows the integration of more detailed regional plans (NU and NWT). Anticipate having an approved management plan on the federal SARA registry by October 2014.
- Hairy Braya is being considered for listing under the federal SARA. Path forward will be developed after listing decision. If it is listed, Canada may simply choose to adopt the NWT's recovery strategy.

Tłı̨chǰ Government

- No updates.

Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC(NWT))

- Charles Pokiak attending on behalf of Larry Carpenter.
- Next regular WMAC (NWT) meeting will be in Sachs Harbour, June 20-22, 2014.
- WMAC (NWT)'s planning to attend the Inupiat-Inuvialuit meeting in mid-August in Vancouver, BC. Anticipating meeting with Alaska representatives to discuss several items on polar bears.
- There is a tentative plan for an Inuit-Inuvialuit meeting in either Cambridge Bay or Yellowknife to discuss polar bears and potentially caribou issues.
- WMAC (NWT) representatives attended 15th annual North American Caribou Workshop in Whitehorse last month.

Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB)

- No changes to CMA members, although Cindy Allen is attending on behalf of Eugene. Nataalka is the lead for federal and territorial species at risk-related activities. Amy has taken on the role of Alternate Chairperson with the CMA.
- Worked with the Gwich'ya Gwich'in on their stewardship application to survey Bank Swallows, which was successful.
- There was a contingent of GRRB members that went to the 15th annual North American Caribou Workshop.
- Collect harvest information from communities twice a year, so use this opportunity to include species at risk-related question on the reverse side of the data collection form.

Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (SRRB)

- No changes to representatives.
- The SRRB is gearing up for the Species at Risk book launch in each of the Sahtú communities. Tasha Stephenson with ENR has agreed to help develop lesson plans for the schools and the Aboriginal Languages Office has indicated that they would like to translate it into all NWT official languages. SRRB notes that the translation may not be appropriate though because the book is based on Sahtú elder stories.
- Working towards doing our first species at risk-specific traditional knowledge study on Wolverine. Applied to AFSAR for funding. ENR's Sahtú Office asked SRRB for a briefing regarding the SRRB's history of conducting TK studies. SRRB will provide ENR with a briefing note on this matter.

#A2014061107: Deborah Simmons to circulate briefing note describing the SRRB's experience doing TK studies to the CMA when it's ready.

- Jean Polfus working with people of Norman Wells on sample swabbing. There has been positive community feedback on this.
- Helping to revise the *Detailed Instructions for Preparation of a SARC Status Report: Traditional and Community Knowledge*.

Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)

- Eddie Chocolate replaced Charlie Rabesca on the board.

Acho Dene Koe First Nation

- The Chief and Council have been kept up to date on CMA activities related to boreal caribou.

- Agreement-in-Principle was signed and now in final stages of their land claim negotiations. The ADKFN have a mandate to select about 6000 square kilometers of land in the NWT for their settlement lands. Selection of settlement lands expected by September.
- Also signed onto devolution.
- Chief and council now thinking more about implementation, including the management of wildlife. Would like to discuss when the ADKFN could become a Management Authority under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*.
 - There was a discussion that followed that explained that Management Authorities are those that have legislated management authority for wildlife management in the NWT. A question was asked if the ADK final agreement would include legislated wildlife management authority.
 - Unsure at this point whether a wildlife management board or legislated management authority will be included in the final agreement.
 - If the final agreement includes direct wildlife management authority (rather than a board), the Act would likely need to be amended before the ADKFN could be considered a Management Authority.

#A2014061108: Alexander Fanni to look into whether the ADKFN will be assuming direct wildlife management authority following completion of their final agreement, or whether a wildlife management board will be developed instead.

Northwest Territory Métis Nation

- No updates.

10. Species at Risk Stewardship Program Update – led by Kendra McGreish
Funding awarded and other updates.

Overview of the four approved projects and discussion about the two potential projects that the remaining funding may go to.

11. ENR: *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* Annual Report – led by Lynda Yonge
ENR's 2013-14 annual report on the implementation of the Act.

#A2014061109: Secretariat to post ENR's 2013-14 Annual Report on the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* on the NWT Species at Risk website.

12. Application of *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* in the NWT– led by Amy Amos, *Alternate Chairperson*
Review of information regarding the application of the Act on federal lands. Discussion of implications for species assessments, listing, and management.

- Recent information has raised questions about the applicability of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* on true federal lands, including National Parks and National Park Reserves. As a result of this information, the CMA asked SARC to remove Nahanni Aster, which only occurs in Nahanni National Park Reserve, from the Species Assessment Schedule. SARC did this, but raised a number of questions regarding the broader implications of this decision.
- The federal SARA provides a full suite of tools for managing species at risk in National Parks and National Park Reserves and as such, the legislative field is filled. Although SARC could still

assess Nahanni Aster, Management Authorities would have no ability to list or manage the species; it was therefore considered not to be the best use of resources.

- The CMA agreed that although the request to SARC only referenced Nahanni Aster, the same would hold true for any species occurring exclusively within the bounds of a National Park or National Park Reserve. Looking beyond the species level, the same would also hold true for a distinct population that would be assessed separately from the rest of the species.
- Otherwise, for species, populations, subpopulations and distinct populations whose ranges occur partially within a National Park or National Park Reserve, the CMA feels that SARC should assess the species, population, subpopulation or distinct population as whole, including the portion on federal lands. It would make sense for the CMA and the federal government to work together in these instances. In particular, this will mean that the Nyarling herd/subpopulation of wood bison (which occurs only within Wood Buffalo National Park) should be considered as part of the assessment of the broader Greater Wood Buffalo Ecosystem population.
- More detail is required on which particular sections of the Act become inoperative on true federal lands. ENR will look into this, and will also look into applicability in National Defense Sites, National Historic Areas, and migratory bird sanctuaries.

#A2014061110: ENR to draft a formal response to SARC regarding applicability of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* on federal lands, and to further research the applicability of the Act in National Defense Sites, Historic Sites, and migratory bird sanctuaries.

13. Annual Reports – *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*
Review of draft SARC and CMA annual reports.

Request to remove sentence regarding Act applicability on federal lands from both the CMA and SARC annual reports. Revised wording for the SARC annual report regarding removal of Nahanni Aster also suggested.

#A2014061111: Secretariat to make discussed edits to the CMA Annual Report. Secretariat to present suggested amendments to the SARC annual report to the Chairperson of SARC for consideration.

#D2014061104: Consensus to approve the CMA annual report with discussed amendments.

14. Species Assessment Schedule – *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*
Review of proposed SARC assessment schedule.

Suggestion put forward to ask SARC to consider revising the assessment schedule by placing species in regional groupings. This would make subsequent consultations and decisions more efficient. This would be applicable only 2016-onward because work on the 2014/2015 species is already underway. With this in mind, Drummond Bluebell would be moved from 2016 to 2018, to be assessed with other species occurring within the Inuvialuit Settlement Region.

In the case that one species among a regional grouping is of higher priority/concern than the other species in that regional grouping, the CMA would be supportive of assessing all species in the regional grouping on the schedule of the most at risk species. It is also within the purview of any Management Authority to require the assessment of any species. ENR agreed to provide some suggested regional groupings for SARC to use as a starting point.

CMA also briefly reviewed the information gaps table and cover letter submitted by SARC. GRRB indicated that they would be able to follow up on TK information available for Peregrine Falcon.

#D2014061105: Consensus to approve assessment schedule up until 2016 with the rescheduling of Drummond Bluebell [to after 2016] and for SARC to reconsider schedule after 2017, including consideration of grouping regional species.

#A2014061112: Regarding information gaps table, GRRB to follow up about what Gwich'in TK information is available on the Peregrine Falcon.

15. Boreal Caribou – *led by Joanna Wilson & Lisa Worthington (Environment and Natural Resources) Goals, objectives and actions towards the development of a recovery strategy. Discussion of consultation materials provided by GNWT.*

Goal and objective setting exercise led by Joanna and Lisa. CMA members were divided into 4 groups; each reported on their suggested recovery goals and objectives. After presentation of these ideas, discussion points were covered with the whole group. Discussion led to the identification of a number of recovery goals and objectives that will be integrated into the draft Boreal Caribou Recovery Strategy for the NWT.

After the recovery strategy is done, under the Act, there's 9 months to reach an agreement on implementing the strategy. If that deadline is missed, the responsibility for implementation shifts to the Minister of ENR. The recovery strategy will therefore need to include an implementation statement of some kind. The intent generally is to create a recovery strategy that's sufficiently action-oriented that a separate implementation plan can be avoided.

Following up on earlier work planning discussion, an updated work plan was presented by Joanna and Lisa. Some alterations to the schedule were discussed by the CMA.

#A2014061113: Secretariat to circulate draft Boreal Caribou Recovery Strategy work plan to the CMA.

Some discussion regarding revising the regular CMA meeting schedule. Since recovery planning will now be a regular occurrence, it may be worthwhile to shift to a regular meeting schedule that accommodates those timelines.

DAY 2 - MORNING

9:00 am – Meeting Call to Order

16. Roles and Responsibilities – *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*
Follow-up from workshop action items – January 2014 meeting.

Deferred. Bring forward to next meeting.

17. Learning Session: Mock Species Assessment – *led by Dr. Suzanne Carrière (SARC)*
SARC assessment process and objective biological criteria.

Suzanne led CMA members through a mock species assessment. This allowed the CMA to better understand how SARC arrives at a particular assessment recommendation.

#A2014061201: Following future species assessments, Secretariat to work with SARC to summarize how SARC arrived at a particular assessment recommendation and submit to the CMA for their information.

- Follow-up on SARC member attendance – a reminder that it's important for full implementation of the Act. SARC has also started to struggle with quorum at times.

18. Presentation: Recommendations for Improving TK in Species Status Reports – *led by Deborah Simmons, SRRB*
CMA-related actions arising from contract to revise TK/CK guidelines for status report preparation.

Discussion focused on challenges and opportunities around doing good traditional knowledge (TK) work and around historical TK work that has been done. In this last decade there has been some rethinking about how traditional knowledge is considered and is used more on traditional knowledge terms. Some of the recommendations in the implementation document have broader implications for species at risk in the NWT, which is why this is being presented to the CMA. Interest in holding focused workshop at future CMA meeting to delve into these issues in more depth.

ENR holds responsibility for implementation of the Traditional Knowledge Policy. Currently proposing a workshop at the end of the summer in Norman Wells and would be interested in collaborating on some of these projects.

#A2014061202: Secretariat to circulate slideshow on recommendations for improving traditional knowledge in status reports to CMA members.

#D2014061201: Consensus to schedule workshop on use of TK in assessment and listing of species for the next face-to-face meeting.

19. CMA Meeting Schedule – *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*
Review of draft schedule for upcoming meetings.

January 13-14, 2015	Yellowknife
June 10-11, 2015	Fort Simpson
January 12-13, 2016	Yellowknife
June 8-9, 2016	Norman Wells
January 10-11, 2017	Yellowknife
June 7-8, 2017	Inuvik
January 9-10, 2018	Yellowknife
June 12-13, 2018	Hay River

#A2014061203: Secretariat to discuss dates for future conference calls and meetings with Joanna, to better line up with development needs of management plans and recovery strategies.

There had been a conference call tentatively scheduled for July 2014, but it was agreed that this was not necessary. A fall 2015 [October] meeting will need to be scheduled to develop consensus agreement for the recovery strategies and management plan. It may be easier to move all future June meetings to October to better line up with development of management plans and recovery strategies.

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New meetings to be added to the upcoming meeting schedule: August 2014 (conference call – WMAC (NWT) and GNWT to discuss consultation results on Dolphin and Union Caribou), late October/early November 2014 (conference call – WMAC(NWT) and GNWT to discuss Dolphin and Union Caribou), July 2015 (conference call), and October 2015 (face-to-face).

20. Next steps and action items – *led by Kendra McGreish, Secretariat*
Overview of next steps and action items so far.

21. Selection of Ad-hoc Chairperson – *led by Amy Amos, Alternate Chairperson*

Suzanne Carrière sitting in as an observer. Marsha Branigan attending as a WMAC (NWT) member (via conference call).

Attending: Joanna Wilson, Lynda Yonge, Lisa Worthington, Charles Pokiak, James Malone, Rob Gau, Claire Singer, Kendra McGreish.

#D2014061202: Consensus for Rob to be the Ad hoc chair for the review of recovery strategies and management plans.

22. Polar Bear - *led by Ad-hoc Chairperson*
Update on progress towards a recovery strategy.

Review of the preliminary Polar Bear Management Plan draft, next steps, timelines, budget, and plans for the summer. Previous direction from WMAC (NWT) was to develop an ISR-wide management plan (with WMAC (North Slope) and Yukon Government) for the sake of efficiency. Jurisdictional plans for polar bear will be integrated into the broader federal polar bear management plan. Content is largely based on the SARC species status report.

- Comments have been submitted by WMAC (North Slope). The relevant documents were provided to Evan Richardson and Donna Bigelow at Environment Canada as well. They haven't returned any comments yet, but we wanted to provide them an opportunity to do so.
- A conference call was hosted to get people together to do a 'threats assessment'. Attendees were limited, but included some ENR, Environment Canada, and WMAC (NWT). Outcomes of the teleconference were sent out after to everyone that had been invited.
- Agreed to reconvene to complete another threats calculator – next Friday June 20 at 2:30pm. It would be a good idea to put the threats calculator in as an Appendix.

Need to remember that the CMA template, while developed, has never been used before so it may be necessary to make some amendments as we go. The threat management column is something that was specifically asked to be included but it is proving difficult to fill in. It might be easier to discuss this in the text rather than in the column of the table, but perhaps it can be left for now because it may prove to be useful there as things start to develop. Perhaps it would be helpful to build an appendix listing all of the threats rather than having them all in the text, and instead have the text (section 3.8.1) reference the most important ones and the appendix.

- WMAC (North Slope) and the IGC seemed happy with original action plan but may be proposing some changes after reviewing it again. Their major concerns were:
 - 1) They felt the list of actions was very detailed and restrictive. They suggested greatly simplifying it and that all sub-bullets may not necessarily be appropriate. Perhaps the extra detail could be

moved to an appendix.

2) They also suggested taking out wording for 'near term' and 'in perpetuity'; however, their replacement wording 'consistent with the IFA' doesn't seem like it's an appropriate part of a conservation goal. WMAC (NWT) and ENR should review the North Slope comments. WMAC (NWT) especially needs to discuss the goals, objectives and actions as well as the North Slope comments.

Suggestion to develop a power point presentation that would outline the main parts of the plan that could be taken to Sachs Harbour next week in lieu of the whole draft 1. WMAC (NWT) may also be able to get posters and distribute them around the community. Could also have a WMAC (NWT) public meeting.

Items needed for next Wednesday's meeting in Sachs Harbour: quick revisions to this document as discussed, revised work plan and a PowerPoint outlining the major components of the draft plan. This will need to be added to the WMAC (NWT) agenda.

#A2014061204: WMAC (NWT) to explore getting the approach and details of the polar bear management plan on the Inupiat-Inuvialuit meeting agenda.

23. Peary Caribou - *led by Ad-hoc Chairperson*
Update on progress towards a recovery strategy.

The approach for the NWT Peary Caribou Recovery Strategy is to wait until the federal recovery strategy is ready and hopefully adopt the relevant sections of it, rather than conducting separate consultations and drafting. Their schedule should line up cleanly with the CMA schedule.

24. Hairy Braya - *led by Ad-hoc Chairperson*
Update on progress towards a recovery strategy.

Draft 1 of a Hairy Braya Recovery Strategy has been completed. It will be provided to ENR and WMAC (NWT) to review prior to July 7, 2014.

ENR organized a teleconference in May partly to do the threat assessment for Hairy Braya but also to brainstorm recovery ideas. Jim Harris, Suzanne Carrière, Lisa Worthington and Joanna Wilson attended the conference call. Ideas that were developed at the meeting were sent out to everyone who had been invited. Environment Canada and the Inuvialuit Land Administration, in addition to WMAC (NWT) and GNWT were invited because of where the plant is located.

#A2014061205: Secretariat to remind WMAC (NWT) and GNWT to hold a bilateral teleconference to discuss management plan and recovery strategy planning outcomes for the week of July 7th.

It's important to build these plans in a manner that they don't get left on the shelf and so they're regularly revisited and used. Having a regular check-in process is our objective to keep them rolling. Should also keep in mind the Inuvialuit/Inupiat meetings. Need to contact whoever is making the agenda to provide them with the necessary information.

#A2014061206: Secretariat to explore scheduling a third day or an extra half day of meetings for relevant Management Authorities when management plans and recovery strategies are being

discussed.

25. Dolphin and Union Caribou - *led by Ad-hoc Chairperson*

Updates on consultation activities and timelines towards the development of a consensus agreement on listing.

A consensus agreement will need to be arrived at by late October 2014. There's a Cabinet meeting in the GNWT on October 9, 2014, for which an information item will need to be developed (informing Cabinet of ENR's listing position. All documents need to be ready to go to Cabinet on October 2, 2014. GNWT internal briefings will take place in late September 2014, so in early September, ENR will compile and consider all input from consultations. The public comment period will end on September 9, 2014, starting in early July. Media releases, green screens, etc., will be used to advertise for public comments. Section 35 consultation letters will go out in July.

WMA (NWT) will aim to have everything done before their September council meeting, currently scheduled for September 15-17, 2014 in Whitehorse.

#A2014061207: Secretariat to set up conference call in late August for Management Authorities (GNWT and WMA (NWT)) to touch base on what they've heard so far in consultations regarding the potential listing of Dolphin and Union Caribou and Northern Leopard Frog.

#A2014061208: Secretariat to set up conference call in late October/early November to develop consensus agreement on listing Dolphin and Union Caribou.

#A2014061209: Secretariat to re-send Dolphin and Union Caribou and Northern Leopard Frog consultation material to CMA members.

26. Selection of Ad-hoc Chairperson - *led by Claire Singer, Secretariat*

#D2014061203: Consensus for Lynda to be the Ad-hoc Chairperson for the review of Northern Leopard Frog listing.

27. Northern Leopard Frog – *led by Ad-hoc Chairperson*

Updates on consultation activities and timelines towards the development of a consensus agreement.

The schedule for Northern Leopard Frog is the same as the one for Dolphin and Union caribou.