

Conference of Management Authorities (CMA) – Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) and Government of the Northwest Territories only
Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2014

Purpose: To discuss results of consultation and engagement on the potential listing of Dolphin and Union Caribou.

In attendance:	Representative for:
Lynda Yonge	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Evan Walz	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Stephen Charlie	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Joanna Wilson	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT – resource person
Rob Gau	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
James Malone	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) – resource person
Claire Singer	Species at Risk Secretariat
Michelle Henderson	Species at Risk Secretariat

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Community engagement tour has been completed. There were some comments about the potential listing of Dolphin and Union Caribou, but nothing substantial that could alter the proposed listing. WMAC (NWT) meets September 14-16, 2014. Council will review the results of consultation and will draft a resolution at that point.

Government of the Northwest Territories

The public comment period started on July 9, 2014 and will close on September 8, 2014. It invited input from the public on the proposed listing of both Dolphin and Union Caribou and Northern Leopard Frog through advertisements on the species at risk website, the newspaper, green screens and email distribution. Not a lot of response to date. A few questions were received with respect to the potential listing of Dolphin and Union Caribou, but these questions were related to jurisdiction and management, and have little bearing on the potential listing.

Regarding the completion of section 35 consultation on potential adverse effects of the listing on Aboriginal or treaty rights, official consultation letters were sent to organizations with asserted or established rights within the NWT range of these species were sent. Comments were due on September 2, 2014; however, no input was received. Reminders were sent to these same organizations and they will be provided with an additional week to submit comments.

The potential listing of Dolphin and Union Caribou and Northern Leopard Frog was also provided to the Interdepartmental Species at Risk Committee (InterSARC), which is composed of representatives from all GNWT departments that may have an interest in species at risk. No feedback has been received to date from InterSARC members.

If comments affecting the potential listing of Dolphin and Union Caribou do arrive, the GNWT will provide them to WMAC (NWT) to help inform their council discussions.

A2014090301: WMAC (NWT) and GNWT to send Secretariat consultation and engagement summaries for listing of Dolphin and Union Caribou and Northern Leopard Frog (GNWT only) by October 31, 2014, for inclusion in Addendum B of the consensus agreements.

A2014090302: Management Authorities (WMAC (NWT) and GNWT) to identify prior to the November 7, 2014 conference call, through appropriate internal procedures (i.e., resolutions, Decision Papers, etc.), a representative each who will be responsible for signing the consensus agreement(s) on behalf of their organizations.

A2014090303: Secretariat to draft consensus agreements for the listing of Dolphin and Union Caribou and Northern Leopard Frog and circulate to Management Authorities (WMAC (NWT) and GNWT) prior to the November 7, 2014 conference call.

GNWT update re: NWT Polar Bear Management Plan

A conference call with Yukon Territorial Government (YTG) representatives was held on September 2, 2014. The YTG had provided comments on the Inuvialuit Settlement Region's Polar Bear Management Plan and this conference call was to discuss the nature of their involvement and to identify points of contact in their organization.

Drafts of the management plan and requests for input should come from the GNWT (Environment and Natural Resources) to the YTG. The YTG is interested in receiving things in a timely manner so that they have the same information available to them as everyone else does. More generally, when distributing drafts, the most efficient way is to send them directly to the four organizations (GNWT, YTG, WMAC (NWT) and WMAC (NS)). This hasn't always been done in the past, but will ensure that everyone's getting materials at the same time.

WMAC (NWT) representatives at this meeting will take this message back to the Council and advise the GNWT if there are any concerns with this approach.

Next Meeting

Friday, November 14, 2014 @ 1:30am Conference Call (WMAC (NWT) and GNWT only to finalize consensus agreements on listing Dolphin and Union Caribou and Northern Leopard Frog)