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NAME	APPOINTING ORGANIZATION	MEMBER SINCE	TERM EXPIRY
Chairperson/Alternate Chairperson			
Leon Andrew (Chairperson)	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (ʔehdzo Got'ı̨nę Gots'ę́ Nákedı)	May 31, 2016	May 30, 2031
Dr. Suzanne Carrière (Alt. Chairperson)	Environment and Climate Change (ECC)	February 26, 2010	March 31, 2030
Members			
Lynda Yonge	Environment and Climate Change (ECC)	March 24, 2017	March 23, 2027
Petter Jacobsen	ECC, on the advice of the CMA	December 19, 2020	December 19, 2030
Sam Bullock	ECC, on the advice of the CMA	January 3, 2023	January 2, 2028
Robert (Bobby) Migwi	Wek'èezhìı Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)	February 2, 2024	February 2, 2029
Alissa Sallans	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB)	January 10, 2025	January 10, 2030
Kristi Benson	ECC, on the advice of the CMA	March 29, 2024	March 31, 2029
Jessica Norris	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)	June 25, 2024	May 31, 2029
Dr. Jan Adamczewski	Environment and Climate Change (ECC)	April 1, 2025	March 31, 2030
Alternate Members			
Karin Clark	Wek'èezhìı Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)	August 26, 2026	October 31, 2027
Robert Charlie-Tetlichi	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB)	January 31, 2024	January 31, 2029
Dang Dang Gruben	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)	June 25, 2024	September 1, 2030
Cory Fournier	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board (ʔehdzo Got'ı̨nę Gots'ę́ Nákedı)	May 15, 2026	May 15, 2031

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MEMBERS

Leon Andrew:

Leon is a Shúhtaot'ıné elder with the Tulít'a Dene Band. He is the Research Director and Chair of the Nę K'ə Dene Ts'ılı (Living on the Land) Forum. He served as a Special Advisor to the ʔehdzo Got'ıné Gots'ę́ Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board) for many years. He has been an advisor to Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and the Government of the Northwest Territories on Transboundary Water negotiations with Alberta. Leon was an Access and Benefits negotiator and served on the Canol Heritage Trail Committee for the Tulít'a District during 2004-2006. He has also served on the Board of the Tulít'a Land and Financial Corporation. Leon has provided his research expertise on numerous traditional knowledge studies, assisted and advised GNWT Archeologists from the Prince of Wales Museum, and is also an experienced interpreter in Dene and English languages. He was an active trapper in the Tulít'a area and has first-hand experience of both the positive and negative effects of exploration activities on the environment and traditional economy of the Northwest Territories. Leon is recognized as one of the Sahtú Region's most experienced researchers, and he serves in a leading capacity in various regional, national and international research programs involving research and monitoring: the NWT Water Stewardship Strategy, Mackenzie River Basin Board, the Canadian Mountain Network, Northern Water Futures, and Ărramăt: Biodiversity Conservation and the Health and Well-being of Indigenous Peoples (New Frontiers in Research Fund of Canada's research Tri-Agency). Leon was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the ʔehdzo Got'ıné Gots'ę́ Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board).

Dr. Suzanne Carrière:

Suzanne holds a B.Sc. and an M.Sc. from McGill University and a Ph.D. from L'Université Laval. She brings many decades of experience as a wildlife biologist, gaining field experience in the National Park Service, in private firms working on environmental assessments in northern Quebec, and as a wildlife biologist for the Government of the Northwest Territories. Now retired, she was a departmental authority on biodiversity planning, research, monitoring, and management. She has extensive experience in species assessment as she was a voting member for the NWT on the Committee on Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) from 1998 to 2023. Suzanne served as a member of the SARC since 2010 and is currently its Alternate Chairperson. Suzanne was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

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Lynda Yonge:

Lynda brings more than twenty years of experience with wildlife and species at risk management in the NWT. She holds a B.Sc. degree in Zoology from the University of British Columbia and a Master of Environmental Studies from York University with a specialization in environmentally sustainable development. She worked for the Department of Environment and Climate Change in a variety of positions including Species at Risk Specialist, Wildlife Management Specialist and Director of Wildlife. During that time, she played a key role in developing the collaborative process that resulted in the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* and the *Wildlife Act* and was a key player in drafting the two acts. She has a strong knowledge of the legislation and processes in place to identify, assess, list and manage/recover species at risk as well as with the tools available to manage wildlife to prevent them from becoming at risk. She has been involved with the management of a wide range of species including polar bears, barren-ground caribou, boreal caribou and wood bison, and brings a personal passion and commitment to conservation. Lynda was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories.

Petter Jacobsen:

Petter has a Bachelor of Arts in Cultural Anthropology (2008) and a Master of Arts in First Nations Studies/Environmental Studies (2011) from the University of Northern British Columbia. Petter works primarily with the Tłı̨chǫ Government's Dedats'eetsaa: Tłı̨chǫ Research and Training Institute. As an anthropologist and traditional knowledge researcher, Petter's work has focused on organizing and conducting Tłı̨chǫ knowledge research on barren-ground caribou, with an emphasis on integrating traditional knowledge into caribou management. Over the past decade, his principal work has been leading Ekwǫ̀ Nàxoèhdee K'è (Boots on the Ground), an on-the-land monitoring program through which he spends extended periods on the barrenlands conducting caribou research alongside Tłı̨chǫ elders. Originally from Norway, Petter has lived in Yellowknife since 2012. In 2020, he was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories on the advice of the Conference of Management Authorities.

Sam Bullock:

Sam works as lead advisor to the Fisheries Department for the Deline Renewable Resources Council under direction of the Deline Got'ine Government and is a full member of the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board. He was born on the land at his "Diidu" (grandmother)'s traditional seasonal fish camp on the Mackenzie River at Dachan Choo Gę̀hnjik (Tree River) and raised by Elders, who taught him to respect all life on land, water and air. Sam holds a diploma in Climate Change Management and has worked for the GNWT Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development in Yellowknife. In 1992, Sam and his wife Renata created and operated Bullocks' Bistro, a successful fish 'n' chips eatery in Yellowknife's Oldtown, for 26 years. Sam brings a lifelong commitment to fisheries and wildlife management on a foundation of Gwich'in Elder teachings and a keen interest in scientific observations.

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Sam was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Government of the Northwest Territories, on the advice of the Conference of Management Authorities.

Robert (Bobby) Migwi:

Bobby Migwi is from Behchokǫ̀, Northwest Territories. He has spent his entire life travelling the land with his family harvesting, fishing, and trapping. In the 1970s, he was in one of the last groups to travel to the barrenlands by canoe for caribou harvesting. He continues to pass on his knowledge to the youth of the Tłı̨chǫ region by bringing them on the land and teaching traditional survival, hunting, and trapping skills. Bobby was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Wek'èezhìı Renewable Resources Board.

Alissa Sallans:

Alissa has a BA in Environmental Studies from Trent University and an MSc in Sustainability from the University of Ottawa where her thesis looked at country food preferences among students across the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. Alissa has worked across the country in wildlife and habitat conservation roles. Working for Ontario Parks she ran citizen science programming to monitor local wildlife including bats, moths, birds, and amphibians. In Alberta she worked on habitat conservation with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA).

Locally she also completed species ID using wildlife cameras as part of an Alberta-British Colombia project to help better understand wildlife movements through the region. In the Yukon she worked at the Kluane Lake Research Station assisting with research projects including monitoring vegetation, Dall sheep, and groundwater. Having previously worked for Parks Canada in the Western Arctic Field Unit, Alissa was involved in muskox surveys, breeding bird surveys, vegetation sampling, collar retrievals, and oral history projects to name a few. Now working as the Species at Risk Biologist for the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, Alissa is tasked with working collaboratively across the Gwich'in Settlement Area to bring together community knowledge and scientific data to inform species at risk proposals and management plans.

Kristi Benson:

Kristi is a northern anthropologist and cartographer with more than 20 years of experience in conducting traditional land use, Indigenous knowledge, Geographical Information Systems (GIS), anthropological, oral history, archaeological, and other heritage projects. She has also worked integrating Indigenous knowledge into the environmental impact assessment process and various land and marine-use planning projects. Kristi's experience in the heritage field has taken place primarily in Canada's western Arctic. She has been affiliated with the Gwich'in Tribal Council Department of Culture and Heritage (and its predecessor, the Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute) since 2004. She has also worked with the

Inuvialuit and in the Sahtu; and worked in the International Polar Year with scientists and communities across the NWT. Kristi has conducted archaeological and ethnographic research in the NWT, Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, and Mexico, and has taught Anthropology and First Nations Studies classes at Aurora College and Malaspina University-College (now Vancouver Island University). Kristi received her BA and MA in archaeology from the University of Calgary and has technical training in GIS from the British Columbia Institute of Technology. She is also a professional dog trainer and ran a sled dog rescue for a decade.

Jessica Norris:

Jessica Norris is an Inuvialuit beneficiary, born and raised in the Northwest Territories, and is the Wildlife Biologist for the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) based in Inuvik. She holds a diploma with Honours in Renewable Resource Management from Yukon College, a Bachelor of Science in Northern Environmental and Conservation Science with Distinction from the University of Alberta, and will be finished her Master of Science in Renewable Resources/Wildlife Biology from McGill University in 2024. Her passions include advocating for northern wildlife within her traditional territory of the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. This interest directed her MSc thesis work which focused on using a mixed methods approach to understand the changes occurring within the reintroduced muskoxen population on the Yukon North Slope. She has expert knowledge in wildlife resources and always used traditional and community knowledge in wildlife management decisions and approaches. Jessica was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT).

Dr. Jan Adamczewski:

Dr. Jan Adamczewski has an B.Sc. in Wildlife Biology from the University of Guelph, an M.Sc. from the University of Alberta (thesis study on caribou of Coats Island), and a Ph.D. from the University of Saskatchewan (thesis study on body condition, reproduction and nutrition of muskoxen). His working experience includes two years as a biologist with the provincial government in St. John's, Newfoundland, a year with the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board in Norman Wells, NWT, nine years as a regional biologist with the Yukon government in Watson Lake, Yukon, and 17 years with the GNWT as ungulate biologist in Yellowknife, NWT. A large part of Jan's work with the GNWT was focused on monitoring and management of barren-ground caribou. Jan participated for ten years as a GNWT representative on the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board. Management aspects of Jan's work in Yukon and NWT were almost entirely through the collaborative management processes in place in Canada's northern territories, where the federal and territorial governments, Indigenous Governments, boards and communities all have a role. Jan's wildlife experience has largely been with ungulate species like caribou, muskoxen, moose and Dall's sheep, but he has also been involved in studies of pine marten, small mammals, songbirds, and other species.

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ALTERNATE MEMBERS

Karin Clark:

Karin has worked in the field of wildlife management and conservation for over 20 years with both the Wek'èezhìı Renewable Resources Board and the Government of the Northwest Territories. She has a passion and commitment to co-management in the NWT and brings a wealth of experience in collaborative, inter-disciplinary initiatives including facilitating the development and implementation of the Bathurst Caribou Range Plan and Bathurst Caribou Management Plan. Karin was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Wek'èezhìı Renewable Resources Board.

Robert Charlie-Tetlichi:

Robert was born in Fort McPherson, raised by his parents John Alfred Tetlichi (originally from Old Crow) and Annabella Robert (from Fort McPherson). Robert attended Residential School in Fort McPherson (Fleming Hall) and Inuvik (Stringer Hall). Robert spent his summers at their summer fish camp at Road River, learning traditional skills and conversing mainly in the Gwich'in language. Upon graduation, Robert attended the Adult Vocational Training Center in Fort Smith, taking a course in Basic Electronics. He then joined CN Telecommunications (Northwestel) and worked there as an electronics technician.

Robert has been active as a Counselor for the Inuvik Native Band/Nihtat Gwich'in Council and a Director for the Gwich'in Tribal Council. Robert was the past GRRB Chairperson for over 15 years and was responsible for establishing the office in Inuvik. Robert is currently the Chief of the Inuvik Native Band. Robert would like to see our youth graduate from High School, pursue further studies at a post-secondary institution and return to work for our organizations. Youth should also learn their traditional cultural on-the-land skills. Robert looks forward to working with the Communities and Co-management partners on wildlife, fish and forest management. Robert was appointed to the Species at Risk Committee by the Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board.

Dang Dang Gruben:

Dang Dang Gruben lives in Inuvik. He grew up practicing traditional subsistence activities throughout the Inuvialuit Settlement Region. He still enjoys harvesting and other outdoor activities. Dang Dang owns and operates his own guiding company, and has served on the following committees: Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Inuvik Hunters and Trappers Committee, and the Porcupine Caribou Management Board. He has expert knowledge about the wildlife resources in the Inuvialuit Settlement Region, and is a strong advocate for the importance of traditional and community knowledge and their uses in wildlife management. Dang Dang was appointed as an alternate to Jessica Norris to the Species at Risk Committee by the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT).

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Cory Fournier:

Cory Fournier is a wildlife biologist with over a decade of experience working across academia, government, and Indigenous-led resource management systems in Canada. He holds a Bachelor of Science from the University of Ottawa and a Master of Science from Trent University, where his graduate research focused on caribou movement ecology, connectivity, and population structure.

Cory began his career in natural resource management with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry and later with Environment and Climate Change Canada. His work has focused extensively on understanding multiple ecotypes of caribou across Canada, integrating genetic, spatial, and ecological data to examine population structure and connectivity at both regional and national scales.

He has worked closely with Indigenous governments and communities, particularly in the Sahtú Region of the Northwest Territories, where he now serves as a Biologist with the Sahtú Renewable Resources Board. His work focuses on community-led, collaborative, non-invasive wildlife monitoring, with an emphasis on advancing approaches that integrate Indigenous and western knowledge systems.

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