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Attendees	Organization
Jody Pellissey	CMA Chairperson/Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board
Sam Bullock	CMA Alternate Chairperson/Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Kaytlin Cooper	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Heather Sayine-Crawford	Environment and Natural Resources
Joanna Wilson	Environment and Natural Resources
Jessica Hurtubise	North Slave Métis Alliance
Larry Carpenter	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Jodie Maring	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Stephanie Behrens	Tł'chǫ Government
Ben Dosu	Sahtú Renewable Resources Board
Michelle Correa	Acho Dene Koe First Nation
Michele Grabke	Species at Risk Secretariat
Joslyn Oosenbrug	Species at Risk Secretariat

9:00am – In-Camera Session (Management Authorities)

9:30am – Opening Prayer and Call to order (everyone)

1. Introductions – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)
Roundtable introductions.

2. Agenda – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)
Review of draft agenda.

Agenda approved without changes.

3. Minutes – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)
Review and approve draft minutes from May 2022.

Note that under Item 5. General Updates and Implementation Actions – the Secretariat does not have a record of an update from the Tł'chǫ Government. Minutes approved pending TG updates in Item 5. The Secretariat will distribute the final minutes when TG has provided their updates.

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4. Review of Action and Decision Items – led by Michele Grabke (Secretariat)

Review of action and decision items from previous meetings and earlier outstanding action items.

Long-term action items:

- The adoption of the federal Recovery Strategy for Peary caribou will begin once ECCC finalizes the document.
- The adoption of the federal Management plan for Northern Mountain Caribou is underway.
- The analysis of commonalities among actions in management plans/recovery strategies is underway.
- The Secretariat has a new tab on the website for the Species Conservation and Recovery Fund (SCARF) and is currently finalizing changing the colour of the tab with technicians.
- **Action item A20220222-02:** The Secretariat will discuss with the SCARF Subcommittee on the amount of funding available and revise the section of the application that indicates projects typically range from \$5,000 to \$10,000 to consider removing this apparent restriction.

Update on actions/decisions from past meeting:

- **Action/Decision item 20220524-01:** The CMA will submit to SARC a request for clarification on if/how avian influenza was considered in the assessment peregrine falcon. This item has been completed.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-02:** Management Authorities to submit actions to prepare for the boreal caribou consensus on relisting to the Secretariat by August 9, 2022. This item has been completed.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-03:** Management Authorities to submit actions to prepare for the Peary caribou consensus on relisting to the Secretariat by August 9, 2022. This item has been completed.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-04:** The Secretariat and GNWT will send an email out to the CMA seeking suggestions/nominations to fill a membership position on

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SARC for an Indigenous and Community knowledge holder or practitioner. The CMA is to provide names/biographies by June 24, 2022. This item has been completed. To be discussed further today.

- **Action/Decision item 20220524-05:** The species assessment schedule was accepted as presented by SARC. This item has been completed.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-06:** Secretariat to follow up on education initiative by:
 - Contacting schools and teachers to determine how species at risk are covered in the classroom and what kinds of materials are needed/lacking;
 - Contacting the Department of Infrastructure and Ecology North to find out how materials they have developed are being used in the classroom;
 - Looking at other materials from around the country (and the world) that have already been developed on species at risk;
 - Finding out what materials and messaging are already being used by Management Authorities to talk about species at risk in schools (including GNWT's On the Land Unit/Field Support); and
 - Identifying gaps and opportunities to coordinate on species at risk outreach in schools. Work in progress.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-07:** Secretariat to: investigate and propose topics/speakers on species at risk, as well as opportunities for events (e.g. International Biodiversity Day); investigate what it would cost to hire someone on contract to organize a speaker series; reach out to Parks Canada, ENR's On the Land Unit, Ecology North and others who may already be doing outreach and education on species at risk to discuss further opportunities to coordinate efforts. Work in progress.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-08:** Secretariat will develop a Communication Plan for NWT Species at Risk and the Communication Plan will be brought to the February meeting and will be used going into the new fiscal year (2023/24). For follow-up at December CMA meeting.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-09:** Secretariat to develop a social media strategy that identifies different kinds of content that would be provided on the page and how it would be approved, as well as a schedule for posts and sources of proposed



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content (e.g. linkages with NWT Species page, NWT Council on Invasive Species, Pests and Pathogens, etc.). For follow-up at December CMA meeting.

- **Action/Decision item 20220524-10:** Secretariat to investigate why news releases are distributed through the GNWT Press Secretary and whether this would continue to be necessary. For follow-up at December CMA meeting.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-11:** Secretariat will make suggested revisions to the Polar bear relisting press release and distribute to Management Authorities for review and approval by June 3. This item has been completed.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-12:** Secretariat to work with Management Authorities on the workplan to adopt the federal Recovery Strategy for Peary caribou and work on the adoption piece while the federal Recovery Strategy is being translated and finalized for publication. Secretariat to keep in contact with ECCC on progress towards finalizing the federal recovery strategy. Work in progress.
- **Action/Decision item 20220524-13:** Secretariat to provide current drafts of Boreal Caribou and Amphibians Progress Reports to CMA participants for review and solicit comments as part of 5-year Reviews. Deadline to provide input on these drafts extended (for everyone) to June 10. This item has been completed.

5. Species at Risk Committee – led by Michele Grabke (Secretariat)

SARC membership – update on current vacancies and status report update.

Current SARC membership

MEMBERS:	Expires	ALTERNATES:	Expires
Leon Andrew (Chairperson)	May 30, 2026	Dr. Deborah Simmons	May 30, 2026
Dr. Suzanne Carrière (Alternate Chairperson)	March 31, 2025	n/a	
Rosemin Nathoo	Jan. 14, 2026	Allison Thompson	Jan. 14, 2023
Arthur Beck	Sept. 20, 2023	Daniel Beck	Sept. 20, 2023
Kaytlin Cooper	March 27, 2025	Vacant	
Lynda Yonge	March 23, 2027	n/a	
Moise Rabesca	March 15, 2025	Aimee Guile	July 19, 2023
Dr. Nicholas (Nic) Larter	March 31, 2025	n/a	

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Petter Jacobsen	Dec. 19, 2024	n/a	
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Membership Updates

Alestine Andre resigned from the NWT Species at Risk Committee effective June 1, 2022. Alestine was a member appointed by the Minister of ENR, on the advice of the Conference of Management Authorities. GNWT was seeking suggestions/nominations to fill this membership as an Indigenous and Community knowledge holder or practitioner. Names and biographies were requested to the Secretariat by June 24, 2022.

James Firth communicated his resignation on September 21, 2022. At that time, GRRB was going to bring the item forward to their board for action on filling the vacancy.

Update from GNWT: The GNWT previously asked CMA to put names forward. We received a nomination for Sam Bullock and we are in the process of putting that nomination up the line so that hopefully we can appoint Sam.

Update from GRRB: James Firth gave his resignation last week. GRRB has not discussed the vacancy yet, but it is earmarked for our teleconference in October.

Status Report Updates

There are currently four status reports in progress.

- **Currently in 6-month public review:**
 - American white pelican (2023 assessment)
 - Dolphin and Union caribou (2023 reassessment)
- **Currently in draft 1 stage with preparer:**
 - Hairy braya (2024 reassessment)
 - Red-sided garter snake (2024 assessment)

6. Northern Mountain Caribou – led by Jody Pelissey (Chairperson)

Touch base on consultation and engagement (accepting the management plan).

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Management Plan Update

As per the workplan, a final draft of the management plan was provided to Management Authorities in July 2022 to allow Management Authorities to meet with their respective boards to discuss the proposed draft. Management Authorities are carrying out actions needed to approve the proposed management plan between August and November 2022. A public comment period is also open from August to October. A document outlining actions each Management Authority will take to prepare for a Consensus Agreement to accept the Management Plan was due June 9, 2022.

The Secretariat prepared the consultation/engagement material for the Northern Mountain Caribou Management Plan and provided the package to the Management Authorities on July 14, 2022.

Timelines

- **April 29, 2021:** Consensus Agreement on Listing provided to the Minister of ENR.
- **July 29, 2021:** Northern mountain caribou legally listed.
- **June 9, 2022:** Management Authorities developed actions needed to prepare for a CMA Consensus Agreement to accept the Management Plan.
- **July 2022:** Proposed draft management plan provided to Management Authorities.
- **August to November 2022:** Engagement period.
- **September 27, 2022:** CMA check-in regarding consultation/engagement period.
- **December 9, 2022:** CMA meeting to review the results of consultation/engagement.
- **January 2023:** Final version of Management Plan to be provided to Management Authorities ahead of the February 2023 CMA Meeting.
- **January 27, 2023:** Consensus Agreement Annex B's (Actions the Management Authorities have undertaken or will undertake with respect to listing) are due in advance of the February 2023 CMA meeting.
- **April 3, 2023:** Start signatures for consensus agreement.
- **April 29, 2023:** Deadline for Consensus Agreement on Accepting Management Plan.
- **May 2023:** CMA meeting – Secretariat to draft news release for Management Plan.

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- **July 29, 2023:** Management plan is finalized and made available to the public. News release.
- **April 29, 2024:** Consensus Agreement on Implementation due.

Updates on consultation and engagement

- **GRRB:** GRRB has sent the engagement material to the RRCs to review. Next week Kaytlin will touch base with RRCs to set dates for community meetings, which may happen later in October or into November.
- **SRRB:** SRRB has a series of board meetings, and we will put in a plan to do engagement.
- **GNWT:** GNWT has sent out engagement letters to the Indigenous governments and Indigenous organizations that are in the area of northern mountain caribou. We are also advertising a public comment period until October 31. New this year, the GNWT posted the engagement opportunity on its [Have Your Say](#) portal with a public engagement survey. There was also a GNWT news release and social media posts, newspaper ads and radio announcements, and the information was provided through an email distribution list. The GNWT's public engagement activities are in addition to the information (fact sheets, survey links, etc.) available on the What's New page of the [NWT Species at Risk website](#). Everything is on track for engagement to be complete on time.

Action item 20220927-01: The Secretariat will draft the Consensus Agreement accepting/adopting the management plan and provide it to the Management Authorities for review and to fill out Annex B (Actions undertaken with respect to accepting/adopting the plan).

7. Boreal Caribou – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Touch base on consultation and engagement (relisting).

Background – Re-listing Boreal Caribou

As this is a reassessment, a consensus agreement on re-listing must set out the following information:

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- That the CMA has reached a consensus
 - To remove the species from the List if the CMA considers the species not at risk,
 - To add another 10-year term to the current expiration date for the species in the same category, or
 - To list the species in another category
- If the CMA has reached a consensus on subparagraph (a)(ii) or (iii), the actions Management Authorities agree to undertake with respect to adding another 10-year term or listing the species in another category, as the case may be.

The draft **actions needed to prepare** for a CMA consensus agreement on listing (actions to prepare) document was provided to the CMA. Management Authority revisions to this document were due by August 9, 2022. Recall that the management authorities for boreal caribou are the WMAC (NWT), GRRB, SRRB, WRRB, TG and GNWT.

With these timelines, the **consultation/engagement period** is August to November 2022. The CMA confirmed that they would like the usual consultation/engagement package from the Secretariat (i.e. fact sheet, template presentation, template letters, and newspaper/radio/online ads for ENR's public engagement).

Timelines

- **May 9, 2022:** SARC provided the reassessment of boreal caribou to the Management Authorities.
- **July 9, 2022:** Deadline for the CMA to request clarification from SARC regarding the assessment.
- **August 9, 2022:** Management Authorities developed actions needed to prepare for a CMA Consensus Agreement on relisting.
- **August-November 2022:** Engagement period.
- **September 27, 2022:** CMA check-in regarding engagement period.
- **December 9, 2022:** CMA meeting to review the results of engagement.

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- **January 27, 2023:** Consensus Agreement Annex B's (Actions the Management Authorities have undertaken or will undertake with respect to listing) are due in advance of the February 2023 CMA meeting.
- **April 10, 2023:** Start signatures for consensus agreement.
- **May 9, 2023:** Deadline for Consensus Agreement on adding another 10-year term.
- **May 2023:** CMA meeting – Secretariat to draft news release for adding another 10-year term.
- **July 9, 2023:** Boreal caribou re-listed as a Threatened species. News release.

Updates on consultation and engagement

- **GNWT:** Engagement approach is the same for all three species – the two re-listings and the proposed management plan.
- **SRRB:** As with northern mountain caribou, we are in the process of preparing letters and hoping to send them in the earlier part of October.
- **GRRB:** Same as northern mountain caribou.
- **WMAC-NWT:** Going on our annual community tour next month and it will part of the species at risk update during our presentation which will include the other types of caribou.
- **WRRB/TG:** There are plans for joint consultation/engagement with TG communities starting October 12.
- **NSMA:** Participating through the GNWT's engagement processes. Jess Smart has been doing work with the boreal caribou working group.
- **ADKFN:** Participating through the GNWT's engagement processes.

Action 20220927-02: The Secretariat will draft the Consensus Agreement to re-list boreal caribou for another 10-year term and provide it to the Management Authorities for review and to fill out Annex B (Actions undertaken with respect to re-listing boreal caribou).

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8. Peary Caribou – led by Jody Pellissey (Chairperson)

Touch base on consultation and engagement (relisting). Update on federal recovery strategy. Review and approve NWT Peary caribou recovery strategy CMA workplan, approach and outline.

Background – Re-listing Peary caribou

As this is a reassessment, a consensus agreement on re-listing must set out the following information:

- That the CMA has reached a consensus
 - To remove the species from the List if the CMA considers the species not at risk,
 - To add another 10-year term to the current expiration date for the species in the same category, or
 - To list the species in another category
- If the CMA has reached a consensus on subparagraph (a)(ii) or (iii), the actions Management Authorities agree to undertake with respect to adding another 10-year term or listing the species in another category, as the case may be.

The draft **actions needed to prepare** for a CMA consensus agreement on listing (actions to prepare) document was presented to the CMA. Management Authority revisions to this document are due by August 9, 2022. Recall that the management authorities for Peary caribou are the WMAC (NWT), and GNWT.

With these timelines, the **consultation/engagement period** will be August to November 2022. The CMA confirmed that they would like the usual consultation/engagement package from the Secretariat (i.e. fact sheet, template presentation, template letters, and newspaper/radio/online ads for ENR's public engagement).

Timelines (re-listing)

- **May 9, 2022:** SARC provided the re-assessment of Peary caribou to the Management Authorities.



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- **July 9, 2022:** Deadline for the CMA to request clarification from SARC regarding the assessment.
- **August 9, 2022:** Management Authorities developed actions needed to prepare for a CMA Consensus Agreement on Listing.
- **August-November 2022:** Engagement period.
- **September 27, 2022:** CMA check-in regarding engagement period.
- **December 9, 2022:** CMA meeting to review the results of engagement.
- **January 27, 2023:** Consensus Agreement Annex B's (Actions the Management Authorities have undertaken or will undertake with respect to listing) are due in advance of the February 2023 CMA meeting.
- **April 10, 2022:** Start signatures for consensus agreement.
- **May 9, 2023:** Deadline for Consensus Agreement on adding another 10-year term.
- **May 2023:** CMA meeting – Secretariat to draft news release for adding another 10-year term.
- **July 9, 2023:** Peary caribou re-listed as a Threatened species. News release.

Updates on consultation and engagement

- **WMAC-NWT:** Peary caribou will be on the community tour update as well.
- **GNWT:** The GNWT's engagement approach is the same for all three species – the two re-listings and the management plan.

Action 20220927-03: The Secretariat will draft the Consensus Agreement to re-list Peary caribou for another 10-year term and provide it to the Management Authorities for review and to fill out Annex B (Actions undertaken with respect to re-listing Peary caribou).

Update on Federal Recovery Strategy from ECCC (September 2022 updated provided by Michele Grabke, Secretariat on behalf of Isabelle Duclos, ECCC):

Peary caribou were listed under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* in February 2014. For efficiency and to avoid duplication, the CMA agreed to adopt the applicable portions of the

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federal recovery strategy for Peary caribou once it was completed. Four extensions to the completion date for the NWT recovery strategy were granted (2015, 2017, 2019 and 2021). The current completion deadline is September 30, 2024.

The final national recovery strategy should be posted this month (September) on the federal Public Registry, in English, Inuktitut and French.

ECCC next steps:

- Our team is now preparing for the protection phase of the sea ice critical habitat;
- WMAC-NWT (Hannah), GNWT-ENR (Tracy) and ECCC (Isabelle + Cheryl Johnson) will be doing a community tour in Ulukhaktok, Sachs Harbour, Paulatuk and Tuktoyaktuk this fall to conduct workshops with knowledge holders on habitat use. This is work under the NSERC grant to inform the identification of terrestrial critical habitat.

Questions can be directed to Isabelle Duclos (Isabelle.Duclos@ec.gc.ca)

Review and approve CMA workplan, approach and draft outline for the adoption of the Federal Recovery Strategy

Joslyn provided an overview of the workplan, approach and outline. The CMA discussed the drafts of the proposed workplan, approach and outline to adopt the federal recovery strategy for Peary caribou.

- **GNWT:** The GNWT does not have an issue with the workplan or approach. However, our intention is to exclude some of the federal recovery strategy from adoption – specifically the critical habitat portion. We need to ensure the approach and outline reflect the decision to omit the critical habitat content. Once the final version of the federal recovery strategy is released, we will be able to review it with an eye on what we need to add to meet NWT requirements for a recovery strategy (which may differ from northern mountain caribou).
- **WMAC-NWT:** This was not discussed at the last meeting, but WMAC-NWT is generally comfortable with the proposed timeline and broad approach. Specific details will be adjusted once the federal recovery strategy is available.



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Timelines (recovery strategy)

- **April 2021:** Minister extended the completion date for the Peary caribou recovery strategy to September 30, 2024.
- **September 27, 2022:** CMA discusses the proposed approach to adopt the federal recovery strategy and draft outline during the September 2022 CMA Meeting.
- **January 2023:** Initial draft of NWT recovery strategy provided to Management Authorities for review in advance of the February 2023 CMA Meeting.
- **July 2023:** Final draft provided to Management Authorities for engagement.
- **July 2023:** Management Authorities identify actions needed to prepare for a CMA Consensus Agreement to accept the Recovery Strategy.
- **August to November 2023:** Engagement period.
- **January 2024:** Final version of the NWT recovery strategy provided to Management Authorities ahead of the February 2024 CMA Meeting.
- **April 2024:** Deadline for Consensus Agreement on Adopting the Recovery Strategy.
- **May 2024:** CMA meeting – Secretariat to draft news release for recovery strategy.
- **July 2024:** Recovery strategy is finalized. Minister of ENR provides the adopted recovery strategy to the Management Authorities and makes it public. News release.
- **April 2025:** Consensus Agreement on Implementation due.

Decision 20220927-04: Management Authorities approve the proposed workplan and approach (with revisions). Secretariat will provide Management Authorities with a revised outline for approval once the federal recovery strategy is released.

9. Progress Reports and Reviews – led by Joslyn Oosenbrug (Secretariat) *Update on progress reports and reviews as per the Species at Risk (NWT) Act sections 73 and 74.*



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Background

Progress reports and reviews are required every five years under section 73 and 74 of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* after an implementation agreement is signed. The final drafts of the polar bear, boreal caribou and amphibians progress reports and reviews were provided to the CMA and Management Partners (for polar bear) in June. As indicated in the workplan, final approval for these three progress reports and reviews will be discussed at the September 2022 meeting.

Timelines (Polar Bear, Boreal Caribou, Amphibians)

- **April 2022:** First drafts provided to CMA.
- **June 10, 2022:** Comments on draft due to Secretariat from the CMA (Boreal caribou and Amphibians).
- **June 2022:** Secretariat revises draft based on comments and provides a second draft for review.
- **July 2022:** Secretariat finalizes Progress Reports and Reviews.
- **September 2022:** Final version provided to Management Authorities.
- **September 2022:** Management Authorities to approve final progress report/review at September 2022 CMA meeting.
- **November 2022:** Progress Report made public.

Approval of Final Progress Reports and Reviews

Do the Management Authorities provide approval for the boreal caribou progress report and review?

Boreal caribou

- **GNWT:** Approve.
- **SRRB:** Approve.
- **GRRB:** Approve.
- **WMAC-NWT:** Approve.
- **WRRB:** Approve.

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- **TG:** Approve.
- **NSMA:** Approve.

Do the Management Authorities provide approval for the amphibians progress report and review?

Amphibians

- **GNWT:** Approve.
- **SRRB:** Approve.
- **GRRB:** Approve.
- **WRRB:** Approve.

Recall that the polar bear progress report was developed collaboratively by the partners involved in the management of polar bears in the ISR: Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Wildlife Management Advisory Council (North Slope), Inuvialuit Game Council, Government of the Northwest Territories, Government of Yukon, Environment and Climate Change Canada, and Parks Canada. The Secretariat will be seeking approval from the Management Authorities for polar bear to finalize the progress report and review during today's meeting. The Secretariat has also reached out to the polar bear partners for final approval as well. That said, do the Management Authorities provide approval for the polar bear progress report and review?

Polar bear

- **GNWT:** Approve.
- **WMAC-NWT:** Approve.

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Decision item 20220927-05: [boreal caribou] The Management Authorities for boreal caribou provided approval during the September 2022 meeting to finalize and release the progress report and review for boreal caribou.

Decision item 20220927-06: [amphibians] The Management Authorities for amphibians provided approval during the September 2022 meeting to finalize and release the progress report and review for amphibians.

Decision item 20220927-07: [polar bear] The Management Authorities for polar bear provided approval during the September 2022 meeting to finalize and release the progress report and review for polar bear.

Action item 20220927-08: The Secretariat will seek final approval for the polar bear progress report and review from the polar bear partners.

Action item 20220927-09: The Secretariat will draft a news release and Facebook posts for the publication of the three progress reports and distribute via email to the Management Authorities for approval.

Next Steps (Polar Bear, Boreal Caribou, Amphibians)

The progress reports and reviews for boreal caribou and amphibians will be finalized and posted on the [NWT Species at Risk website](#) in November. The Secretariat is seeking final approval for the polar bear progress report and review from the polar bear partners by October 14, 2022. The polar bear progress report and review will be finalized and posted on the [NWT Species at Risk website](#) in November, pending approval from all partners.

A news release and social media posts will be drafted to accompany the publication of the three progress reports. The CMA Chairperson will be the spokesperson for the boreal caribou and amphibian reports. The Secretariat will work with the polar bear Management Authorities to determine a spokesperson for the polar bear progress report.



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Dolphin and Union Caribou Progress Report and Review

The progress report and review for Dolphin and Union caribou is due December 2023. The Dolphin and Union Management plan was prepared jointly by the Government of Nunavut and the Government of the Northwest Territories, in cooperation with the Government of Canada and co-management partners. Co-management partners involved in this process include: the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board, Nunavut Tunngavik Inc., Kitikmeot Inuit Association, Kugluktuk Hunters and Trappers Organization (HTO), Ekaluktutiak HTO, Omingmaktok HTO, Burnside HTO, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Inuvialuit Game Council, Ulukhaktok Hunters and Trappers Committee (HTC), and the Paulatuk HTO.

Prior to starting work on the Dolphin and Union caribou progress report and review, the Secretariat will need direction. Some questions to consider:

- Would the Management Authorities like to consider a joint progress report and review (similar to the process for polar bear)? If so, what is the best way to facilitate this approach?
- If we do proceed with a joint progress report, who are the partners?

Action item 20220927-10: The Secretariat will schedule a meeting (October 13 or 14, 2022) with the Dolphin and Union caribou Management Authorities to discuss the path forward for the progress report and review.

10. Barren-ground Caribou – led by Bruce Laurich, ECCC [via email update] *Update on federal listing process.*

Background:

In 2016, COSEWIC assessed barren-ground caribou in Canada as Threatened. Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC)'s assessment looked at all Canadian herds together, including the Porcupine herd.

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Update on Federal Listing Process from ECCC (September 2022 update provided by Bruce Laurich, ECCC via email to Joslyn Oosenbrug, Secretariat):

The listing of Barren-ground Caribou is still in the same spot it was at the May meeting. The consultation process has been completed and ECCC has presented to NWMB. ECCC is awaiting a formal letter from NWMB and a response from the minister on the letter from NWMB. Bruce does not have a timeline at this time.

Questions can be directed to Bruce Laurich (Bruce.Laurich@ec.gc.ca).

11. Dolphin and Union Caribou – led by Isabelle Duclos, ECCC

Update on federal listing process.

Update on Federal Listing Process from ECCC (September 2022 update provided by Michele Grabke, Secretariat, on behalf of Isabelle Duclos, ECCC):

ECCC presented to NWMB at their June meeting for decision. NWMB approved the proposed status change to Endangered from Special Concern. NWMB decision is now public and posted on their website: [NWMB - Dolphin-Union caribou](#). Next step is the Governor in Council to make a decision on the listing. This final step could take up to two years (if not longer).

Questions can be directed to Isabelle Duclos (Isabelle.Duclos@ec.gc.ca)

12. Next Meeting – led by Jody Pelissey (Chairperson)

Overview of upcoming meetings.

- **December 9, 2022:** to review consultation/engagement results from fall.
- **February 21-23, 2023,** in Inuvik (Secretariat to look into a blended in-person/videoconference meeting for those unable to attend in person).

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Species at Risk Workplan – At a Glance

The table below outlines the CMA/SARC workplan and includes type of activity and species.

Year	Activity	Species
2022	Listing	Polar bear (add another 10 year term)
		Peary caribou (reassessment)
		Boreal caribou (reassessment)
		Peregrine falcon
	Progress Reporting and Review	Boreal caribou
		Amphibians (Northern leopard frog and Western toad)
		Polar bear
2023	Assessment	American White pelican
		Dolphin and Union caribou (reassessment)
	Progress Reporting and Review	Dolphin and Union caribou
	Management Plan/Recovery Strategy	Northern mountain caribou (management plan)
2024	Assessment	Hairy braya (reassessment)
		Red-sided garter snake
	Management Plan/Recovery Strategy	Peary caribou (adoption of Federal recovery strategy by September 30, 2024)
2025	Assessment	Northern leopard frog (reassessment)
		Western toad (reassessment)
		Canadian Toad (assessment)
	Progress Reporting and Review	Wood bison
2026	Assessment	Wood bison (reassessment)

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		Common Muskrat
		Rock cranberry (lingonberry)
	Progress Reporting and Review	Northern myotis (reassessment)
		Little brown myotis (reassessment)
		Barren-ground caribou (reassessment)
2027	Assessment	Northern myotis (reassessment)
		Little brown myotis (reassessment)
		Barren-ground caribou (reassessment)

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