



HAVE YOUR SAY! ON A RECOVERY STRATEGY FOR PEARY CARIBOU

As a **Threatened** species in the NWT, Peary caribou are likely to become Endangered if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to their extirpation or extinction.



PEARY CARIBOU

Peary caribou are the smallest caribou in North America. They live in small groups on the Arctic islands of the NWT and Nunavut. Populations of Peary caribou in the NWT declined steeply between the 1960s and the 1990s. Over the last 20 years population numbers have slowly increased—but they remain far below historic levels.

Peary caribou need large areas and the ability to move freely between and within islands. Their small and variable population size make Peary caribou especially vulnerable to extreme weather and changing wind-ice conditions due to climate change.

The federal recovery strategy for Peary caribou, released in 2022, was developed collaboratively by the federal and territorial governments and Inuvialuit and Inuit organizations.

The NWT Conference of Management Authorities is planning to adopt the federal recovery strategy, building on the work already underway to conserve and recover Peary caribou in the NWT.

WHY DO WE NEED A RECOVERY STRATEGY?

- A recovery strategy is required for any species listed as **Threatened** under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*.
- The recovery strategy will provide guidance on the long-term conservation and recovery of Peary caribou.
- Recovery of Peary caribou in the NWT is a shared responsibility. Decisions will continue to be made by consensus among governments and wildlife co-management boards.



Left: Charles Francis, Right: John Nagy, GNWT

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WHAT'S IN THE RECOVERY STRATEGY

The proposed recovery strategy for the NWT is made up of two parts: the federal recovery strategy for Peary caribou, released in 2022, and an NWT addition that points to the most recent Indigenous, community and scientific knowledge on Peary caribou in the NWT.

The addition was developed by the Conference of Management Authorities—the governments and wildlife management boards that share responsibility for Peary caribou in the NWT.

Together, the two parts of the NWT recovery strategy describe threats and positive influences on Peary caribou and its habitat and recommend objectives for the conservation and recovery of the species.

WHAT KINDS OF ACTIONS ARE BEING CONSIDERED?

The recovery strategy proposes 49 actions to address threats facing Peary caribou, under the following categories:

- Monitoring and research
- Habitat and species conservation and management
- Education and awareness, stewardship and partnerships
- Law and policy

Automatic prohibitions or protections (such as harvesting restrictions) are not part of the recovery strategy.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Is there anything missing from the recovery strategy?
- Do you have suggestions to improve the NWT addition (Part 1)?
- What actions should be taken **now** (high priority) to protect Peary caribou?

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