



CONFERENCE OF
MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITIES
SPECIES AT RISK

ANNUAL REPORT
2023-2024



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Under subsection 16(1) of the Species at Risk (NWT) Act, the Conference of Management Authorities (the Conference) must submit an annual report to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change by September 30 each year. This annual report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.



Dolphin and Union caribou – Photo Credit: Xavier Fernandez Aguilar

THE SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT

The Species at Risk (NWT) Act provides a process to identify, protect and recover species at risk in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The Act applies to any wild animal, plant, or other species that is managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. It applies in most areas of the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claim agreement.



Western toad crossing sign at Muskeg River – Photo Credit: Jim Deneron

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2023 TO MARCH 31, 2024

The Conference of Management Authorities held three meetings during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

The Conference accomplished the following tasks:

Consensus Agreements

Completed and submitted to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change the following consensus agreements:

- **Northern mountain caribou** – Consensus agreement accepting the management plan for northern mountain caribou in the NWT.
- **Boreal caribou** – Consensus agreement on re-listing boreal caribou as a Threatened species.
- **Peary caribou** – Consensus agreement on re-listing Peary caribou as a Threatened species.

Recovery Strategies and Management Plans

- Completed the progress report for the management of Dolphin and Union caribou in the NWT.
- Initiated work to develop the progress report for the recovery of wood bison in the NWT.

Species Conservation and Recovery Fund

Awarded approximately \$60,000 in funding to five projects for 2024-25:

- Community-led Species at Risk Detection: eDNA Sampling in Traditionally Important Water Bodies of the North Slave Region (North Slave Métis Alliance)
- Collared Pika Education and Awareness Project (Ecology North)
- Post-fire Status of Reptiles and Amphibians in the NWT (Thompson Rivers University)
- Monitoring and Protection of Athabasca Denesulíné Nuhenéné and Etthén (caribou) using Denesulíné traditional protocols (Athabasca Denesulíné Né Né Land Corporation)
- Northern Whooping Crane Festival (Fort Smith Métis Council)

Details on Conference activities are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca

THE CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

The Conference, established under the Act, is made up of the wildlife co-management boards and governments in the NWT that share responsibility for the conservation and recovery of species at risk in the NWT (Management Authorities). The Conference builds consensus among Management Authorities on the conservation of species at risk and provides direction, coordination and leadership with respect to the assessment, listing, conservation and recovery of species at risk while respecting the roles and responsibilities of Management Authorities under land claim and self-government agreements.

The Management Authorities are:

- Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
- Ɂehdzo Got'ı̨ne Gots'é Nákedí (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
- Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
- Tłı̨chǫ Government
- Government of Canada
- Government of the Northwest Territories

Each Management Authority may have three representatives attend Conference meetings. The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Akaitcho Territory Government, Athabasca Denesų̈liné, Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, Dehcho First Nations, Kátl'odeeche First Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Northwest Territory Métis Nation and Salt River First Nation are also invited to observe or participate in Conference meetings.

The Conference develops consensus agreements on listing species at risk, conservation measures, management plans and recovery strategies. The Conference also reviews management plans and recovery strategies every five years and reports on progress toward meeting objectives.

NWT LIST OF SPECIES AT RISK

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT PLAN/RECOVERY STRATEGY	IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT	PROGRESS REPORT AND REVIEW
THREATENED			
Barren-ground caribou	Completed 2020	Completed 2021	Due April 2026
Boreal caribou	Completed 2017	Completed 2017	Completed 2022
Hairy braya	Completed 2015	Completed 2016	Completed 2021
Northern leopard frog	Completed 2017	Completed 2017	Completed 2022
Peary caribou	Scheduled for release July 2024	Due April 2025	Due April 2030
Western toad	Completed 2017	Completed 2017	Completed 2022
Wood bison	Completed 2019	Completed 2020	Due April 2025
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Northern mountain caribou	Completed 2023	Completed 2024	Due April 2029
Dolphin and Union caribou	Completed 2018	Completed 2018	Completed 2023
Little brown myotis	Completed 2020	Completed 2021	Due April 2026
Northern myotis	Completed 2020	Completed 2021	Due April 2026
Polar bear	Completed 2017	Completed 2018	Completed 2022



Collared pika – Photo Credit: John Meikle/naturalist

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For more information about the Conference of Management Authorities and its activities, please visit:

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Respectfully submitted,



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Wood bison – Terry Armstrong, GNWT