



CONFERENCE OF
MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITIES
SPECIES AT RISK

ANNUAL REPORT
2024-2025



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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, 2025.



Hairy braya – Photo credit: Paul Sokoloff

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.



Dolphin and Union caribou – Photo credit: Xavier Fernandez Aguilar

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2024 TO MARCH 31, 2025

The Conference of Management Authorities held three meetings during the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

The Conference accomplished the following tasks:

Listing Decisions

- **Dolphin and Union caribou** – Completed consensus agreement on uplisting Dolphin and Union caribou from a species of Special Concern to an Endangered species.
- **American white pelican** – Completed consensus agreement on not listing American white pelican as a species at risk in the NWT.

Recovery Strategies and Management Plans

- **Northern mountain caribou** – Completed consensus agreement on the implementation of the management plan for northern mountain caribou in the NWT.
- **Peary caribou** – Completed consensus agreement on accepting the recovery strategy for Peary caribou in the NWT and released the recovery strategy.
- **Wood bison** – Prepared a progress report on the recovery of wood bison in the NWT for completion in 2025.
- **Dolphin and Union caribou** – Extended the completion date for the recovery strategy to August 1, 2027.

Species Conservation and Recovery Fund

Awarded \$60,000 in funding among seven projects for 2025-26:

- **Athabasca Denesulíné Land Monitors in Nuhenéne: Keeping our relationship with ethnén (caribou) strong using Denesulíné traditional protocols** – Athabasca Denesulíné Né Né Land Corporation
- **Investigating bat prevalence in the Gwich'in Settlement Area** – Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
- **Post-fire status of reptiles and amphibians in the NWT** – Karl Larsen, Thompson Rivers University
- **Merging Advanced Technologies with Traditional Knowledge for Species at Risk Protection in the North Slave Region** – North Slave Métis Alliance
- **Investigating population structure and connectivity of little brown bats across the Northwest Territories** – Jessica Reimer and Laura Kaupas
- **Indigenous knowledge of berries in the NWT** – Saint Mary's University
- **BQCMB youth engagement - Caribou Edu-kits** – Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB)

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
- ?ehdzo Got'Ine Gots'é Nákedí (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
- Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
- Tł'íchó 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 Denesuline, 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
ENDANGERED			
Dolphin and Union caribou	Recovery Strategy due August 2027	Due May 2028	Due May 2033
	Management Plan completed 2018	Completed 2018	Completed 2023
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	Completed 2024	Due April 2025	Due April 2030
Western toad	Completed 2017	Completed 2017	Completed 2022
Wood bison	Completed 2019	Completed 2020	Completed 2025
SPECIAL CONCERN			
Northern mountain caribou	Completed 2023	Completed 2024	Due April 2029
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



Researchers conducting fieldwork with red-sided garter snakes in 2024 – Photo credit: Peter Lin



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Respectfully submitted,



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Western toad, Muskeg River – Photo credit: Yannick Letaillleur



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