

Annual Report

Under section 16(1) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the Conference of Management Authorities (CMA) must submit an annual report to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) by September 30 each year. The 2009/2010 Annual Report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

The Species at Risk (NWT) Act

The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* (the 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 (GNWT). It applies everywhere in the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claims agreement.



Polar Bear - Photo Credit: Gordon Court

The Conference of Management Authorities

The Conference of Management Authorities (CMA) was established under the Act and is made up of the boards and governments in the NWT that share responsibility for the conservation and recovery of species at risk in the NWT (referred to as 'Management Authorities'). The purpose of the CMA is to build consensus among Management Authorities on the conservation of species at risk and to provide 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 that make up the CMA are the:

- Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT);
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board;
- Sahtu Renewable Resources Board;
- Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board;
- Tłıchǫ Government;
- Government of Canada; and
- Government of the Northwest Territories.

As outlined in the Act, each Management Authority may have three representatives attend CMA meetings. The representatives are not required to be the same for every meeting.

The group will develop consensus agreements on listing species at risk, conservation measures, management strategies and recovery plans.



Short-Eared Owl - Photo Credit: Doug Dance

Wood Bison - Photo Credit: Bas Oosenbrug GNWT



Western Toad - Photo Credit: Lisa Wilkinson



Banks Island Alkali Grass - Photo Credit: Roger D. Bull



Drummond Bluebell - Photo Credit: Jo Overholt



Peary Caribou - Photo Credit: John Nagy CNWT

Progress to March 31, 2010

The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* came into force on February 1, 2010. A formal call for participation in the first CMA meeting was circulated to all Management Authorities. The Dehcho First Nations, Akaitcho Territory Government, and the Northwest Territory Métis Nation were informed on all processes regarding the first meeting, scheduled for June 2010.

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