

Conference of Management Authorities (CMA)
Meeting Minutes
December 13, 2012
9:00 – 11:00 AM
CONFERENCE CALL

In attendance:

CMA Representatives:	Representative for:
Grant Pryznyk, CMA Chairperson	Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board
Amy Thompson	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Marjorie Matheson-Maund	Tłı̄chô Government
Lynda Yonge	Department of Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Jack Bird	Department of Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Walter Bayha	Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
Alex Bradley	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Rob Gau	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Diane Casimir	Parks Canada, Government of Canada
Don Aubrey	Parks Canada, Government of Canada
Observers:	
James Firth	Species at Risk Committee (SARC) Chairperson
Suzanne Carrière	Species at Risk Committee Alternate Chairperson
Secretariat:	
Michelle Henderson	Species at Risk Secretariat
Joanna Wilson	Species at Risk Secretariat

1. Introductions (*led by Grant Pryznyk*)
Round table introductions
2. Agenda (*led by Grant Pryznyk*)
CMA representatives reviewed the draft agenda and discussed any potential changes.

Decision #D2012121301: Consensus to approve December 2012 meeting agenda with no changes.

3. Minutes from June 2012 meeting (*led by Grant Pryznyk*)
CMA representatives reviewed the draft meeting minutes from the June 2012 face-to-face meeting in Norman Wells.

Decision #D2012121302: Consensus to approve June 2012 meeting minutes with no changes.

4. CMA decisions made since last meeting (*led by Joanna Wilson*)
Secretariat reviewed the decisions made by email since the June 2012 face-to-face meeting, for inclusion into the official record.

Decision # D2012121303: Decision to approve the Species Assessment Schedule for 2012-2017, as proposed by SARC (conditionally approved at June 2012 CMA meeting, followed by confirmation of approval by Government of Canada by email June 18, 2012)

Decision # D2012121304: Decision to approve the final layout of 2011-2012 CMA annual report (approved by CMA Chairperson June 27, 2012).

Decision # D2012121305: Decision to approve the letter to Minister of Environment and Natural Resources submitting 2011-12 CMA Annual Report (approved by CMA Chairperson August 20, 2012).

5. CMA letters sent and received since last meeting (*led by Joanna Wilson*)
Secretariat reviewed letters sent and received since the June 2012 face-to-face meeting and discussed future follow-up required.
 - o Action #A2012121301: Secretariat to follow-up with Akaitcho Territory Government and Treaty 8 Tribal Corporation regarding representation at CMA meetings.

6. Overview of NWT species assessment process (*led by Joanna Wilson*)
The Secretariat reviewed the process that led to the first four species assessments by the NWT Species at Risk Committee (SARC), including the processes for preparing species status reports and assessing species.

The Secretariat reviewed the CMA process for coming to consensus on listing species, implications of adding species to the NWT List of Species at Risk, and expectations for upcoming meetings in 2013.

7. Initial discussion of Boreal Caribou assessment for NWT (*led by James Firth*)
CMA members for Boreal Caribou are: Government of Canada, Government of the Northwest Territories, Tłı̄ch̄ô Government, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, Sahtu Renewable Resources Board, and Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board.

Species at Risk Committee (SARC) Chairperson, James Firth, reviewed the results of the NWT Boreal Caribou assessment with the CMA, including reasons for the assessment, a summary of threats, positive influences, and recommendations for conserving the species and its habitat.

The CMA discussed next steps for the CMA and Management Authorities in preparation for listing of Boreal Caribou.

- By emailing the assessment results to CMA representatives, the SARC has officially provided them to the Management Authorities. They are now public.
 - Action #A2012121302: All CMA representatives to circulate the SARC assessment results for Boreal Caribou within their organizations.
- The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* gives Management Authorities 60 days to request clarification from SARC on the status report, assessment, or reasons for assessment (deadline is: February 8, 2013).
 - Action #A2012121303: Secretariat to prepare a letter from the CMA to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources requesting that the 60-day timeframe for Boreal Caribou, Peary Caribou, Polar Bear, and Hairy Braya be extended to February 28, 2013 to account for the Holiday break.
 - Action #A2012121304: All Management Authorities to consider whether clarification on the Boreal Caribou assessment is needed from SARC and, if needed, to send a request to SARC by the deadline.
- The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* gives the CMA 90 days to discuss the assessment and identify and coordinate actions to prepare for a listing decision on Boreal Caribou, and establish a time frame to complete the actions. This is an agenda item for the CMA face-to-face meeting February 5-6, 2013 (deadline is: March 12, 2013). All CMA representatives should come to February 2013 meeting knowing which actions each Management Authority must take before it can sign off on a listing decision. This includes actions required to fulfill requirements under a land claims agreement. All CMA representatives should come to the meeting knowing approximately how long actions will take to complete.
 - Action #A2012121305: Secretariat to develop a template for Management Authorities to fill out in advance of February meeting that identifies action items and time frames in preparation for a decision on listing a species.
 - Action #A2012121306: Prior to the February meeting, each Management Authority to fill out the template identifying actions that must be completed (and time frames) before it can sign an agreement

on whether or not to add Boreal Caribou to the NWT List of Species at Risk.

- The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* provides the opportunity for the CMA to discuss consensus agreements respecting the conservation of pre-listed and listed species. The species does not have to be listed for the conservation tools in the Act to be used. These actions can include developing regulations, designating habitat, making agreements with land owners, etc.
 - Action #A2012121307: Each Management Authority to consider whether conservation actions are needed now for Boreal Caribou and come to February meeting ready to discuss options.
- Following the February 2013 face-to-face meeting, Management Authorities will complete the necessary actions required under land claims agreements in the timeframe identified (e.g., public meetings/hearings, consultations, etc.). The Act provides up to one year to complete a consensus agreement on listing.
- CMA will come together later in 2013 to develop a consensus agreement on listing Boreal Caribou. The June 2013 meeting may need to be moved to late fall to accommodate this (deadline: December 12, 2013).
- Bring forward item: Secretariat will be asked to produce public education materials to help Management Authorities with their engagement and consultation on listing (i.e., brochures, presentations, etc.) (February 5-6, 2013).

As per the CMA Rules of Conduct and Operating Procedures, for meetings focused on a particular species for which the CMA Chairperson does not participate, participating Management Authorities will appoint an ad-hoc Chairperson. For the following discussions on Peary Caribou, Polar Bear and Hairy Braya, participating Management Authorities were asked to appoint an ad-hoc Chairperson.

Decision # D2012121306: Consensus by the Conference members to allow observers (non-Management Authorities) to stay on the call for discussions on Peary Caribou, Polar Bear and Hairy Braya, if desired.

Selection of ad-hoc Chairperson for the remainder of this meeting: Rob Gau, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC(NWT)).

In attendance:

CMA Representatives:	Representative for:
Lynda Yonge	Department of Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Alex Bradley	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Rob Gau, Ad-hoc Chairperson	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)
Diane Casimir	Parks Canada, Government of Canada
Don Aubrey	Parks Canada, Government of Canada
Observers:	
Walter Bayha	Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
Marjorie Matheson-Maund	Tlicho Government (present for part of discussion)
James Firth	Species at Risk Committee Chairperson
Suzanne Carrière	Species at Risk Committee Alternate Chairperson
Secretariat:	
Joanna Wilson	Species at Risk Secretariat
Michelle Henderson	Species at Risk Secretariat

8. Initial discussion of Peary Caribou assessment for NWT (*led by James Firth*)
CMA members for Peary Caribou are: Government of Canada, Government of the Northwest Territories, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT).
Ad-hoc Chair: Rob Gau, WMAC (NWT)

Species at Risk Committee (SARC) Chairperson, James Firth, reviewed the results of the NWT Peary Caribou assessment with the CMA, including reasons for the assessment, a summary of threats, positive influences, and recommendations for the species.

The CMA discussed next steps for the CMA and Management Authorities in preparation for listing of Peary Caribou. The next steps and timelines are the same as for Boreal Caribou.

9. Initial discussion of Polar Bear assessment for NWT (*led by James Firth*)
CMA members for Polar Bear are: Government of Canada, Government of the Northwest Territories, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT).
Ad-hoc Chair: Rob Gau, WMAC (NWT)

Species at Risk Committee (SARC) Chairperson, James Firth, reviewed the results of the NWT Polar Bear assessment with the Conference, including reasons for the assessment, a summary of threats, positive influences, and recommendations for the species.

The CMA discussed next steps for the CMA and Management Authorities in preparation for listing of Polar Bear. The next steps and timelines are the same as for Boreal Caribou.

- CMA representatives are encouraged to read the section of the status report on grizzly and polar bear genetics.

10. Initial discussion of Hairy Braya assessment for NWT (*led by James Firth*)

CMA members for Hairy Braya are: Government of Canada, Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT), Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT).

Ad-hoc Chair: Rob Gau, WMAC (NWT)

Species at Risk Committee (SARC) Chairperson, James Firth, reviewed the results of the NWT Hairy Braya assessment with the Conference, including reasons for the assessment, a summary of threats, positive influences, and recommendations for the species.

The Conference discussed next steps for the CMA and Management Authorities in preparation for listing of Hairy Braya. The next steps and timelines are the same as for Boreal Caribou.

- Action #A2012121308: Secretariat and Government of Canada representatives to discuss whether Government of Canada should be part of the CMA for Hairy Braya, as Hairy Braya is not found in a National Park, and is on Inuvialuit Private Lands.
- Action #A2012121309: CMA representatives for GNWT, Government of Canada and WMAC (NWT) to circulate the SARC assessment results for Peary Caribou, Polar Bear and Hairy Braya within their organizations.
- Action #A2012121310: GNWT, Government of Canada and WMAC(NWT) to consider whether clarification on the Peary Caribou, Polar Bear and/or Hairy Braya assessments is needed from SARC and, if needed, to send a request to SARC by the deadline.
- Action #A2012121311: Prior to the February meeting, GNWT, Government of Canada and WMAC(NWT) to fill out the template identifying actions that must be completed (and time frames) before it can sign agreements on whether or not to add Peary Caribou, Polar Bear and/or Hairy Braya to the NWT List of Species at Risk.
- Action #A2012121312: GNWT, Government of Canada and WMAC(NWT) to consider whether conservation actions are needed

now for Peary Caribou, Polar Bear and/or Hairy Braya and come to February meeting ready to discuss options.

11. Next Steps and action items

Secretariat reviewed action items, next steps and bring forward items.

Bring forward items:

- Deadline for Management Authorities to submit comments to the Species at Risk Committee on the draft status report for Northern Leopard Frog (February 8, 2013)
- Deadline for Management Authorities to request written clarification from the Species at Risk Committee on the assessments, reasons for assessments, or status reports for Polar Bear, Peary Caribou, Boreal Caribou or Hairy Braya (February 8, 2013 – CMA will ask the Minister of ENR to extend to February 28)
- CMA identifies and coordinates the actions each Management Authority agrees to undertake in preparation for the development of a consensus agreement on listing Polar Bear, Peary Caribou, Boreal Caribou and Hairy Braya, and establishes a time frame for Management Authorities to complete the actions (February 5-6 2013, CMA face-to-face meeting)
- CMA discussion on whether conservation actions are needed now for Polar Bear, Peary Caribou, Boreal Caribou or Hairy Braya (February 5-6 2013, CMA face-to-face meeting)
- CMA consensus decisions on whether or not to list Polar Bear, Peary Caribou, Boreal Caribou and Hairy Braya (CMA face-to-face meeting in 2013; Deadline is December 12, 2013)
- Discussion and approval of CMA's Guidelines for Management Plans and Recovery Strategies (February 5-6 2013, CMA face-to-face meeting)
- CMA to discuss 'commitment' and what it means for the CMA and its member organizations (February 5-6 2013, CMA face-to-face meeting)
- CMA to discuss what materials are needed to help Management Authorities with their engagement and consultation on listing (i.e., brochures, presentations, etc.) (February 5-6, 2013).
- Follow-up on previous action items (February 5-6 2013)

Meeting date	Suggested Community	Suggested Venue
February 5-6, 2013	Yellowknife	Tree of Peace Friendship Centre
June 4-5, 2013 (could change)	Inuvik	Ingamo Hall Friendship Centre
January 7-8, 2014	Yellowknife	Tree of Peace Friendship Centre
June 3-4, 2014	Hay River	Don Stewart Rec Centre - Don Wieterman Room
January 6-7, 2015	Yellowknife	Tree of Peace Friendship Centre
June 10-11, 2015	Fort Simpson	Fort of the Forks Lodge