

**Conference of Management Authorities (CMA)**  
 Meeting Minutes - October 8-9, 2013  
 Tonimoes Boardroom, Mackenzie Hotel, Inuvik, NT

DAY 1 - MORNING

9:00 am – Meeting Call to Order

In attendance:	Representative for:
Grant Pryznyk	Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board, CMA Chairperson
John McCullum	Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board
Jack Bird	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Joanna Wilson	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT (resource person) (arrived afternoon of day 1)
Lynda Yonge	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Stephen Charlie	Environment and Natural Resources, GNWT
Marjorie Matheson-Maund	Tłjchq Government
Michael Neyelle	Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
Deborah Simmons	Sahtu Renewable Resources Board
Rob Gau	Wildlife Management Advisory Council
Larry Carpenter	Wildlife Management Advisory Council
Marsha Branigan	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (afternoon day 1 only)
James Malone	Wildlife Management Advisory Council (resource person)
Amy Amos	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Nataalka Melnycky	Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
Don Aubrey	Parks Canada Gov. of Canada (on conference call line)
Bruce MacDonald	Canadian Wildlife Service, Gov. of Canada (on conference call line afternoon day 1 only)
Dahti Tsetso	Dehcho First Nations (resource person, on conference call line)
Brenda McDonald	Salt River First Nations
Ronald Schaefer	Salt River First Nations
Claire Singer	Species at Risk Secretariat
Kendra McGreish	Species at Risk Secretariat

Opening Prayer - *led by Michael Neyelle*

1) Introductions - *led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson*

Round Table – welcome

2) Agenda – *led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson*

*Review of draft agenda*

**Decision #D2013100801: Consensus to approve the October 2013 agenda with flexibility.**

*The order and numbering of some agenda items were later changed.*

3) Invitations to participate (in-camera) – *led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson*

*Review of requests to participate (Salt River First Nation (SRFN) and North Slave Métis Alliance (NSMA)).*

**Decision #D2013100802: Consensus to start in-camera session (notes from in-camera session not included in these minutes).**

Participants and observers, including those on the conference call line, were asked to leave for the duration of the in-camera session. They were called back to the meeting once the in-camera session had finished.

Action #A2013100801: Management Authorities to consult with their boards/organizations to determine their positions regarding the issuance of standing participant or observer invitations for both the NSMA and SRFN. All Management Authorities will submit their positions to the Secretariat by no later than December 15, 2013

Action #A2013100802: Secretariat to draft briefing note as soon as possible for the CMA to facilitate the development of a position on NSMA and SRFN participation.

Action #A2013100803: Secretariat to draft amendments to the Rules of Conduct to allow for some buffer time on email decision items.

4) Minutes from last CMA meeting – *led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson*

*Review of draft minutes from June 12, 2013.*

- Decision from agenda item 4 of the minutes changed to read: “CMA approved the invitation of the Salt River First Nation (SRFN) to attend the October 8-9, 2013 CMA meeting at the ‘participant’ level.”

**Decision #D2013100803: Consensus to approve the June 2013 meeting minutes with no further changes.**

5) Review of action items – *led by Kendra McGreish, Secretariat*

*Review of outstanding action items from June 12, 2013 conference call, updates on progress, and re-evaluation of action items if necessary.*

Report on #A2013061201: Secretariat to draft invitation letter to SRFN for participation in CMA on SRFN reserve lands.

- Completed by the Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT).

Report on #A2013061202: CMA representatives to review draft templates for consensus agreement to list and not to list by July 18, 2013, and send any comments to the Secretariat.

- Completed.

Report on #A2013061203: Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) and Tłı̨ch̨ Government to discuss path forward on government-to-government consultation.

- Completed through section 35 letters.

Report on #A2013061204: GNWT to send copy of draft consultation and engagement plan shortly for review.

- Completed. Circulated to Management Authorities on July 11, 2013.

Report on #A2013061205: CMA recommends that GNWT contact Environment Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada to discuss the possibility of a section 144(2) agreement for SARC to assess migratory birds and fish.

- Not yet complete.

Report on #A2013061206: Secretariat to make final, agreed upon changes to the guidelines and template for management plans and recovery strategies.

- Completed and posted to NWT Species at Risk website.

Action #2013100804: Secretariat to update list of decisions/actions with respect to outstanding and bring forward items before next CMA meeting.

6) CMA decisions made since last meeting – *led by Claire Singer, Secretariat*

*Review of decisions since June 12, 2013 conference call.*

- Chair approved layout of CMA 2012/13 annual report and letter to Minister.
- Management Authorities approved a standing participant invitation for the Acho Dene Koe First Nation (ADKFN) and a one-time participant invitation for the SRFN.
- Management Authorities approved templates for consensus agreements to list and not to list.
- Website design approved – waiting for it to go live, hopefully by the end of October.

7) CMA letters sent and received since last meeting – *led by Claire Singer, Secretariat*

*Listing of letters sent and received by the CMA since the June 12, 2013 meeting.*

- Received three requests for invitation: ADKFN, SRFN, NSMA.
- Sent letter to Minister of ENR advising him that ENR's request for the ADKFN to be invited had been approved.
- Sent letters to ADKFN and SRFN with invitations and Rules of Conduct.
- Sent email to NSMA to inform them that the CMA would consider their request to participate at this meeting.
- Letter to Minister of ENR with submission of the 2012-13 CMA annual report.

8) Chair/co-chair appointments – *led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson*

*Discussion of upcoming Chair/co-Chair selection in June 2014, and selection of interim co-Chair to fill vacancy until June 2014 selection.*

- Chair and co-chair appointments are for two year periods and will be renewable in June 2014.
- Interim co-Chair will fill co-Chair vacancy until June 2014 selections take place.

**Decision #D2013100804: Rob Gau to act as nominating committee for Chair/co-Chair positions.**

**Decision #D2013100805: Amy Amos to take on role of interim co-Chair until June 2014.**

9) Updates on actions taken since last CMA meeting, including report on progress of coordinated management actions for 4 assessed species and any changes in representatives – *led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson*

*Update on activities since June 2013 from each management authority as well as participating organizations.*

GNWT

- Annual reports for both CMA and Species at Risk Committee (SARC) went to Minister and both being tabled for October/November session. Copies will be mailed out to relevant governments/organizations/groups in the next three weeks.

Action #A2013100805: Management Authorities to provide to the Secretariat names of organizations that would be interested in receiving SARC/CMA annual reports.

- Note re: appointing members to SARC. Management Authorities may appoint members to SARC, but they cannot de-appoint. In order for a Management Authority to fill a position with someone new, the old member must resign or their appointment term (5 years) must end, at which point the vacancy may be filled.
- Having discussions with Canada about when they are a Management Authority. New legal opinion on when the Act applies and doesn't apply. Can't apply on real federal lands: national parks. Until devolution, it also doesn't apply in national wildlife areas and migratory bird sanctuaries. Canada may not actually be a Management Authority very often, if at all, for species. Discussions about four species we're dealing with now - could still move forward with species if Canada is unable to participate because they aren't a Management Authority for these species.
- Stewardship sub-Committee – discussion of plans for the three pieces of art from Diane Boudreau under the Stewardship Program.
- Preparations for decisions on listings: provided opportunities for public to provide input; section 35 consultation with respect to potential infringements to organizations with rights; met with GNWT departments to see if they had any concerns; informed Cabinet of need to make listing decisions and requested support for the listing decisions – Lynda Yonge has delegated approval to sign the consensus agreements.
- Question to GNWT – There's still a lot of confusion about what the Act is and what the difference is between the federal *Species at Risk Act* and the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*.
  - Maybe as a group the CMA can think about what would be helpful to deal with that kind of confusion (materials, methods of information circulation, etc.).

Action #2013100806: Management Authorities to consider ways of improving knowledge and understanding of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* and its processes.

Government of Canada

- Has corresponded with the Secretariat and is currently in regular discussion regarding federal species at risk.
- No changes in CMA representation.

Tłı̄chǫ Government

- Worked with WRRB on community consultations for boreal caribou in Whati, Gameti and Behchoko.
- New Chiefs in Gameti and Wekweètì.

Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC (NWT))

- Completed tour with 4 mainland and 2 island communities. No major issues raised. Questions centered on the general process for listing species.
- No changes in CMA representation.
- At WMAC (NWT)'s regular September meeting they reviewed all consultation results and are ready to present positions on the listings.

#### Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB)

- Hired Nataalka to lead community consultations for the listing decision. Nataalka compiled the results of these consultations into a presentation that was delivered to the GRRB.
- Brought the question of listing to Renewable Resources Committee (RRC) meetings. Support letters for listing were provided by all the RRCs.
- Are ready to bring a position forward on listing boreal caribou.
- The GRRB does not yet have a regular Chair selected.
- The GRRB received two years of funding from the Aboriginal Fund for Species at Risk (AFSAR) to create a draft grizzly bear TK report – working with Kristi Benson.

Action #A2013100807: GRRB to share grizzly bear traditional knowledge report, once it is at a level they are comfortable sharing.

#### Sahtu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB)

- Update on terminology workshop: Final technical report completed. Creative plain-language brochure to raise awareness of the species at risk process has been delayed, but they are now moving forward with it.
- A bit behind on their system for engaging with RRCs.
- Are ready to bring a position forward on listing boreal caribou.
- New website in the works.
- Michael Neyelle has been designated as the interim Chair of the SRRB, replacing Walter Bayha.
- Putting a letter of interest to AFSAR for wolverine work with Kristi Benson.

#### Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB)

- Jody Snortland is on maternity leave – John McCullum is filling in for her until July 2014. Joseph Judas resigned as Chair after being elected to Tłı̄ch̄o assembly. Grant Pryznyk is now the interim Chair.
- Trying to restart boreal caribou research project they were working on before.
- Did consultation in three communities jointly with the Tłı̄ch̄o Government.
- Are ready to bring a position forward on listing boreal caribou.
- Boyan Tracz replaced Karin Clark as the WRRB-appointed alternate on the SARC.

#### Dehcho First Nation

- Interested in developments regarding boreal caribou and looking forward to working closely with ENR on them.

#### Salt River First Nation

- With respect to boreal caribou, once they are placed on the list of species at risk, how difficult is it to remove them? Answer - There are no automatic prohibitions associated with listing; the only thing that happens is the requirement for the development of a management plan or recovery strategy. Anything that could affect harvesting would be considered during the development of the management plans/recovery strategies, and would need consultation before decisions were made.
- It was also noted that with a ten year listing period and mandatory re-assessment, this may create limits to how many species can actually be reasonably assessed and listed/re-listed.

10) Update on the Species at Risk Stewardship program – led by Kendra McGreish, Secretariat

*Secretariat provided update on all existing projects funded by the Stewardship Program. Dehcho First Nation provided update on the youth ecology camp.*

- \$30,000 is allocated to this program each year and is intended to fund several small scale local projects. Could have done one award a year, but the Stewardship sub-Committee wanted to spread the funding out between regions and emphasize the funding of smaller, grassroots projects. So far this fiscal year only \$25,000 has been used.

Action #A2013100808: Management Authorities receiving funding from the Stewardship Program should send an update to the Secretariat if there is anything new to report.

Action #A2013100809: Secretariat to send Stewardship sub-Committee a briefing regarding the status of Stewardship Program-funded projects in order to facilitate the allocation of the final \$5,000.

- Separate note: A species at risk terminology report was developed for the Inuvialuit region a year or two ago. How widely was it circulated?

Action #A2013100810: Secretariat to determine whether the Inuvialuit terminology report was circulated more widely than the website and if so, determine who it was provided to.

11) Processes for preparing the management plans/recovery strategies – *led by Claire Singer, Secretariat*

*Round table discussion about the best way to approach the creation of management plans and recovery strategies, in light of potential future listing decisions and the finalization of the Guidelines and Template for Management Plans and Recovery Strategies.*

- General consensus that hiring a contractor may not be the best approach. Having an outside contractor build the management plans/recovery strategies could create problems with community buy-in and the contractor won't be able to understand the species in the context of traditional lands and culture. However, there's not a lot of in-house capacity that can be offered by any of the Management Authorities at this time.
- A lot of the important information that a contractor would need is already out there, contained in the species status reports (perhaps a species expert isn't necessary; a technical report write may suffice). The CMA can also adopt portions of existing management plans or recovery strategies, if this is deemed appropriate. In cases when there is an in-house expert, they should be used, but when there isn't an in-house expert available, then a contractor may need to be hired.
- The development of management plans and recovery strategies should be looked at on an individual species basis and decisions made for each species, rather than taking a blanket approach for all species.
- How would the GNWT discharge its s35 commitments? Answer – consultation would definitely take place during the development of the management plan/recovery strategy.

**Decision #D2013100806: Consensus on developing species-specific approaches to management plans and recovery strategies.**

12) Media release (all management authorities) – *led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson*

*Discussion about creating a media release to announce the listing decisions.*

- The Rules of Conduct state that the Chair should be the media contact. Since the Chair is a WRRB representative, and will not be present for the discussions on listing for Peary caribou, boreal caribou and hairy braya (because the WRRB isn't a Management Authority for those species), should he still be the media contact for the listing of those three species?
  - Yes, he should remain the media contact, since, as Chair, he speaks for the CMA as a whole.
  - Exceptions to one contact for media can be made if the CMA wants to deliver message through a different conduit.

**Decision #D2013100807: Consensus that the Chairperson should be the media contact, regardless of the species being discussed – the Chair speaks for the CMA as a whole.**

- Should the entire CMA be involved in reviewing the draft media release, or should a few individuals be identified for the review and approval, on behalf of the CMA?
  - At this stage, involve all the members of the CMA, since this is the first such media release the CMA will have done.

Action #A2013100811: Secretariat to draft media release for the listing decisions associated with all four species and circulate draft to all members of the CMA for review.

Action #A2013100812: Secretariat to work with SRRB if Michael Neyelle is contacted by CBC to do an interview, in his native language, about listing of species.

Action #A2013100813: Secretariat to track media conversations, which will be compiled and put in the relevant section of the next binder.

### 13) Consensus agreement on boreal caribou – led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson

*The relevant management authorities (ALL) discussed the listing of boreal caribou.*

Overview of listing process: The CMA needs to reach a consensus agreement on adding or not adding boreal caribou to the NWT List of Species at Risk. All relevant materials required in the Act to make the listing decision were included in the materials binder for this meeting. The consensus agreement must include a list of the actions the Management Authorities undertook in preparation for listing the species. Once the consensus agreement is signed it will be provided to the Minister of ENR and the Management Authorities. The listing level of a species (e.g., threatened, special concern, etc.) does not have to be the same as the assessment. The deadline for developing consensus agreements to list or not list boreal caribou, Peary caribou, polar bear and hairy braya is December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

- GRRB: made a motion at last meeting to approve the listing of boreal caribou as 'threatened'.
- SRRB: supports the listing of boreal caribou as 'threatened'.
- GNWT: supports the listing of boreal caribou as 'threatened'.
- WRRB: passed a motion to list boreal caribou as 'threatened'.
- Tłı̄ch̄ Government: supports the listing of boreal caribou as a 'species of special concern'.
- WMAC (NWT): passed a motion that they support listing boreal caribou as 'threatened'.

*Round table discussion of issues raised during consultations and public engagement.*

- The main concerns that communities raised were around forest fire management and the impact that might have; limits to hunting/hunting rights; competition with muskox, capacity to

revisit listing if numbers change; development; and predation. Questions about the listing and management process were very common – how involved would the different regions be in the process?

- The Management Authorities who came to the table with initial positions supporting the listing of boreal caribou as ‘threatened’ felt that the large majority of concerns raised were either the result of an incomplete understanding of the consequences of listing (i.e., that there’s no automatic prohibitions put in place upon listing) or were concerns that could be addressed effectively during the development of the recovery strategy. Also, given that very few comments/concerns related to the actual content of the species status reports or the SARC’s methodology, they felt that the original conclusions of SARC were valid.
- The Tłıchq Government felt that given concerns raised during their consultations, including, in particular, hunting rights, a listing of special concern would bridge the need for being proactive in the management of boreal caribou, but also recognize the needs and concerns of the people in the Tłıchô region.

*More detail on reasons for Management Authorities’ positions:*

- GRRB: Concerns raised during consultation/engagement included: harvesting restrictions, impact of muskox on boreal caribou, the length of the term of listing, the impact of forest fires on boreal caribou, and the desire for more precise population estimates. Aklavik and Tsiigehtchic RRCs supporting the listing of boreal caribou as ‘threatened’. The Inuvik RRC did not. Fort McPherson did not oppose listing boreal caribou as ‘threatened’, but did not provide a letter of support. The Tsiigehtchic RRC discussed the merits of listing as a species of ‘special concern’, but agreed that ‘threatened’ was a better listing status after the GRRB explained that there are no automatic prohibitions caused by listing, just the need to develop a management plan or recovery strategy. The Inuvik RRC’s major concern was harvesting restrictions. Since there’s no automatic prohibitions caused by listing, the GRRB felt this was a concern that could be effectively addressed in the development of the management plan/recovery strategy.
- SRRB: Development is occurring quickly in the Sahtu region. Boreal caribou are certainly having problems farther south, so the SRRB felt that something needed to be done right away, especially since there’s pressure on boreal caribou from multiple sources, including encroachment by both muskoxen and people. The SRRB therefore felt that listing as ‘threatened’ was appropriate.
- GNWT: Gave opportunity for public input over the summer. Got 16 responses: most were in favour of listing and most were about boreal caribou (the GNWT did consultation for all four species simultaneously). There were a few questions about the reliability of the information used in the species status report and regarding the appropriateness of separating them from Mountain caribou. Section 35 Crown consultation was completed through letters and meetings. Aboriginal organizations with asserted or recognized Aboriginal rights were consulted. Concerns were raised regarding the infringement on harvesting rights and there was interest from these groups in participating, especially at the management planning/recovery strategy stage. The GNWT committed to continue consulting with these groups and continue to be inclusive.

Action #A2013100814: GNWT to check whether any of the comments received on listing recommended a deviation from the status of 'threatened' for boreal caribou.

- WRRB: There was no specific feedback on the proposed status of 'threatened'. Concerns raised included: the impact forest fires have on boreal caribou and the potential infringement on harvesting rights. Generally, the feeling was that boreal caribou needed protection. The board was unanimous in their support for listing boreal caribou as 'threatened'.
- WMAC (NWT): Concerns raised included how information was used in the assessment, what type of information was used in the assessment and ensuring that Inuvialuit are involved in the development of the management plan/recovery strategy.
- Dehcho First Nation: Not a Management Authority, but generally felt that it was unclear who had done the status report and how they had arrived at their conclusions. Felt that it would be helpful if an expert could present to the DFN to provide a bit more context and answer questions. It was noted by the CMA that the authors of status reports are SARC.
- Salt River First Nation: Wanted to know how much of their area has burnt in the last 10 years and how much will be protected by ENR. It was noted that that is a discussion more suited to the management plan/recovery strategy, although ENR committed to having this discussion with them anyway, in the case the boreal caribou do not end up being listed.
- Government of Canada: Felt that boreal caribou meets listing requirements for 'threatened' and supports the CMA's proposal to list boreal caribou as 'threatened'.

*Other notes from discussion:*

- Question of scale is important. Just because boreal caribou are healthy in one region, does mean they're healthy everywhere.
- CMA to reconvene tomorrow on this matter once Tłı̄ch̄ô Government has had a chance to discuss new information that arose from this discussion and the positions/rationale of other Management Authorities.

Action #A2013100815: Secretariat to ensure that Dahti Tsetso is on all emails to the Dehcho First Nation, so that information is going to more than one person and doesn't get lost.

*A consensus decision to list boreal caribou as threatened was not arrived at at this time.*

14) Next steps and action items – led by Kendra McGreish, Secretariat

*Review of next steps in the meeting and actions/decision items so far.*

15) Selection of Ad-hoc Chair – led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson

*Selection of Ad-hoc chair to lead consensus agreement discussions on Peary caribou, polar bear, and hairy braya.*

**Decision #D2013100808: Consensus for Rob Gau to act as Ad-hoc Chair for the listing discussion on Peary caribou, polar bear and hairy braya.**

16) Consensus agreement on Peary caribou - *led by Rob Gau, Ad-hoc Chairperson*

*The Management Authorities (GNWT and WMAC (NWT)) discussed their positions on the listing of Peary caribou as 'threatened'.*

- GNWT: prepared to support listing Peary caribou as 'threatened'.
- WMAC (NWT): prepared to support listing Peary caribou as 'threatened'.

**Decision #D2013100809: Consensus between WMAC (NWT) and the GNWT to list Peary caribou as 'threatened' on the NWT List of Species at Risk.**

Action #A2013100816: Secretariat to prepare consensus agreement for Peary caribou for review and approval by the Management Authorities (GNWT and WMAC (NWT)).

Action #2013100817: WMAC (NWT) and GNWT to provide summary of consultation/engagement activities and reasons for positions to the Secretariat for inclusion with the consensus agreement for Peary caribou by October 18, 2013.

Action #2013100818: Once consensus agreement for Peary caribou is complete and associated attachments are received, Secretariat to draft letter to the Minister of ENR, submitting the consensus agreement.

- There is an opportunity for building on existing federal processes associated with Peary caribou. Necessary to discuss what the CMA's recovery objectives are though, because they may not be the same as the federal recovery objectives.
- GNWT and WMAC (NWT) will meet in December 2013, at the next WMAC (NWT) meeting, to determine a path forward.

17) Consensus agreement on polar bear – *led by Rob Gau, Ad-hoc Chairperson*

*The Management Authorities (GNWT and WMAC (NWT)) discussed their positions on the listing of polar bear as a species of 'special concern'.*

- GNWT: prepared to support listing polar bear as 'special concern'.
- WMAC (NWT): prepared to support listing polar bear as 'special concern'.

**Decision #D20131008010: Consensus between WMAC (NWT) and the GNWT to list polar bear as 'special concern' on the NWT List of Species at Risk.**

Action #A2013100819: Secretariat to prepare consensus agreement for polar bear for review and approval by the Management Authorities (GNWT and WMAC (NWT)).

Action #A2013100820: WMAC (NWT) and GNWT to submit summary of consultation/engagement activities and reasons for positions to the Secretariat for inclusion with the consensus agreement for polar bear by October 18, 2013.

Action #A2013100821: Once consensus agreement for polar bear is complete and associated attachments are received, Secretariat to draft letter to the Minister of ENR, submitting the consensus agreement.

- There will need to be a strong collaborative approach between WMAC (NWT) and the GNWT for the creation of the management plan – should use the federal polar bear management plan where possible.
- GNWT and WMAC (NWT) will meet in December 2013, at the next WMAC (NWT) meeting, to determine a path forward.

18) Consensus agreement on hairy braya – *led by Rob Gau, ad-Hoc Chairperson*

*The Management Authorities (GNWT and WMAC (NWT)) discussed their positions on the listing of hairy braya as 'threatened'.*

- GNWT: prepared to support the listing of hairy braya as 'threatened'.
- WMAC (NWT): prepared to support the listing of hairy braya as 'threatened'.

**Decision #D2013100811: Consensus between WMAC (NWT) and the GNWT to list hairy braya as 'threatened' on the NWT List of Species at Risk.**

Action #A2013100822: Secretariat to prepare consensus agreement for hairy braya for review and approval by the Management Authorities (GNWT and WMAC (NWT)).

Action #A2013100823: WMAC (NWT) and GNWT to submit summary of consultation/engagement activities and reasons for positions to the Secretariat for inclusion with the consensus agreement for hairy braya by October 18, 2013.

Action #A2013100824: Once consensus agreement for hairy braya is complete and associated attachments are received, Secretariat to draft letter to the Minister of ENR, submitting the consensus agreement.

- GNWT and WMAC (NWT) will meet in December 2013, at the next WMAC (NWT) meeting, to determine a path forward.

DAY 2 - MORNING

9:00 am - Call to order

*Review of action items 16-18, led by Rob Gau, Ad-hoc Chairperson*

*Consensus Agreements for Peary caribou, polar bear, and hairy braya were reached.*

*Recapped discussion about next steps – dovetailing Government of Canada plans for management plans/recovery strategies and the capacity of the GNWT & WMAC (NWT) to lead development of management plan/recovery strategies. WMAC (NWT) and GNWT to meet in December 2013 to discuss recovery goals and resources needed.*

13) (Resumption) – consensus agreement for the listing of boreal caribou, *led by Grant Pryznyk, Chairperson*

- Tłı̄ch̄o Government: Tłı̄ch̄o Chiefs reviewed the information that arose during the previous day's discussion. Based on this information, Tłı̄ch̄o Chiefs now support the listing of boreal caribou as 'threatened' on the NWT List of Species at Risk.

- The support of the Tlicho Government on this matter results in a consensus decision to list boreal caribou as 'threatened'.

**Decision #D2013100901: Consensus to list boreal caribou as 'threatened' on the NWT List of Species at Risk.**

Action #A2013100901: Management Authorities to send consultation/engagement records and reasons for positions to Secretariat for inclusion in the Consensus Agreement for boreal caribou by no later than October 18, 2013.

Action #A2013100902: Secretariat to prepare consensus agreement for boreal caribou for the review and approval of Management Authorities. Secretariat to circulate consensus agreement to Management Authorities for signing starting on October 23, 2013.

Action #A2013100903: Once consensus agreement for boreal caribou is complete and associated attachments are received, Secretariat to draft letter to the Minister of ENR, submitting the consensus agreement.

Action #A2013100904: GNWT to pursue the development and delivery of a Minister's statement regarding the consensus agreements on listing during the October-November sitting of the Legislative Assembly. The Minister's statement will be scheduled to take place after consensus agreements have been signed by all Management Authorities.

- CMA felt that, in the future, prior to listing meetings, it would be helpful to be able to discuss positions and concerns raised during consultation/engagement with the other Management Authorities. This would allow the CMA to identify divergent positions and give them the opportunity to address these prior to the actual listing meeting.
- This would likely be true of any meeting requiring the completion of a consensus agreement (e.g., finalization of a recovery strategy).

**Decision #D2013100902: In the future, prior to meetings requiring the completion of consensus agreements, the Secretariat will schedule a conference call, 2-3 weeks prior to the meeting, to discuss positions and identify any differences that may need to be addressed.**

- Consensus to arrange a conference call in November or December 2013 to discuss path forward for the development of a boreal caribou recovery strategy prior to the next face-to-face meeting.
- Scheduled conference call for Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> @ 9:30 am.
- Management Authorities will be having meetings with their home organizations within the next three months and will be able to discuss steps forward with respect to the development of a boreal caribou recovery strategy at the next meeting.

Action #A2013100905: Secretariat to provide Management Authorities with relevant information regarding how other organizations develop management plans/recovery strategies, including any recommendations that may be available, prior to the December 13, 2013 conference call.

19) Next steps and action items, *led by Kendra McGreish, Secretariat*

*Review of action/decision items since previous item update.*

*Closing Prayer – led by Michael Neyelle*