



ANNUAL REPORT
2022-2023



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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, 2023.



Northern mountain caribou – Photo Credit: Norman Baricello

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.



Boreal chorus frog at Fort Simpson – Photo Credit: Chuck Blyth

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2022 TO MARCH 31, 2023

The Conference of Management Authorities held four meetings during the 2022-2023 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:

- **Polar bear** – Consensus agreement on re-listing polar bear.

Recovery Strategies and Management Plans

- Continued work to develop a recovery strategy for Peary caribou in the NWT.
- Finalized a management plan for northern mountain caribou (for release in 2023).
- Completed progress reports and reviews for boreal caribou, polar bear and amphibians

Species Conservation and Recovery Fund

Awarded approximately \$60,000 in funding to seven projects for 2023-24:

- Caribou Relationship Plan (Athabasca Denesųłiné Né Né Land Corporation)
- Boreal Caribou Habitat Enhancement (Deninu Kųę First Nation)
- Community-led Species At Risk Detection: eDNA Sampling in Traditionally Important Water Bodies of the North Slave Region (North Slave Métis Alliance)
- Youth Engagement for the Future of Species at Risk (Salt River First Nation)
- Presence or Absence of Species at Risk in the Sahtú Settlement Area (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
- Ulukhaktok Caribou Ground Survey (Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT))
- Youth and Elder Engagement Project (Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board)

Details on Conference activities are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: www.nwt-speciesatrisk.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
- Pehdzo Got'Inę Gots'ę Nákedí (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)
- Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board
- Tłı̨chǫ Government
- Government of Canada
- Government of the Northwest Territories

Each Management Authority may have three representatives attend Conference meetings.

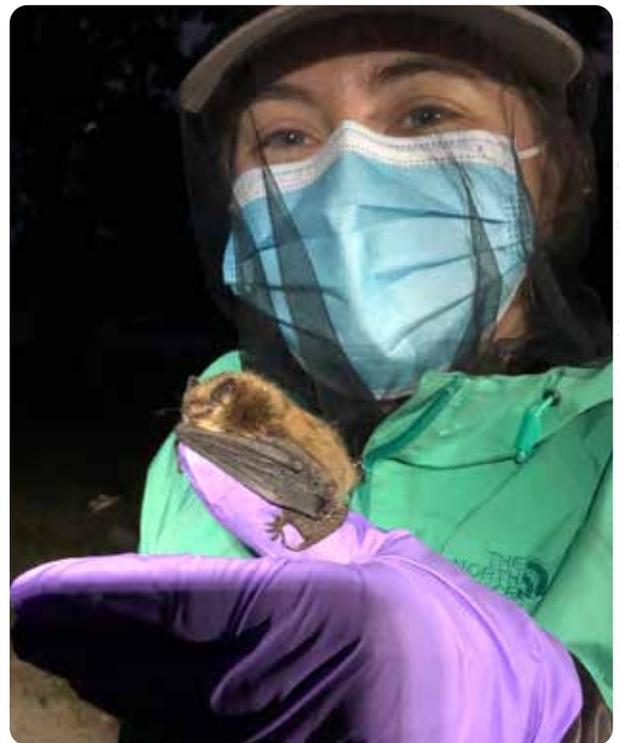
The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Akaitcho Territory Government, Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, Dehcho First Nations, Kát'odeeche First Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Northwest Territory Métis Nation and Salt River First Nation are also invited to observe or participate in Conference 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	Under development Due July 2024	Due April 2025	Due April 2030
Western toad	Completed 2017	Completed 2017	Completed 2022
Wood bison	Completed 2020	Completed 2020	Due April 2025
SPECIAL CONCERN			
Northern mountain caribou	Under development Due July 2023	Due April 2024	Due April 2029
Dolphin and Union caribou	Completed 2018	Completed 2018	Under development Due December 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



Little brown myotis - Photo Credit: Joanna Wilson, CNWT

Biologist Johanna Stewart holding a little brown myotis during bat surveys in Fort Smith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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American White Pelicans on the Slave River – Photo Credit: John David McKinnon