



ANNUAL REPORT
2020-2021



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Under subsection 16(1) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* (the Act), the Conference of Management Authorities (the Conference) must submit an annual report to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources by September 30 each year. This annual report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.



Hairy braya – Photo Credit: Bruce Bennett

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.



Western toad tadpoles – Photo Credit: Danna Schock

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2020 TO MARCH 31, 2021

The Conference of Management Authorities held five meetings during the 2020-2021 fiscal year. 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 were invited to observe or participate in Conference meetings.

The Conference accomplished the following tasks:

Consensus Agreements¹

Completed and submitted to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources the following consensus agreements:

- **Wood bison** – Consensus agreement respecting implementation of the wood bison recovery strategy in the NWT.
- **Barren-ground caribou** – Consensus agreement accepting the recovery strategy for barren-ground caribou in the NWT.
- **Bats** – Consensus agreement accepting the management plan for bats in the NWT.

Recovery Strategies and Management Plans

- Continued work to develop a recovery strategy for Peary caribou in the NWT.

Species Conservation and Recovery Fund²

Awarded approximately \$30,000 in funding to four projects:

- Wood Bison Education and Awareness (Ecology North)
- Willow Creek Hike (Aklavik, Moose Kerr School)
- eDNA sampling (North Slave Métis Alliance)
- Developing Community Based Non-Invasive Techniques to Monitor Polar Bears (Olokhtomiut Hunters and Trappers Committee)

Details on Conference activities are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: www.nwt-speciesatrisk.ca

¹The consensus agreements respecting implementation of the barren-ground caribou recovery strategy and bats management plan, as well as the consensus agreement on listing northern mountain caribou as a species of Special Concern were signed in April 2021, after the reporting period for this annual report, but prior to the publication of the annual report.

²Formerly the Species at Risk Stewardship Program.

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,
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board,
- Wek'èezhìi Renewable Resources Board,
- Tłı̨chǫ Government,
- Government of Canada, and
- Government of the Northwest Territories.

Each Management Authority may have three representatives attend Conference meetings.

The Conference develops consensus agreements on listing species at risk, conservation measures, management plans, and recovery strategies.



NWT LIST OF SPECIES AT RISK

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT PLAN/ RECOVERY STRATEGY	IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT
THREATENED		
Barren-ground caribou	Complete	Complete
Boreal caribou	Complete	Complete
Hairy braya	Complete	Complete
Northern leopard frog	Complete	Complete
Peary caribou	Under development	n/a
Western toad	Complete	Complete
Wood bison	Complete	Complete
SPECIAL CONCERN		
Dolphin and Union caribou	Complete	Complete
Little brown myotis	Complete	Complete
Northern myotis	Complete	Complete
Polar bear	Complete	Complete



Barren-ground caribou – Photo Credit: Rob Gau, ENR



Northern mountain caribou – Photo Credit: Jan Adamczewski, ENR

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Respectfully submitted,



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Peary caribou – Photo Credit: John Nagy, GNWT