



CONFERENCE OF
MANAGEMENT
AUTHORITIES
SPECIES AT RISK

ANNUAL REPORT
2015-2016



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Under subsection 16(1) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the Conference of Management Authorities (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, 2016.

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.



Red-sided garter snake – Photo Credit: M. Oldham, ENR

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2015 TO MARCH 31, 2016

The Conference of Management Authorities held three meetings during the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Akaitcho Territory Government, Dehcho First Nations, Kátł'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 Agreements

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

- **Western toad** (*Anaxyrus boreas*) – consensus to add to the NWT List of Species at Risk as a **threatened** species
- **Hairy braya** (*Braya pilosa*) – consensus to accept *Recovery Strategy for the Hairy Braya in the NWT*

Recovery Strategies and Management Planning

Completed the *Recovery Strategy for the Hairy Braya (Braya pilosa) in the NWT*. Continued work to develop NWT recovery strategies for boreal caribou and Peary caribou, and NWT management plans for polar bear and Dolphin and Union caribou. Recovery requirements for northern leopard frog and western toad, both **threatened** in the NWT, are being addressed through an *NWT Amphibian Management Plan*.

Species at Risk Stewardship Program

Awarded a total of \$30,000 in Species at Risk Stewardship Program funding to six projects:

- Deninu Kue First Nation – Woodland Caribou Habitat Traditional Knowledge Study, Part II
- Ecology North, Hay River – Hay River Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee Awareness Campaign
- Ecology North, Yellowknife – Gypsy Cuckoo Bumble Bee Awareness Campaign
- Gwichya Gwich'in Renewable Resources Council – Bank Swallow, Mackenzie and Arctic Red River Survey
- Moose Kerr School – Richardson Mountain Hike
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board – Déljne Barren-ground Caribou Conservation Initiative

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,
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board,
- Wek'èezhii 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

Threatened	Boreal caribou
	Hairy braya
	Northern leopard frog
	Peary caribou
	Western toad
Special Concern	Dolphin and Union caribou
	Polar bear



Peregrine falcon – Photo Credit: Alastair Franke



Northern leopard frog – Photo Credit: Kris Kendall



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www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca

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Respectfully submitted,



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Northern myotis – Photo Credit: Cori Lausen (right)

Barren-ground caribou – Photo Credit: A Krisch, ENR (left)