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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, 2019.



Peary caribou – Photo Credit: John Nagy, ENR

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.



Wood bison – Photo Credit: Danny Allaire, ENR

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2018 TO MARCH 31, 2019

The Conference of Management Authorities held four meetings during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Akaitcho Territory Government, Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, 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:

- **Dolphin and Union caribou** – Consensus agreement on implementing the management plan for Dolphin and Union caribou
- **Barren-ground caribou** – Consensus Agreement on Listing Barren-ground Caribou in the NWT
- **Little brown myotis (bat)** – Consensus Agreement on Listing Little Brown Myotis in the NWT
- **Northern myotis (bat)** – Consensus Agreement on Listing Northern Myotis in the NWT
- **Grizzly bear** – Consensus Agreement on Not Listing Grizzly Bears in the NWT

Recovery Strategies and Management Planning

- Continued work to develop recovery strategies for Peary caribou and wood bison¹ in the NWT.
- Initiated work on the development of a recovery strategy for barren-ground caribou and a management plan for little brown myotis and northern myotis.

Species at Risk Stewardship Program

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

- You Can Make a Difference – Caribou for the Future: Grades 7-12 Poster and Prose Contest (Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board)
- Bats in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board)
- Species at Risk Science Communication in the Gwich'in Settlement Area (Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board)
- Willow Creek Hike (Moose Kerr School)
- eDNA Training for Detecting Species at Risk (North Slave Métis Alliance)

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

¹The consensus agreement accepting the wood bison recovery strategy was signed in April 2019, after the reporting period for this annual report, but prior to publication of the annual report.

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	Under development	n/a
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	Under development
SPECIAL CONCERN		
Dolphin and Union caribou	Complete	Complete
Little brown myotis	Under development	n/a
Northern myotis	Under development	n/a
Polar bear	Complete	Complete



Polar bear - Photo Credit: ENR



Grizzly bear - Photo Credit: Gordon Court

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For more information about the
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and its activities, please visit:

www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca

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Respectfully submitted,



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Cover Photo:
Little brown myotis, South Slave Hibernaculum – Photo Credit: Cori Lausen