



ANNUAL REPORT
2017-2018



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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, 2018.



Wood bison – Photo Credit: Danny Allaire, 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.



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PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2017 TO MARCH 31, 2018

The Conference of Management Authorities held seven meetings during the 2017-2018 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, Porcupine Caribou Management Board 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:

- **Wood bison** – Consensus Agreement on Listing Wood Bison as Threatened in the NWT
- **Western toad and northern leopard frog** – Consensus Agreement on Implementing the NWT Amphibian Management Plan
- **Dolphin and Union caribou** – Consensus Agreement on Adopting the Management Plan for Dolphin and Union Caribou in the NWT and Nunavut
- **Boreal caribou** – Consensus Agreement on Implementing the NWT Boreal Caribou Recovery Strategy
- **Polar bear** – Consensus Agreement on Implementing the Inuvialuit Settlement Region Polar Bear Joint Management Plan and Framework for Action

Recovery Strategies and Management Planning

- Dolphin and Union caribou – Completed *Management Plan for the Dolphin and Union Caribou (Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus x pearyi) in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut*.
- Continued work to develop recovery strategies for Peary caribou and wood bison in the NWT.

Species at Risk Stewardship Program

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

- Rusty Blackbird Awareness Campaign (Hay River) – Ecology North
- Rusty Blackbird Awareness Campaign (Yellowknife) – Ecology North
- Bats in the Gwich'in Settlement Area – Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board
- Mountain Caribou Stewardship Planning – Sahtú Renewable Resources 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,
- 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

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT PLAN/ RECOVERY STRATEGY	IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT
THREATENED		
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	Under development	n/a
SPECIAL CONCERN		
Dolphin and Union caribou	Complete	Under development
Polar bear	Complete	Complete



Polar bear – Photo Credit: ENR



Western toad – Photo Credit: Floya Bertand

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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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