

ANNUAL REPORT

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 (ENR) by September 30 each year. The 2013-2014 Annual Report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2014.

THE SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT

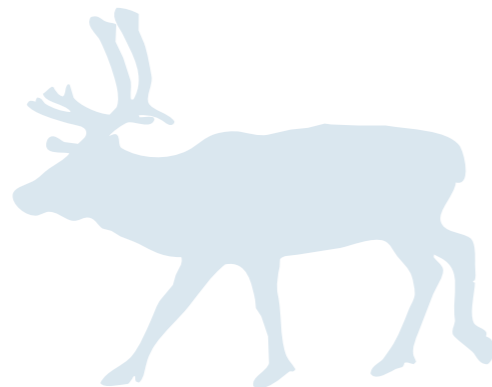
The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* provides a process to identify, protect and recover species at risk in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The Act applies to any wild animal, plant or other species that is managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. It applies in most areas of the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claim agreement.



Wood Bison - Photo Credit: ENR



American White Pelican - Photo Credit: John McKay



PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2013 TO MARCH 31, 2014

The Conference of Management Authorities held four meetings during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Akaitcho Territory Government, Dehcho First Nations, 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:

- Received species status assessments from the Species at Risk Committee for the following species:
 - Dolphin and Union Caribou and
 - Northern Leopard Frog.
- Initiated the process to decide whether to add Dolphin and Union Caribou and/or Northern Leopard Frog to the NWT List of Species at Risk by December 20, 2014.
- Finalized the **Guidelines and Template for Management Plans and Recovery Strategies** under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*.
- Awarded a total of \$30,000 in Species at Risk Stewardship Program funding to six projects:
 - Aurora College – Breeding Bird Survey Routes
 - Dehcho First Nations – 2013 Dehcho Youth Ecology Camp
 - Diane Boudreau – Species at Risk Artwork Project
 - Gwich'in Social and Cultural Institute – Gwich'in Species at Risk Brochure
 - Yellowknife Catholic Schools – Tibbitt Lake Taiga Shield Study Camp
 - Sahtú Renewable Resources Board – Species at Risk Photo Book

- Completed and submitted to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources the following consensus agreements to add species to the NWT List of Species at Risk:
 - Consensus Agreement on Listing Boreal Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) as a Threatened species
 - Consensus Agreement on Listing Peary Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus pearyi*) as a Threatened species
 - Consensus Agreement on Listing Hairy Braya (*Braya pilosa*) as a Threatened species
 - Consensus Agreement on Listing Polar Bear (*Ursus maritimus*) as a species of Special Concern
- Initiated the process to develop NWT recovery strategies for Boreal Caribou, Peary Caribou and Hairy Braya and an NWT management plan for Polar Bear by February 2016.

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



Rusty Blackbird - Photo Credit: Samuel Denault



Peary Caribou - Photo Credit: John Naggy, ENR



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;
- Tłıchǫ 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.

CONTACT

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Respectfully submitted,



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Hairy Braya - Photo Credit: Jim Harris (left)



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