

ANNUAL REPORT

Under Section 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 2012-2013 Annual Report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2013.

THE SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT

The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* (the 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 everywhere in the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claims agreement.

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2012 TO MARCH 31, 2013

The Conference of Management Authorities held three meetings during the 2012-2013 fiscal year. The Akaitcho Territory Government, Dehcho First Nations and Northwest Territory Métis Nation were invited to participate in Conference meetings.

The Conference accomplished the following tasks:

- Received species status assessments from the Species at Risk Committee for the following species:
 - Polar Bear
 - Peary Caribou
 - Hairy Braya, and
 - Boreal Caribou.
- Initiated the process to decide whether to add Polar Bear, Peary Caribou, Hairy Braya and/or Boreal Caribou to the NWT List of Species at Risk by December 2013.
- Continued work towards developing Guidelines for Management Plans and Recovery Strategies under the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*; and
- Awarded a total of \$30,000 in Species at Risk Stewardship Program funding to six projects:
 - Deninu Kue Species at Risk Awareness Workshop;
 - Learning about species at risk of the taiga shield at the Tibbitt Lake Taiga Shield Study Camp;
 - Learning about species at risk issues and legislation at the Dehcho Youth Ecology Camp;
 - Species at Risk Student Artwork and Exhibit to raise the profile of species at risk;
 - Gwich'in Species at Risk Awareness brochure, Part II – Gwich'in plants;
 - Building capacity for breeding bird surveys in the Inuvik and Fort McPherson areas.

The Conference of Management Authorities has not yet completed any consensus agreements.

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;
- Sahtu 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 representatives are not required to be the same for every meeting.

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



CONTACT

For more information about the Conference of Management Authorities and its activities, please visit: www.nwt-species-at-risk.ca

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Respectfully submitted,

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