

ACCWM Meets to Discuss Bluenose Caribou Herds' Status & Management Actions

Inuvik, NT (November 22, 2019) – The Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management (ACCWM) met November 19 to November 21, 2019 in Inuvik to discuss and determine herd status and management actions under the framework of the *Taking Care of Caribou: The Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds Management Plan* (http://www.grrb.nt.ca/pdf/wildlife/caribou/CB_BNW_BNE_Mgmt_Plan_FINAL.pdf).

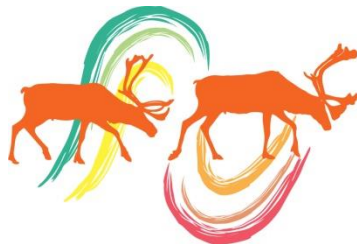
The meetings were open to the public. The ACCWM collaborated in reviewing both scientific and community-based monitoring information. The ACCWM then went in-camera to discuss herd status and associated management actions for each of the herds in 2020/21. The ACCWM will finalize an action plan for each herd based on information provided at the meeting and submit the action plans to each Member Board of the ACCWM for their review and approval.

Following formal approval by the Member Boards, action plans for the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East herds will be submitted to governments for implementation.

Background:

The ACCWM was established to exchange information, help develop cooperation and consensus, and make recommendations regarding wildlife and wildlife habitat issues that cross land claim and treaty boundaries. The committee consists of the following Member Boards: Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT), Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board, ʔehdzo Got'ıne Gots'ę Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board), Wek'èezhì Renewable Resources Board, Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board, and Tukturnogait National Park Management Board.

The *Taking Care of Caribou: The Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds Management Plan* was submitted to governments in both the NWT and Nunavut in November 2014. The ultimate goal is to ensure that there are caribou today and for future generations. The management goals are to maintain herds within the known natural range of variation, conserve and manage caribou habitat, and ensure that harvesting is respectful and sustainable.



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