

List of Key Emerging Issues



This list was developed based on discussions in the Sahtú Region over the past year, the two proposals under consideration at the Bluenose East 7ekwé Hearing, as well as Information Requests submitted. The Board still welcomes input on whether additional key issues should be added to the list.

Consultation

- Consultation approaches and needs.

Knowledge

- Changing caribou ecology and habitat concerns, including fire management (eg. range, size, intensity) and calving ground habitat.
- Caribou monitoring approaches and options (including use of collars, methods for estimating population size and movement, estimates of reported and “true” harvest).
- Herd definition: one herd versus three Bluenose herds.
- Predator (eg. grizzly bear and wolf) relationships with caribou.
- Cumulative effects considerations.
- Cross regional considerations in research and monitoring.

Conservation measures

- Caribou conservation/stewardship approaches, including definition and use of conservation and existence and scope of a conservation concern.
- Area versus population-based approaches to caribou conservation.
- Harvest management approaches (including the basis for suggested regional allocations)
- Harvesting yárégo (smaller males) versus tsída (females)
- Predator control.
- Community well-being in the context of changing caribou populations (eg. health, culture, spirituality, education/knowledge transmission, food security, economic impacts).
- Co-management options and approaches (eg. roles and responsibilities of co-management partners).
- Management plan implementation (including enforcement, authorization, and harvest reporting options).
- Cross-regional conservation considerations.

Communication and education

Communication and education approaches.