

**SUBMISSION TO THE
NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD
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Decision:

Issue: To introduce the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada to the NWMB, and describe its proposed implementation for caribou (barren-ground, Dolphin & Union, and Peary). We will seek advice from NWMB on engagement and collaboration with Nunavummiut moving forward.

Background:

- The federal, provincial, and territorial (FPT) Deputy Ministers for Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity agreed to implement the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation (PCA) in December 2018. The PCA reaffirms commitments to conservation and will guide collaborative efforts by recognizing the shared leadership role of FPT governments and Indigenous peoples.
- The PCA identifies shared priorities for action, and focuses on strengthening partnerships, enhancing the evidence-base for decision-making, and increasing return on investments.
- A central, guiding tenet of the PCA is recognizing and respecting the role of Indigenous peoples in the conservation of species at risk and biodiversity more broadly. The PCA aims to increase capacity for Indigenous-led community stewardship planning and action.
- Six “priority” species have been initially identified under the PCA for shared action between partners: barren-ground caribou (including the Dolphin & Union population), boreal caribou, Peary caribou, southern mountain caribou, Greater Sage-grouse and wood bison.
- Two of the six species occur in Nunavut: Peary caribou and barren-ground caribou (including the Dolphin & Union population)
- A presentation on the PCA, the priority species, and a proposed path forward will require approximately 15 minutes.

Current Status

- As an initial step in PCA implementation, in June 2019, FPT Deputy Ministers, including Jimmy Noble Jr., agreed to undertake collaborative “workplanning” for the six priority species. Workplanning will involve the identification knowledge gaps and priorities in consideration of all work currently underway, and will ultimately lead to collaborative conservation action planning in one for or another.
- Over the past several months, the Canadian Wildlife Service has been working with partners in the FPT governments to commence the initiative, by gaining an overarching understanding of conservation actions (e.g. population monitoring, habitat restoration, habitat monitoring) planned or underway for each species until 2030.

- The next step in identifying priorities is to ensure that input and feedback from Indigenous peoples is included. The active participation of Indigenous peoples will be required to provide a holistic picture of the work being undertaken across the country, and ensuring more effective conservation measures moving forward.
- All work being carried out under the PCA will be done so in respect of roles and responsibilities as per the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement, and in recognition of the important role played by the NWMB in species' management.

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