



Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

For

**Information: X**

Decision:

**Issue:** Future development of Implementation Reports and Action Plans as outlined in the Species at Risk Act

**Background:**

- Since the adoption of the Federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA; 2002), over 40 recovery documents (Management Plans and Recovery Strategies) for northern species at risk have been developed and published in collaboration with Territorial and Indigenous co-management partners.
- Following the publication of these documents, Action Plans, which outline how a Recovery Strategy will be executed, and/or Implementation Reports, which report on the implementation progress of a recovery document, are generally required after 5 years.
- The Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) is currently working to address these obligations.

Action plans

- Action Plans are required under section 47 of the *Species at Risk Act (2002)* for Recovery Strategies, when recovery is deemed feasible.
- The purpose of an Action Plan is to support the published Recovery Strategy and outline a more detailed plan for recovery. This includes outlining and prioritizing specific recovery actions to be taken to achieve the objectives identified in the Recovery Strategy, including actions to address threats, monitor the species' recovery, and protect critical habitat that has been identified for the species. Action Plans also include an evaluation of the socio-economic costs and benefits derived from its implementation.
- Action Plans will follow the same development and consultation process as Management Plans and Recovery Strategies, including two Jurisdictional Reviews and a formal request for support from NWMB to post the document on the SAR Public Registry.

### Implementation Reports

- Implementation Reports are required under sections 46, 55, and 72 of the *Species at Risk Act (2002)* and are to be published within 5 years of a Recovery Document being posted.
- These reports are to summarize progress and efforts made towards recovery objectives, implementing conservation actions and scheduled studies (if applicable) outlined in the recovery document, comment on the continued feasibility of recovery, and provide recommendations for future management and conservation.
- During the development of each report, a Request for Input will be sent to all co-management partners including communities, HTOs/HTAs, Regional Wildlife Organizations, NWMB Board staff, NTI and GN staff to provide information on actions taken. Those who provide input will have an opportunity to review to ensure accurate representation.
- Implementation Reports are retrospective and focus on reporting on actions that have already been completed or are ongoing. No changes will be made to previous recovery documents and no new conservation actions will be introduced; therefore, no formal consultations will be undertaken.

### **Next Steps:**

- Communication material was distributed to HTOs/HTAs, Wildlife Management Boards, and the GN describing CWS's intention to complete these documents. A summary for each Implementation Reports and Action Plan was included to outline their purpose, contents, and development process (noting stages for external involvement). These summaries are attached as appendices.

### Action Plans

- Action Plans currently being developed for species that occur in Nunavut include Peary Caribou.
- Those who are within the range of Peary Caribou will receive an opportunity to review the draft document and provide feedback during the first Jurisdictional Review. The document will be submitted to NWMB for Support to Post after Public Comment Period, in alignment with the process for developing Management Plans and Recovery Strategies.

### Implementation Reports

- Implementation Reports for Ivory Gull and Ross's Gull are to be finalized and posted on the SAR Public Registry. A final posting notification will be sent to all communities, HTOs/HTAs, Regional Wildlife Organizations, and Governments within the range of the species.
- Information received from the request for Dolphin and Union Caribou will be incorporated. Those who contributed information, Territorial Governments (GN) and Wildlife Management Boards (RWOs, NWMB) will have an opportunity to review to ensure accurate representation. Following this review, the document will undergo internal approval and be posted on the SAR Public Registry as Final.

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## Appendix A

### Summary of Action Plans (AP)

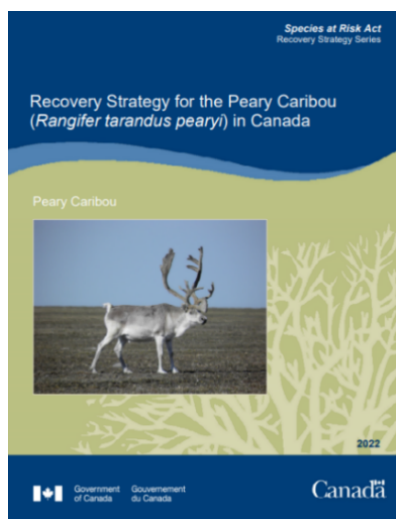
Action Plans are required under section 47 of the *Species at Risk Act* (2002) as part of the recovery document series for federal species at risk. These documents are produced based on Recovery Strategies, when recovery is deemed to be feasible. They may be developed and published at the same time as a Recovery Strategy, or after the fact. The purpose of an Action Plan is to complement the published Recovery Strategy and outline a more detailed plan for recovery. This includes outlining and prioritizing specific recovery actions to be taken to achieve the objectives identified in the Recovery Strategy, including actions to address threats, monitor the species' recovery, and protect critical habitat that has been identified for the species. Action Plans also include an evaluation of the socio-economic costs and benefits derived from its implementation.

#### Process Highlights

- ❖ Action Plan drafted by CWS, based on the posted recovery document
- ❖ **First Jurisdictional Review (JR1) of drafted Action Plan, requesting comments**
- ❖ CWS to incorporate and address comments
- ❖ **Second Jurisdictional Review (JR2) of drafted Action Plan, requesting Support to Post for public comment period when appropriate**
- ❖ Drafted Action Plan posted on the SAR public registry for 60-day public comment period
- ❖ CWS to address and incorporate comments. When completed, post on the SAR public registry as final

\*Green text notes opportunities for involvement from partners

Action Plans will follow the same process as Management Plans and Recovery Strategies.



#### Upcoming APs

**Peary Caribou** – Action Plan to complement [2022 Recovery Strategy](#)

#### What you can expect:

If you are within the range outlined for this species, you may receive a request for to review drafted Action Plans.

# Summary of Implementation Reports (IR)

Implementation Reports are required under sections 46, 55, and 72 of the Species at Risk Act to report on the implementation of a recovery document (Management Plan, Recovery Strategy, or Action Plan) and assess progress towards meeting its objectives. As per SARA, IRs are to be published within 5 years of a Recovery Document being posted. These reports will summarize progress made towards recovery objectives, efforts made to implement conservation actions and scheduled studies (if applicable) outlined in the recovery document, a comment on the continued feasibility of recovery, and provide recommendations for future management and conservation.

## Process Highlights

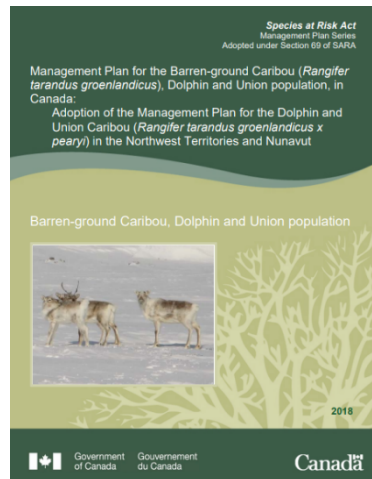
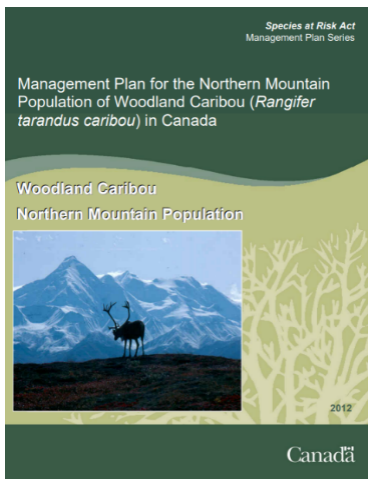
- ❖ Preliminary data gathered and **early request for information from co-management partners, Indigenous organizations, and researchers** that are within the species range
- ❖ Document drafted by CWS using input provided and publicly available information
- ❖ **Opportunity to review to ensure input provided is accurately represented**
- ❖ CWS to incorporate and address final comments
- ❖ Document submitted for internal approval and to be posted on the SAR public registry

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## Upcoming IRs

[Northern Mountain Caribou](#) - IR for the 2012 Management Plan

[Dolphin and Union Caribou](#) – IR for the 2018 Management Plan



## What you can expect:

If you are within the range outlined for either of these species, you may receive a request for information in the future on actions taken that align with those in the MP followed by a draft of the final IR for review.