



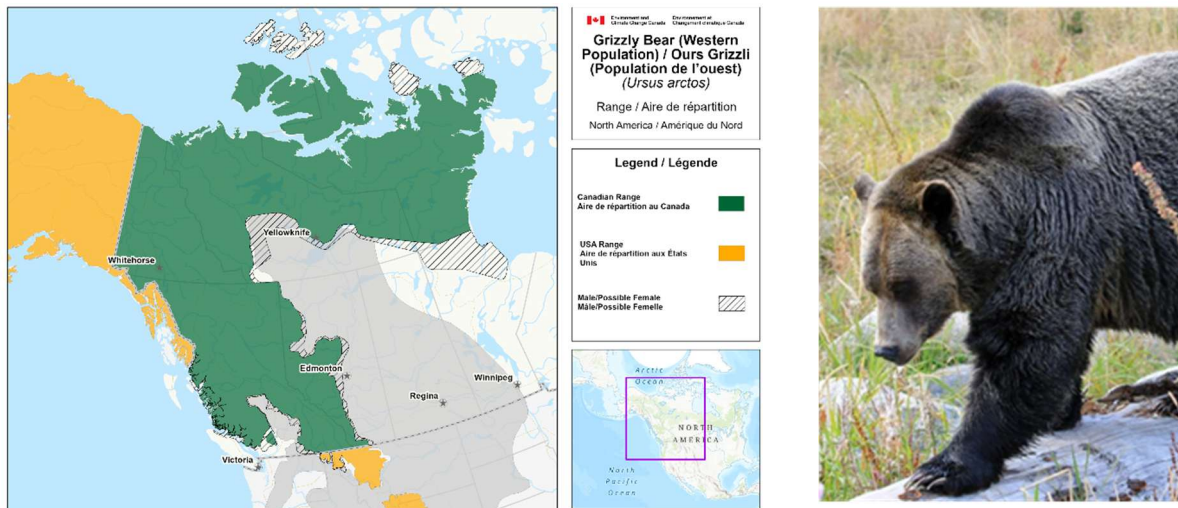
Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

For

Information: X

Decision:

Issue: Development of the federal management plan for Grizzly Bear in Canada



Background:

- Grizzly Bear was assessed at a national level by COSEWIC as special concern in 2014
- NWMB supported the listing of Grizzly Bear under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) and in 2018 it was listed as special concern
- Species of special concern do not receive protections or prohibitions under the SARA
- A management plan must be developed for species listed as special concern outlining the threats to the species and propose conservation actions to prevent further decline of the species
- The management plan will not limit harvest of Grizzly Bears and will not affect Inuit rights
- The federal management plan is based off information from existing plans including the Nunavut Grizzly Bear Co-Management Plan and shared by Knowledge Holders in Indigenous Knowledge workshops
- Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) has drafted the management plan for Grizzly Bears in Canada and will be continuing to consult on the draft before bringing the document to NWMB for decision
- A summary of the contents of the management plan including the species description, threats, management objectives and conservation strategies can be found in Appendix A

Management Plan Engagement and Consultations:

Purpose	Date	Contact Method	Who was Contacted/Attended
<p>Early Engagement</p> <p>Asking how Indigenous partners and jurisdictions would like to be involved in the management plan development</p>	Spring 2019	Emails and follow up phone calls	<p>Full contact list: GN, KitlA, KRWB, KIA, KWB, NIWS, NTI, NWMB, QIA, QWB</p> <p>Agiggiaq HTO, Aiviit HTO, Aqigiq HTO, Arviat HTO, Arviq HTO, Baker Lake HTO, Bathurst Inlet HTA, Ekaluktutiak HTA, Gjoa Haven HTA, Hall Beach HTA, Igloolik HTO, Issatik HTO, Kugluktuk HTA, Kurtairojuark HTA, Omingmaktok HTA, Spence Bay HTA</p>
<p>Early Engagement</p> <p>Information Sessions</p>	February and March 2021	Virtual meetings	<p>All contacted</p> <p>Attended: NWMB, GN, KitlA, KIA, QIA, KRWB, KWB, NTI, Aiviit HTO, Arviq HTO, Baker Lake HTO, Ekaluktutiak HTO, Gjoa Haven HTO, Hall Beach HTO, Kugluktuk HTO, Spence Bay HTA</p>
<p>Early Engagement</p> <p>Workshop on community concerns and proposed path forward for plan development</p>	May 2021	Virtual meeting	<p>All contacted</p> <p>Attended: KWB, QIA, GN, KitlA Aiviit HTO, Arviq HTO, Baker Lake HTO, Issatik HTO, Spence Bay HTA,</p>
<p>IQ workshops</p> <p>To better represent Indigenous voices and perspectives in the management plan</p>	<p>Two Nunavut workshops:</p> <p>February 22, 2022, and</p> <p>March 16, 2022</p>	In-person meetings cancelled due to COVID outbreaks, held virtually	<p>All contacted, except Igloolik HTO who asked not to be engaged until the plan was written</p> <p>First workshop: Agiggiaq HTO, Arviq HTO, Arviat HTO, Ekaluktutiak HTO, Kugluktuk HTA, Spence Bay HTA</p> <p>Second workshop: Baker Lake HTO</p>

<p>Updates to Nunavut Wildlife Boards</p> <p>CWS annual updates</p>	<p>December 6, 2023</p> <p>October 23, 2024</p> <p>October 24, 2025</p>	<p>In-person update on management plan development</p>	<p>KWB</p>
<p>Updates to Nunavut Wildlife Boards</p> <p>CWS annual updates</p>	<p>November 2, 2023</p> <p>November 6, 2024</p> <p>October 30, 2025</p>	<p>In-person update on management plan development</p>	<p>KRWB</p>
<p>Updates to Nunavut Wildlife Boards</p> <p>CWS annual updates</p>	<p>November 21, 2023</p> <p>November 26, 2024</p> <p>December 8, 2025</p>	<p>In-person update on management plan development</p>	<p>QWB</p>
<p>Consultation</p> <p>First Review of draft Management Plan</p>	<p>October 7, 2024</p>	<p>Emailed package and follow up phone calls</p>	<p>All contacted and followed up by phone with HTOs</p>
<p>Workshop</p> <p>National Workshop on management plan contents and initial feedback</p>	<p>October 10, 2024</p> <p>October 24, 2024</p> <p>November 14, 2024</p>	<p>Virtual meetings</p>	<p>All contacted</p> <p>Attendees from Nunavut: NWMB, KRWB</p>
<p>Consultation</p> <p>Second Review of draft Management Plan</p>	<p>June 16, 2025</p>	<p>Emailed package</p>	<p>All contacted</p>

- In multiple early engagement meetings and IQ workshops, we heard that Grizzly Bears aren't at risk in Nunavut. The management plan is for the entire population in Canada, however in response to this feedback, the plan focuses more on southern threats and conservation actions
- Inuit perspectives represented throughout the draft management plan, including community concerns about Grizzly Bears impacting culturally important species and raiding food caches, and the need for community-led monitoring
- Consultation packages sent out for the first and second reviews contained a fact sheet (in Inuktitut and English; Appendix A) and the draft management plan. The Inuktitut translation of the draft management plan was sent as part of the second review package.
- CWS has received support to post the plan for public comment from the Government of Nunavut
- In the three territories, CWS has also received support to post from Yukon Government, Government of Northwest Territories, Wildlife Management Advisory Council -North Slope, Wildlife Management Advisory Council -NWT, Inuvialuit Game Council, Wek'éezhii Renewable Resources Board, Sahtu Renewable Resources Council, and Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board

Next Steps:

- The proposed document will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry for a 60-day public comment period
- Once public comments have been addressed, CWS will bring the proposed final document to NWMB for decision as per the *Nunavut Agreement* s.5.2.34(d,i) and 5.3.16-5.3.23

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