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# NBCKC

## Newsletter

THE NATIONAL BOREAL  
CARIBOU KNOWLEDGE  
CONSORTIUM

*A forum for sharing knowledge and lessons learned, as well as pooling capacity to collaboratively address key knowledge gaps to inform conservation and recovery of caribou in Canada.*

## Working together to support boreal caribou recovery

The NBCKC was launched in June 2018, hosted by Environment & Climate Change Canada's Science & Technology Branch (ECCC STB). During this meeting, progress was made toward finalizing the structure, purpose and function of the NBCKC, as well as establishing two working groups; one to focus on monitoring and another to look at habitat restoration. Subsequent working groups may be established to serve additional roles as the work of the Consortium advances. These may address other themes related to, for example, population management, climate change or cumulative effects. During the NBCKC launch it was noted that participants would appreciate a regular

communication tool similar to the monthly newsletter produced by Ducks Unlimited Canada. Following this, we are pleased to present the 1st NBCKC Newsletter! To start off, this newsletter will be used by the secretariat to share updates on NBCKC progress. In the future we hope to use this tool to share information about boreal caribou work being completed in Canada, new findings and other notes of interest to our audience. Please send suggested features to Tatyana Flick. We look forward to working together to support boreal caribou recovery in Canada!

Sincerely,  
*The NBCKC Secretariat*



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## Webinar Series (NEW!)

OCT 11, 2018: Caribou Genetics/Non-invasive DNA methods by Dr. Micheline Manseau (ECCC)  
FALL 2018: 2011 Scientific Assessment by ECCC STB

*If you have any suggestions for webinar topics or would like to present your work please email Tatyana Flick ([Tatyana.flick@canada.ca](mailto:Tatyana.flick@canada.ca)) to arrange a webinar!*



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# NBCKC Recent Updates

## Developing a knowledge sharing portal

The NBCKC Secretariat has joined in discussion with a Canadian Knowledge Portal Co-operative lead by Ducks Unlimited Canada to learn from other past and ongoing knowledge sharing initiatives. Other partners in the Knowledge Portal Co-operative include Natural Resources Canada, Innotech Alberta, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, North American Waterfowl Conservation Council and Fuse Consulting Ltd. Resources provided by and conversations with the Knowledge Portal Co-operative will be used to help design surveys and discussion materials for the December NBCKC meeting, where the content, design and host organization for the NBCKC portal will be discussed.

Additionally, an interactive map is currently being developed. This map will be a key feature of the future NBCKC knowledge portal and will allow for caribou projects, data and other relevant information stored within the knowledge portal to be presented in a spatially explicit web format.

## Indigenous collaboration

The NBCKC Secretariat is reaching out to Indigenous communities, councils, and organizations across the Boreal Region of Canada to develop a path forward for future Indigenous representation and involvement in the NBCKC. Although our outreach continues, a western tour has been scheduled for September 26th – October 5th 2018 where the NBCKC secretariat will meet with interested Indigenous groups to establish broader Indigenous involvement in the NBCKC and develop proposals for collaborative work to be completed within the NBCKC.

### Next Steps

- *Prepare Monitoring work outline/proposal to be reviewed by Monitoring Working Group at the next meeting, with the aim of having a draft of the 1<sup>st</sup> monitoring report ready for review at the December 2018 NBCKC meeting.*
- *Continue to work with Knowledge Portal Co-operative to develop a path forward. Information gathered will be shared at the NBCKC December 2018 meeting where we will further discuss needs, content and design of a website.*
- *Meet with Indigenous peoples, communities and organizations to broaden representation on the consortium and to develop proposals to access funding that can support Indigenous-led monitoring work and reviews of Indigenous traditional knowledge (TK) concerning Boreal caribou.*

## Establishing working groups

The NBCKC Monitoring Working Group was launched on September 11, 2018, with representation from federal and provincial governments, Indigenous organizations, industry, ENGOs and Academia present. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the role and objectives of the working group, review existing state-of-knowledge reports, and identify a path forward regarding monitoring caribou populations. Topics related to monitoring caribou habitat and caribou health were also brought up during the meeting and will be discussed further during future meetings. *A copy of the meeting summary can be obtained from the NBCKC secretariat.*

## Other

The NBCKC Terms of Reference (TOR) have been updated following the June 2018 NBCKC launch. The revised TOR will be shared with Indigenous communities during the western tour mentioned above as well as at the next NBCKC meeting.

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

### NBCKC:

December 2018 & June 2019

### Monitoring Working Group:

2nd week in October 2018  
(exact date TBD)

### Other:

NBCKC secretariat to meet with indigenous organizations in western boreal (Sept 26th – Oct 5th 2018)

NBCKC secretariat to meet with Inuvialuit Game Council (December 2018)

NBCKC secretariat to meet with Indigenous organizations in central, northern and eastern boreal (TBD)

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