

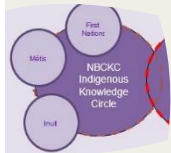
UPDATES FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE:



- ▶ MONITORING BEST PRACTICES – INTERVIEWS UNDERWAY



- ▶ KNOWLEDGE SHARING PORTAL CO-OPERATIVE FACE-TO-FACE IN OTTAWA



- ▶ INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE CIRCLE MEETING

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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 boreal caribou in Canada.

Working together to support boreal caribou recovery

“Working together” was the theme of the 17th North American Caribou Workshop, which was recently held in Ottawa and attended by many of those involved in the NBCKC. This workshop brought together over 550 caribou knowledge holders who were eager to share their exciting work. Throughout the week it was made clear that working together will be essential if we are to support caribou conservation and recovery. With collaboration being a fundamental component of the NBCKC mandate, we echo this call to action and are humbled by the long list of knowledge holders that have assembled to help steer the work of the Consortium.

Since the launch in June 2018, we have made progress in all three avenues identified as priorities, which include 1) Establishing working groups to action priorities, 2) Developing a knowledge sharing portal, and 3) Furthering Indigenous collaboration. In this edition of our newsletter you will find updates on each of these three priorities. As we prepare for the upcoming NBCKC December meeting, we look forward to connecting once again with our members to discuss progress so far and the path forward.

Sincerely,
The NBCKC Secretariat



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Webinar Series

DEC 2018: TBD

WINTER 2019: Boreal Caribou Science Reports produced by Environment and Climate Change Canada

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



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NBCKC Recent Updates

Developing a knowledge sharing portal

The Canadian Knowledge Portal Co-operative met in Ottawa on November 8th to develop a path forward for a joint knowledge sharing portal. Partners in this Co-operative include Natural Resources Canada, Innotech Alberta, Northern Alberta Institute of Technology, North American Waterfowl Conservation Council and Fuse Consulting Ltd. During the day long face-to-face meeting, participants assessed the strengths and weaknesses of similar initiatives. The Co-operative also spent time discussing the foundation for a national knowledge portal, our core objectives and how we envision the portal as well as the co-operative partnership moving forward. Are you developing a similar portal and interested in joining the discussion? Contact Tatyana Flick.

Visualizing boreal caribou work in Canada

For those of you who attended the 17th North American Caribou Workshop in Ottawa, we hope you had a chance to try out the interactive map! This map will be modified to present information and data available on the NBCKC knowledge portal in a spatially explicit web format.

Indigenous collaboration

The Indigenous Knowledge Circle (IKC) will come together in December 2019 to discuss the NBCKC progress since the June launch and a path forward to next June.

As a result of meetings between the NBCKC Secretariat and our Indigenous partners in western Canada, several proposals to conduct Traditional Knowledge studies are being prepared. Aspects of this exciting work will be supported by funding from the NBCKC.

Next Steps

- *Interviews with NBCKC and Monitoring WG members are underway. Preliminary findings will be presented at the December 2018 NBCKC Teleconference.*
- *The NBCKC Secretariat will continue to reach out to Indigenous Peoples, communities and organizations to broaden representation on the NBCKC and to develop proposals to access funding to support Indigenous-led work concerning Boreal caribou.*
- *Advances made during Knowledge Portal Co-operative face-to-face meeting will be discussed at the NBCKC December 2018 Teleconference.*



Establishing working groups

The NBCKC Monitoring Working Group (WG) is making exciting progress towards a report aimed at producing a suite of best practices for monitoring programs across Canada. Calla Raymond and Dr. Anna Calvert, with the Science and Technology Branch of Environment and Climate Change Canada, are conducting interviews with key knowledge holders to understand current practices used to monitor boreal caribou in Canada, to explore views on the different practices and to determine future directions. This report will inform those looking to build or enhance their own monitoring programs and help them to produce robust datasets which can be more readily incorporated into broader analyses.

Upcoming working groups

- Habitat Restoration
- Climate Change
- Management

Other

The NBCKC Secretariat enjoyed seeing many NBCKC members at the North American Caribou Workshop. We also met many new faces and are excited to embody the conference theme of #workingtogether as we build the NBCKC network!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

NBCKC:

December 12th & 13th 2018
& June 2019

Monitoring Working Group:

November 29th, 2018

Other:

NBCKC secretariat to meet with Inuvialuit Game Council and several northern Renewable Resource Boards (December 3rd - 6th, 2018)

Indigenous Knowledge Circle to meet via teleconference (December 10th, 2018)

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

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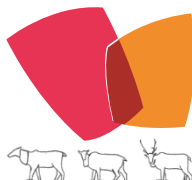
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