

UPDATES FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE:



▶ MONITORING BEST PRACTICES – REPORT IN DEVELOPMENT

▶ **NEW!** HABITAT RESTORATION WORKING GROUP



▶ KNOWLEDGE SHARING PORTAL CO-OPERATIVE – IDENTIFYING REQUIRED PORTAL FUNCTIONS



▶ INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE CIRCLE – ESTABLISHING A MONTHLY MEETING

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THE NATIONAL BOREAL CARIBOU KNOWLEDGE CONSORTIUM

Newsletter

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

In December 2018, members of the National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium (NBCKC) met for the first time since the official launch in Ottawa in June 2018. During the virtual meeting, the Secretariat provided an update on progress to establish Working Groups, in developing a knowledge sharing portal and on engagement with Indigenous collaborators. Leaders of the Monitoring Working Group provided the preliminary results synthesized from over 35 interviews with boreal caribou knowledge holders from across Canada. On the second day of the meeting, the Secretariat sought guidance from participants on establishing a knowledge sharing portal for the NBCKC. Throughout the discussions it was evident

participants felt strongly that any work undertaken by the NBCKC should be approached through the lens of boreal caribou conservation and recovery. Facilitating collaboration and knowledge sharing to support boreal caribou recovery through guidelines, best practices, suggested templates and summaries to identify and address knowledge gaps should be a primary role of the NBCKC.

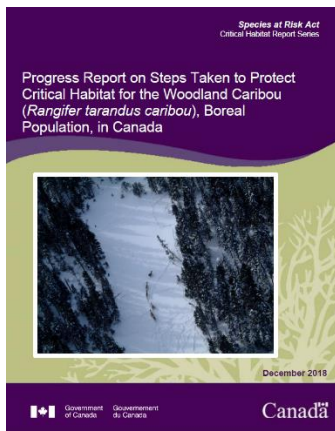
In this Newsletter issue you will find updates on the next steps identified during the December meeting for each of the three priority areas of work leading up the NBCKC in-person meeting in June 2019.

Sincerely,

The NBCKC Secretariat



NBCKC Secretariat at the December 2018 webinar meeting.



Boreal Caribou News

DECEMBER 2018: 'Progress Report on Steps Taken to Protect Critical Habitat for the Woodland Caribou (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*), Boreal Population, in Canada' released (2018-12-21)

DECEMBER 2018: 'Agreement for the conservation of the Woodland Caribou, Boreal population ("Woodland Caribou") in Saskatchewan' draft released (2018-12-18)

FEBRUARY 12th, 2019: NBCKC Webinar - Habitat Restoration by Natural Resources Canada

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



NBCKC Recent Updates

Developing a knowledge sharing portal

During the NBCKC December virtual meeting, members participated in an interactive polling activity to help identify the desired content and functions of the NBCKC Knowledge Portal. The NBCKC Secretariat will be using the information gathered during this polling activity to inform discussions and work with the Knowledge Portal Co-operative. The NBCKC Secretariat is also using the information from the round table discussions to begin identifying what meta-data and data layers could be included in the Interactive Web Map prototype which will be a key feature of the knowledge portal.

Next Steps

- *The Monitoring WG will be using the results of the 2018 Interview Process to draft their 1st report.*
- *The NBCKC Secretariat will continue to broaden the representation of Indigenous knowledge and rights holders on the NBCKC.*
- *The Restoration WG will be launched in February 2019.*
- *The IKC will begin meeting monthly in February 2019.*
- *The NBCKC will launch a third working group in early 2019. Suggested topics include Population Management, Climate Change and Caribou Health.*

Indigenous collaboration

Beginning in February 2019, the NBCKC Secretariat will coordinate and convene monthly meetings of the Indigenous Knowledge Circle (IKC). These meetings will serve as a forum for Indigenous members to discuss the caribou related issues most important to them and to raise awareness of the NBCKC within the Indigenous community. This initiative also aims to enhance Indigenous participation at the next in-person meeting of the NBCKC in June 2019.

Continuing our efforts to build relationships with Indigenous partners across the country, representatives from the NBCKC Secretariat visited several wildlife co-management boards in the Northwest Territories in December 2018. Key discussion points included the mandate of the NBCKC, and the invitation for involvement in the NBCKC going forward. The Secretariat is planning similar visits to Indigenous organizations and co-management boards in eastern Canada in February 2019.



NBCKC Secretariat sharing information about the Consortium with the Inuvialuit Game Council

Establishing working groups

The NBCKC Monitoring Working Group (WG) is producing a report summarizing the results of the interviews with over 35 boreal caribou knowledge holders that were held over the last two months. This report will provide a detailed account of the messages heard throughout the interview process, suggest avenues for future investigation and serve as a tool for monitoring practitioners to use when developing their own programs. The group is also preparing a second report, that will provide an in depth evaluation of current monitoring methods.

NEW! The NBCKC Secretariat is currently accepting nominations for the new Habitat Restoration Working Group. Please contact Matthew Boeckner or Tatyana Flick if you are interested in learning more.



The NBCKC Secretariat checking out restoration projects on the 2018 COSIA Tour.

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

NBCKC

NBCKC in-person meeting in Ottawa: June 2019
(Date to be determined)

Monitoring WG: Jan 30th
Restoration WG: Feb 2019
IKC: Feb 2019

Other

The NBCKC Secretariat will be attending the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Coordinating Committee meeting in Montreal (Feb 12th & 13th)

The NBCKC Secretariat will be meeting with Indigenous organizations, communities and peoples in Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland & Labrador in winter 2019.

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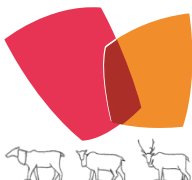
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If you have any suggestions for webinar topics or would like to present your work please email Tatyana to arrange a webinar!



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