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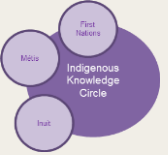


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# NBCKC

## Newsletter



*The National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium is a forum for sharing knowledge and lessons learned, as well as pooling capacity to collaboratively address knowledge gaps to inform conservation and recovery of boreal caribou.*

## Working together to support boreal caribou recovery

In June 2018, members of the National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium (NBCKC) met for the first time for the official launch in Ottawa. As June 2019 quickly approaches, the NBCKC Secretariat is busy preparing for the second annual face-to-face meeting. During this important meeting, approximately 50 representatives from Indigenous communities and organizations, Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments, academia, industry and other non-governmental organizations will come together for the purpose of supporting boreal caribou conservation and recovery. A packed agenda has been drafted for this 2-day meeting and is based on feedback received from our diverse membership. Key agenda items include: communicating about ongoing projects, including Indigenous-led projects and Traditional Knowledge Studies, across Canada; providing progress updates for the three NBCKC working groups; and determining objectives, direction and path forward.

This meeting will also enhance communication between those who are knowledgeable about boreal caribou. We are looking forward to this important meeting and excited to share what has been accomplished in the first year of the NBCKC as well as plan how we will work together to move the yardstick forward in year two.

Sincerely,  
*The NBCKC  
Secretariat*



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## News



**MARCH 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** Dr. Matthew Boeckner of the NBCKC Secretariat travelled to Tegucigalpa, Honduras to participate at the Regional Workshop on Biodiversity and Traditional Ecological Knowledge, a one-day capacity-building workshop to share lessons learned and best practices for working with Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) holders to enhance biodiversity conservation.

**APRIL 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019:** NBCKC Webinar – Caribou Patrol Program (Aseniwuche Winewak Nation)

**MAY 2019:** NBCKC Webinar – Boreal caribou nutrition and body condition (NCASI)



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# NBCKC Recent Updates

## Developing a knowledge sharing portal

We have a name! As many of you know the NBCKC Secretariat has partnered with Ducks Unlimited Canada, Natural Resources Canada, Innotech Alberta, the North Alberta Institute of Technology and FUSE Consulting to develop a joint knowledge sharing portal. After much discussion, this partnership will now be referred to as the Canadian Conservation and Land Management (CCLM) Network. On February 28<sup>th</sup> the CCLM Network met in Ottawa to discuss the design of the web portal. A final report documenting the CCLM collaborators, objectives, goals and proposed website design will be presented at the next meeting.

## Establishing working groups

The Monitoring Working Group met for the 5<sup>th</sup> time on March 28<sup>th</sup> to discuss the initial draft of their 'Perspectives' document, which details the results of the interviews conducted in November and December, and discussed plans for the 'Practices' document. The group is aiming to have the first report ready for release at the June meeting.



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## Habitat restoration underway on a linear feature in the Boreal.

The NBCKC Habitat Restoration Working Group (WG) held its first meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> 2019, with representation from federal and provincial governments, Indigenous organizations, industry, ENGOs and academia present. The focus of the meeting was to discuss the scope, role, objectives and desired outcomes of the working group, discuss the state-of-knowledge in each represented jurisdiction, and identify a path forward. The group is already at work preparing items to discuss at their second meeting.

## Indigenous collaboration

In February 2019, the NBCKC Secretariat braved adverse winter weather to meet with people across Quebec to strengthen relationships with current and new NBCKC partners. Representatives of the Indigenous communities and organizations that have met with the NBCKC Secretariat in our 1<sup>st</sup> year will be meeting on June 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss Indigenous perspectives, directions and guidance. This Indigenous Knowledge Circle (IKC) will share these discussions with the full NBCKC table on June 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.



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## The NBCKC Secretariat trying to navigate their way home through QC.

We are looking forward to learning about some of the many Indigenous led projects and Traditional Knowledge studies underway across Canada. These studies include understanding how fire influences boreal caribou and their habitat, developing community informed monitoring pilot programs and strategies, and local Traditional Knowledge of caribou and their ways.

*The NBCKC Secretariat had the privilege of observing an Indigenous Traditional Knowledge workshop held by Prince Albert Grand Council. ▶*



## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- NBCKC in-person meeting in Ottawa: June 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> 2019
- IKC in-person meeting in Ottawa: June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019
- CCLM Network: Apr 5<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Restoration WG: Apr 9<sup>th</sup> 2019
- Monitoring WG: May 2019

## Next Steps

- The Monitoring WG will be editing the draft their 1<sup>st</sup> report in preparation to share this at the June meeting.
- The Restoration WG will be identifying a first deliverable based on the agreed upon scope and objectives.
- The NBCKC Secretariat will continue to broaden the representation of Indigenous knowledge and rights holders on the NBCKC.

## NBCKC SECRETARIAT

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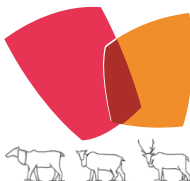
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*If you have any suggestions for webinar topics or would like to present your work please email Tatyana to arrange a webinar!*



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