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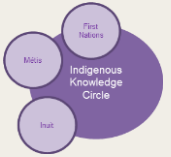
► UPDATE ON MONITORING WG DELIVERABLES

► UPDATE ON ECOLOGICAL MODEL FOR HABITAT RESTORATION

► KNOWLEDGE SHARING PORTAL SOFT-LAUNCH!



► COLLECTING BOREAL CARIBOU PROJECTS FOR THE INTERACTIVE MAP



► REPORT ON INDIGENOUS WAYS OF KNOWING BOREAL CARIBOU UNDERWAY

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NBCKC Newsletter

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

Working together to support boreal caribou recovery

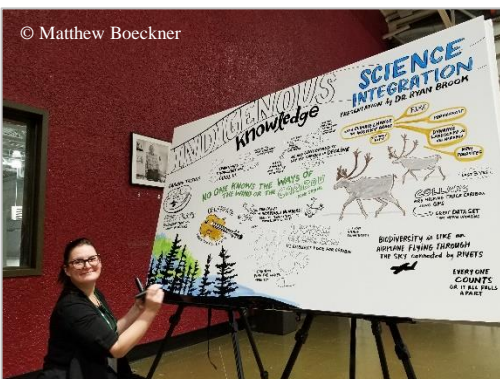
For the last year, the NBCKC has been working with a number of other partners to develop the Canadian Conservation and Land Management (CCLM) Knowledge Portal. We are very excited to announce that the portal has been 'soft-launched' for a limited audience. We will be using the time between now and the official launch in April to populate the site with valuable resources, complete the interactive map of caribou projects, and make necessary changes to the site itself. If you have received a soft-launch invitation, we will be counting on you to **1) send us resources** you feel should be included, and **2) use the project submission form** to have your work added to the interactive map, a vital resource showcasing the breadth of caribou work underway across Canada. If you did not receive an invitation to the soft-launch but have a project you would like to add, please email the NBCKC Secretariat so we can provide you with a link to the project submission form.

The annual NBCKC face-to-face meeting is fast approaching! From June 9th to 11th, approximately 50 representatives from Indigenous communities and organizations, Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments, academia, industry and other non-governmental organizations will gather in Ottawa to give and receive updates on work underway to support boreal caribou conservation as well as to set the direction for work of the NBCKC for the upcoming year. An agenda for this 2-day meeting is being developed; we welcome your suggestions!

In this newsletter, you will receive updates on several initiatives undertaken by the NBCKC. Each of the working groups are hard at work developing guidance, tools and best practices to bring before the NBCKC in June.

The NBCKC Secretariat

News & Events



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January 2020: Fort McKay First Nation shares incredible images captured during their boreal caribou monitoring work this past year - [Click here to see them.](#)

January 2020: Cenovus releases new performance targets for boreal caribou habitat restoration - [Click here to read the full article.](#)

January 2020: App of the month: Caribou of the Boreal – David Suzuki Foundation – [Click here to view this stunning resource.](#)

February 2020: NBCKC members participated in the 2020 Beyond Borders Caribou Workshop in Churchill, MB (see photo to the left).

March 2020: NBCKC Webinar – Canadian Wildlife Service: Priority Species work planning

May 2020: North American Caribou Workshop – [Click here to register now!](#)



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NBCKC Updates

Indigenous Collaboration

Since December 2019, the Indigenous Knowledge Circle (IKC) has returned to a monthly meeting schedule. Facilitator Amanda Sheedy interviewed thirteen IKC members to better understand what they would like to gain from their participation in the IKC, and what the group might accomplish together. Overall, IKC members would like to: share information with each other and between the NBCKC and Indigenous communities; learn about what is working and not working in Indigenous-led caribou conservation (amongst other things); and raise awareness amongst decision makers and NBCKC members about the importance of Indigenous Rights and knowledge in caribou conservation. Work has now begun on the Indigenous Ways of Knowing Boreal Caribou project, led by Janet Winbourne and Kristi Benson in collaboration with IKC members. A draft report will be presented for feedback and discussion at the June 2020 NBCKC face-to-face meeting.

Discussions are ongoing regarding setting the scope of work for the Stewardship Working Group.

Working Groups

The monitoring working group continues to build guidance tools for boreal caribou monitoring programs. Specifically, the secretariat is integrating feedback from working group members into comparative tables; preparing 10 reviews and accompanying factsheets for monitoring practices; and laying the groundwork for decision trees. These tools will aid in the selection of the appropriate approach based on monitoring objectives.

The Habitat Restoration Working Group continues to develop the Boreal Caribou Ecological Model. In the past two months the WG has finalized a draft of the model which includes considerations put forward by the NBCKC in December. The group is now resolving metrics for measuring model components following restoration activities.

The Population Management Working Group, co-led by the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Caribou Monitoring Institute will convene its first meeting in March where they will set a path forward for supporting the creation of a network of adaptive management ranges.

Knowledge Sharing Portal

As one of five organizations that form the Canadian Conservation and Land Management Knowledge (CCLM) Network, the NBCKC has been working to create an online 'knowledge portal' that provides an accessible and centralized place to share conservation and land management resources from all across Canada. The portal currently focuses on boreal caribou conservation, wetland best practices, and land management and consists of three 'subportals' that support these areas. Since conception, we've collaboratively developed a strong brand and key messages for the initiative and have worked to build and refine the portal's Content Management System, search function, user interface, and project submission forms. The CCLM knowledge portal has recently launched to a small, test audience. The public launch of the portal is set for April 2020. *Please contact us if you have a caribou project to add!*

Project Submission Form

The screenshot shows a web form titled 'Project Submission Form' with a progress bar at the top: 1 Contact, 2 Overview (active), 3 Details, 4 Resources, 5 Comments, 6 Complete. Below the progress bar, text reads: 'This next section of the form will gather information about your project, which will help others working on boreal caribou to search for your work using the interactive map and the CCLM search function.' The form fields include: 'Project Name' (text input), 'Project Start Year' (dropdown menu), and 'Data Availability' (dropdown menu with '- Select -'). A blue callout bubble with yellow lightning bolt borders points to the 'Project Name' field and contains the text: 'Want access to this form? Contact us!'.

► The NBCKC will use an online submission form available via the CCLM Knowledge Portal to collect information pertaining to caribou projects underway across Canada. Contact the NBCKC Secretariat to add projects to the map before the official portal launch in April!

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **NBCKC Face-to-face (Ottawa):**
June 10-11th, 2020
- **IKC Face-to-face (Ottawa):**
June 9th, 2020
- **North American Caribou Workshop (Quebec City):**
May 11-15th, 2020

Next Steps

- *Draft: Indigenous ways of knowing boreal caribou*
- *Draft: Best practices for monitoring boreal caribou*
- *Add caribou projects to the interactive map*
- *Draft: Caribou habitat restoration ecological model & communication guidance tools*
- *Convene the first meeting of the Population Management Working Group*
- *Set the scope for a stewardship perspectives piece*

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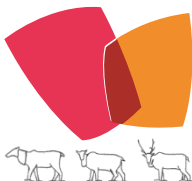
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