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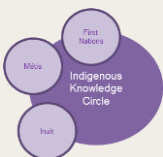


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NBCKC



Newsletter

The National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium is a forum for collaborative knowledge generation, sharing and mobilization to support conservation and recovery of boreal caribou.

Working together to support boreal caribou recovery

Building on the successes of June's 'Virtual-Face-to-Face', the National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium (NBCKC) transitioned this December's teleconference to a more interactive videoconference format. The NBCKC, established in 2018, brings together federal, provincial, and territorial governments, Indigenous communities and organizations, wildlife co-management boards, academics, ENGOs and industry representatives. In addition to building a sense of collective identity, accomplishment, and momentum, these virtual gatherings allow experts and knowledge holders to collaboratively identify and resolve key knowledge gaps facing caribou conservation and recovery. Over the last year, the NBCKC has been examining the concept of critical shifts, and how we must work collaboratively to move from the "current state" to a more desirable "future state" for caribou in Canada. Over the course

of two afternoons, participants unfolded the breadth of caribou work underway across Canada, and highlighted the many ways in which NBCKC representatives are collectively taking steps towards the desired future states within their own organizations. During the meeting NBCKC Group leads also had the opportunity to update participants on the work being undertaken collectively by the Indigenous Knowledge Circle and 4 NBCKC Working Groups. The NBCKC looks forward to meeting again in June 2021 to share updates on the progress made by the various representative organizations, NBCKC Groups and to continue our work together.

In this newsletter, you will receive updates on several initiatives undertaken by the NBCKC and its associated groups.

The NBCKC Secretariat

News & Events

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December 2020: [Boreal Caribou Monitoring Methods Toolkit launches on the CCLM!](#)
December 23rd 2020: [Amended Recovery Strategy for the Boreal Caribou](#) posted.
Winter 2020: Section 11 Agreements added to the [CCLM Caribou Interactive Map](#).
Winter 2020: 20 new projects added to the [CCLM Caribou Interactive Map](#).
February 5th 2021: Chronic Wasting Disease Knowledge Network holds 1st meeting.
Spring 2021: [Caribou Ecology and Recovery Webinar Series](#) resumes 2021 @ 2pm EST.
Spring 2021: Dates announced for the [North American Caribou Workshop](#).

Have caribou related news or events you wish to share? Email the [NBCKC Secretariat](#) to add your content to the [CCLM News page](#) or the [CCLM Events page](#).



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NBCKC Updates

Indigenous Knowledge Circle (IKC)

The **IKC** brings together members and representatives of Indigenous communities who have relationships with caribou to share, learn and promote the respectful inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge and Indigenous-led caribou work. The newly formed steering committee has set out some ambitious plans to advance the IKC's work in 2021 including expanding the IKC membership and starting to communicate with Indigenous communities. Much of the IKC's attention will be focused on developing a new toolkit that for now is called, Practical Aspects to Reconciling Ways of Knowing Boreal Caribou, which will support collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous governments or organizations. Feedback for the development of this toolkit was gathered through an interactive breakout group activity at the December meeting of the NBCKC. Stay tuned!

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Knowledge Network

The **NEW CWD Knowledge Network** will hold its first meeting on Friday February 5th 2021 and plans to meet bi-annually. Co-led by representatives from the Assembly of First Nations and ECCC Science and Technology Branch, this network will provide a forum for knowledge sharing on the status of research, monitoring and activities to reduce the potential for CWD transmission to caribou. To learn more about this new group please [email Tatyana](#).

Monitoring Working Group (MWG)

The **MWG** recently launched the Monitoring Toolkit on the publicly-accessible CCLM Portal. The first in a series of toolkit deliverables are nine one-page factsheets on field methods. These are expected to provide valuable and accessible guidance for anyone engaged in, or planning to initiate, monitoring programs for boreal caribou (e.g., members of the public, partners, and decision-makers). Additional tools will continue to be developed and added to the toolkit as they are finalized; these include detailed analyses of monitoring methods, an interactive tool to help structure effective monitoring programs, and a glossary of caribou-monitoring specific vocabulary.

Habitat Restoration Working Group (HRWG)

The **HRWG** meets every 1-2 months to share knowledge among members through project presentations and community-of-practice round tables as well as collaborate to develop tools to support caribou habitat restoration activities. The HRWG is currently reviewing the first draft of the Boreal Caribou Ecological Model Report, which details the development of this model, as well as provides supporting literature and guidance for using this tool. In the coming months the HRWG will begin work towards reviewing existing restoration monitoring frameworks, identifying restoration monitoring best practices and exploring the possibility of developing a suite of 'indicators of restoration success'.

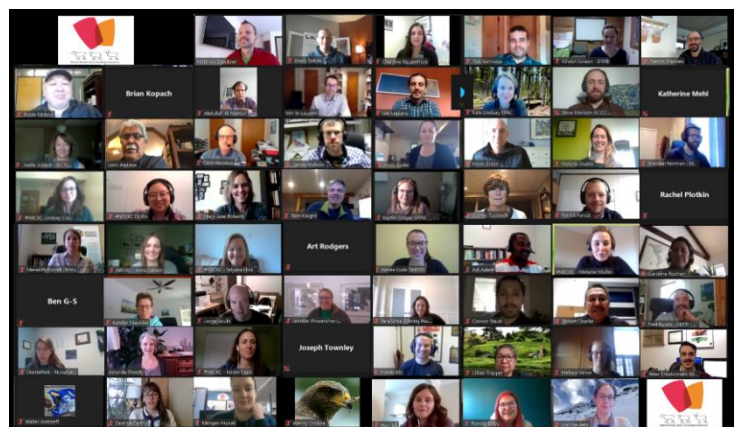
Population Management Working Group (PMWG)

The core group of the **PMWG** has been meeting on a bi-monthly basis since fall 2020 and over the course of several meetings is working to build a community of practice surrounding population management for caribou in Canada. The PMWG has also begun discussions on the development of an 'infographic'-type communication tool focused on current population management actions for caribou taking place in Canada. The purpose would include helping to dispel current misconceptions that exist, as well as helping groups to identify under what conditions different techniques should be applied. An 'extension group' meeting of the PMWG will be held sometime in Spring 2021 and will be open to anyone who is engaged in caribou conservation or holds knowledge regarding caribou and is interested in learning more about caribou management actions. If you are interested in participating in the 'extension group' meeting please [email Lindsay](#).



The NBCKC is one of the five collaborating organizations behind the **Canadian Conservation and Land Management Knowledge Portal (CCLM)** - www.cclmportal.ca. Launched in April 2020, and now home to nearly 1000 resources, the website was designed to provide an accessible and centralized place to share conservation and land management resources from across Canada.

This winter, we engaged CCLM Portal users in a User Experience Review to obtain feedback with the aim of further enhancing and refining the many features and functionalities. Many thanks to all those involved in the NBCKC who supported this process by providing feedback on the Portal. The CCLM partners have reviewed the recommendations and laid out a path forward with the web developer for Phase II improvements. We look forward to improving the site to better suit your needs!



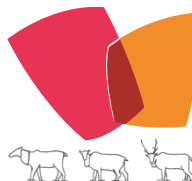
► Screen capture collage of NBCKC meeting participants across both days (Photo credit: Melanie Mullin).

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