

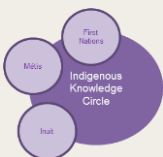
#### UPDATES FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE:



► NBCKC WORKING GROUPS & KNOWLEDGE NETWORK  
PROGRESS ON DELIVERABLES



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SERVE YOU BETTER  
**NEW!** CSV BATCH UPLOAD  
FEATURE & CONTACT PAGES



► IKC MOMENTUM & NEW  
PARTNERSHIPS

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# NBCKC



## Newsletter

*The National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium (NBCKC) 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

Despite the deep freeze many of us have been experiencing these past couple of weeks, spring is on its way bringing with it longer days and the familiar chorus of our beloved wildlife neighbours. We at the Secretariat are excited for what this next year holds for the NBCKC and have been hard at work not only preparing for the year ahead but also reflecting on our last four years together; the challenges, successes, accomplishments, and work yet to be completed. This spring we will be connecting with our members across the country to hear how the NBCKC has supported your hard work towards caribou conservation and to learn how we can support you better. Keep your eyes on your inbox for additional details about these opportunities in the coming months!

In this edition of the NBCKC Newsletter, we look forward to sharing with you progress made toward resolving remaining knowledge gaps, as well as providing an update on key tools and guidance pieces that are in various stages of development within our many working

groups, knowledge circles and networks. Preparations are underway for the annual June 'face-to-face' meeting, which will be held virtually again this year. Building on the 'Theory of Change' work from the past June and December 2021 meetings, we will next look toward developing indicators of success.

Finally, before you dive into the details of this newsletter, we want to share with you a new strategy we will be employing in the coming months to better connect you with news and events from each other. As a recipient of this newsletter, you will receive a monthly callout for any News and Events items you'd like the Secretariat to add to the [CCLM Portal](#). We hope that this opportunity will enable you to reach a larger audience with important caribou conservation information by leveraging the power of the CCLM and this diverse network.

*The NBCKC Secretariat*

### News & Events



**NEW:** The CCLM portal now features upgraded [Contact pages](#)! Click [here](#) to create yours today

**NEW:** Additional projects added to the [CCLM Caribou Interactive Map](#)

**February 1<sup>ST</sup>:** [Caribou Ecology & Recovery Webinar Spring 2022 Series](#) recommences bi-weekly knowledge sharing seminars

**February 6<sup>th</sup>:** FREE Lecture ["Conserving Caribou – Matters of Space, Time and Scale"](#) by Dr. Jim Schaefer

**February 17<sup>th</sup> DEADLINE:** [2Billion Trees Initiative – Call for Funding Proposals](#)

Have caribou related news or events you wish to share? [Send us a note](#)



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# NBCKC Updates

## The NBCKC 2021 Annual December Meeting

In December, >60 representatives came together from Indigenous organizations; federal, provincial, and territorial governments; ENGOs; consultants; wildlife management boards and academia. Building on conversations from earlier in the year, over 30 presenters spoke about objectives and key barriers their organizations are addressing to bring us closer to achieving our collective vision. Meeting participants left more informed about the breadth of work underway and motivated to make the most of this impactful collaboration. Following the meeting, participants received a categorized compilation of the updates; a tremendously valuable resource to those working toward caribou conservation and recovery.

### Indigenous Knowledge Circle (IKC)

The IKC finished off 2021 with 6 new member organizations and significant progress made on their toolkit to support cross-cultural collaborations. The group seeks to expand their membership to gain more diverse representation from Indigenous nations, communities, and organizations who can support each other and the NBCKC to enable Indigenous-led caribou conservation. The IKC's work plan for 2022 includes completing their toolkit, exploring new ways for members to connect and interact, and holding regular meetings to share knowledge, advance projects, and provide guidance to the NBCKC. If you know anyone interested in joining, please email [Kristin](mailto:Kristin@nbckc.ca).

## Monitoring Working Group (MWG)

Since Fall 2021, members of the MWG met to share updates on ongoing monitoring programs, to refine tools for inclusion in the [Boreal Caribou Monitoring Toolkit](#), and to celebrate important milestones, such as the completion of four [caribou monitoring methods guidance documents](#). In 2022, the MWG looks forward to continuing progress on a health and wellbeing monitoring tool, and to finalizing the glossary and interactive decision tree.

### Habitat Restoration Working Group (HRWG)

In late 2021 the HRWG met virtually for a 'Visioning Workshop' to brainstorm key knowledge gaps remaining in the field of caribou habitat restoration, and envision our work together for 2022. Since then the HRWG co-leads have been busy following up on feedback received. Notably, we are excited to announce we've secured a contract with [FUSE Consulting LTD](#) to expand on the work of the Boreal Caribou Ecological Model. Additionally, the co-leads have drafted several new pages on the CCLM related to the HRWG, its deliverables and associated resources. Following review and approval by the HRWG this spring, these items will be released publicly. Stay tuned to read the full Boreal Caribou Model Technical Report and get a peek into what we have in store for the future! To learn more about the HRWG contact [Tatyana](mailto:Tatyana@nbckc.ca).

## Population Management Working Group (PMWG)

In 2021, the PMWG's core group met to share knowledge and lessons learned concerning caribou management techniques, to develop an infographic on caribou management techniques (ongoing), and to review a map depicting where management actions are underway for caribou. Looking ahead, the PMWG looks forward to hosting its first extension group meeting for representatives of organizations who are engaged in caribou conservation or hold knowledge regarding caribou.

### Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Knowledge Network

At the 2<sup>nd</sup> biannual network meeting in November, Brian Joynt from the Manitoba government gave an update on actions taken following the detection of CWD in a mule deer in the province in fall 2021. This was followed by a presentation from Phil McLoughlin focused on ecosystem changes that are facilitating the spread of CWD and meningeal worm in the Boreal Plain threatening both moose and caribou. A roundtable discussion on the linkages between landscape change and caribou health followed. We are looking for topics and speakers for the spring meeting of the network (please contact [Erin](mailto:Erin@nbckc.ca)).



The NBCKC is one of the five collaborating organizations behind the **Canadian Conservation and Land Management Knowledge Portal (CCLM)** - [www.cclmportal.ca](http://www.cclmportal.ca). Early on in the CCLM development, NBCKC members advocated for the inclusion of all types of resources including grey literature, webinars, theses, unpublished reports and more.

To learn more watch this video: [Using the CCLM Knowledge Portal](#)

As part of our Phase II developments, the CCLM Steering Committee focused on improving our ability to more efficiently upload larger numbers of resources from our diverse network by creating a CSV batch upload feature. If you or your organization would like to learn more about becoming a content contributor to the CCLM we invite you to connect with the [NBCKC Secretariat](#) today!



Have you heard? The CCLM Portal is now hosting webinars! See the full Spring lineup [here](#), and join us for our second presentation & panel: ["Monitoring environmental impacts through remote sensing"](#) featuring speakers Dr. Nicholas Coops and Rik Nuijten.

[Click on the links to register today!](#)

**Monitoring environmental impacts through remote sensing: recent innovations and advancements**

Feb. 17, 2022 - 12:00 pm (PST)

Presentation & panel discussion



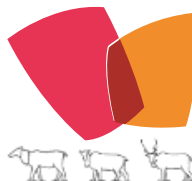
WEBINAR

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