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► UPDATE ON ECOLOGICAL MODEL FOR HABITAT RESTORATION



► CCLM PORTAL USER EXPERIENCE SURVEY OPENS!



► REPORT ON INDIGENOUS WAYS OF KNOWING BOREAL CARIBOU

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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

With memories of the annual June NBCKC meeting still fresh in our minds, it's hard to believe that we are quickly approaching the next big NBCKC meeting in December. The purpose of this gathering will be to provide NBCKC representatives with an update on the work completed by the IKC and NBCKC working groups this fall, based on feedback received in June, as well as provide an opportunity for participants to share updates on work being conducted across the country. The agenda for this 2-afternoon meeting is currently being developed, and we welcome your suggestions!

In the last six months, since the launch of the Canadian Conservation and Land Management (CCLM) Knowledge Portal, the NBCKC has been working with a number of partners to populate the site with valuable resources, current news and events, as well as add to the

interactive map of caribou projects. At this important CCLM Portal milestone, we are launching a User Experience Survey to hear from you about your experience with the site and to gather feedback to inform the next phase of development. As a community dedicated to sharing, generating and mobilizing knowledge to support boreal caribou conservation and recovery, we are counting on your feedback and continued contributions to the site. To learn more about how you can help make this site a success and share your work with our community please contact the [NBCKC Secretariat](#).

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

*The NBCKC Secretariat*

### News & Events



**September 2020:** Recently published peer reviewed articles, such as the recent [work to inform SCR sampling design](#), and other resources can be found on the CCLM Portal, [contact us](#) to add yours!

**October 2020:** **CCLM User Experience Survey** now open! Help us prepare for Phase 2 development by completing the survey [here](#).

**November 2020:** We are preparing to launch the **NEW NBCKC Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Knowledge Network**, a bi-annual forum that meets to share knowledge on CWD. If you are interested in taking part in this forum please email the [NBCKC Secretariat](#).

**Fall 2020:** **Caribou Ecology and Recovery Webinar Series** – Continues to host bi-weekly webinars. To learn about upcoming topics visit the [CCLM Events page](#).

**Fall 2020:** Have caribou related news you wish to share? Email the [NBCKC Secretariat](#) to add your news to the [CCLM News page](#).



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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). 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 fall, we will be entering our second phase of site development, with the aim of further enhancing and refining the many features and functionalities available on the CCLM Knowledge Portal. Therefore, we are reaching out to our site users to collect their feedback on how the site is working for them and to assess areas for improvement or future growth. We would like to invite you and any of your colleagues who have had the opportunity to explore the CCLM Knowledge Portal to complete our CCLM User Experience Survey by November 9<sup>th</sup>. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

**CLICK HERE TO GO TO SURVEY**

We welcome you to distribute this survey to your colleagues and other potential CCLM Knowledge Portal users.

# NBCKC Updates

## Indigenous Collaboration

Since the 2nd annual meeting, the **IKC** has worked to further refine its Terms of Reference and define priorities for the coming year. A Steering Committee of 7 members was formed, representing First Nation, Métis and Inuit communities spanning coast to coast to coast. The Steering Committee met for the first time in October and will meet alternatively with the larger IKC network. *Moving Forward with Collaborative Research and Monitoring for Boreal Caribou – Preliminary Analysis of Indigenous Initiatives and Initial Recommendations* was completed in August. The associated database contains over 200 Indigenous-led and Indigenous-involved projects that will be uploaded over the coming months to the CCLM portal. The report will be made available once the IKC have reviewed it.



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► **Ryan Grandjambe** piloting **Fort Nelson First Nations's DJI M600Pro** with **Zenmuse XT2 thermal camera** during the initial caribou recon trial in March 2020 in the Moose Lake area.

With support from ECCC, several Indigenous communities and organizations involved with the NBCKC are undertaking projects related to Traditional Knowledge studies, caribou monitoring, youth-elder on-the-land programs and chronic wasting disease monitoring programs. We look forward to hearing more about their work in the future!

## Working Groups

On September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the **Monitoring Working Group (MWG)** held a meeting to review the feedback received over the summer on its monitoring methods toolkit. The Guidance Tools in the Part 2 'Best Practices' portion of the *Boreal Caribou Monitoring Methods Toolkit* are intended to aid the user in selecting a suitable monitoring program, based on their monitoring objectives. MWG members had the opportunity to vote on decisions to be made, by using a meeting survey form. The MWG continues to see progress in the development of these tools and plans to begin uploading resources to the CCLM as early as November!

The **Habitat Restoration Working Group (HRWG)** met on September 16<sup>th</sup> to discuss feedback received at the June NBCKC Meeting. A report on the development and use of the *Boreal Caribou Conceptual Ecological Model* will be prepared for Spring 2021. The HRWG discussed their next steps and future knowledge sharing topics of interest.

The core membership of the **Population Management Working Group (PMWG)**, co-led by the Canadian Wildlife Service and the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute - Caribou Monitoring Unit convened its first meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup>. PMWG members are currently revising a Terms of Reference for this group and will begin holding regular meetings starting in November..

## UPCOMING MEETINGS:

- **NBCKC Annual Dec Meeting:** December 8<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- **IKC:** November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- **CWD Knowledge Network:** 1<sup>st</sup> bi-annual meeting is planned for November 2020

## Next Steps

- *Indigenous ways of knowing boreal caribou; ~200 projects being added to the CCLM Interactive Map*
- *Best practices for monitoring boreal caribou - toolbox (in development)*
- *Continue to add caribou projects to the interactive map and resources, events and news to the CCLM portal; if you would like to learn more about how to contribute contact Tatyana*
- *Boreal Caribou Conceptual Ecological Model Technical Report*
- *Develop TOR for the Population Management Working Group*
- *Set the scope for a stewardship perspectives piece*

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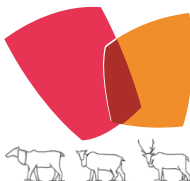
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*If you have any suggestions for the CCLM Boreal Caribou sub-portal or Interactive map, please email us!*



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