

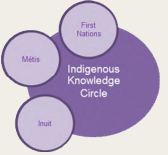
UPDATES FEATURED IN THIS ISSUE:



▶ NBCKC WORKING GROUPS & KNOWLEDGE NETWORK
PROGRESS ON DELIVERABLES



▶ CCLM PORTAL METRICS OF
SUCCESS – INFOGRAPHIC
BONUS FEATURE!



▶ IKC SEEKING TO EXPAND
MEMBERSHIP

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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

Spring has arrived bringing with it warmer weather, longer days, and a renewed hope that this summer will feel a little closer to 'normal' for most of us. Although 2020 presented a number of unexpected challenges for several projects and field programs, many of us seized the opportunity to deeply reflect on how we can best support caribou conservation and recovery from within our respective organizations. Fortunately, the National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium has been very active throughout these uncertain times and we have built an impressive momentum owing to the commitment and dedication of a unified, diverse, and tireless member base and Secretariat. In this spring 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. We at the NBCKC Secretariat are pleased to announce

that preparations are underway for the annual June 'face-to-face' meeting, which will be held virtually again this year. Last June, we introduced the concept of the 'Critical Shifts' needed to move us out of the current state and into a desired future state for boreal caribou. In December, we heard many promising updates from our members about how the work within their organizations is beginning to align with these critical shifts. Over the coming months, the Secretariat will be working to develop an agenda for the next June meeting that will not only advance this critical shift theme but also inspire our members with new concepts and innovations meant to maximize the impact of this unique collaboration of caribou experts and knowledge holders. Stay tuned for more information as June approaches! *The NBCKC Secretariat*

News & Events

Winter 2021: Additional new projects added to the [CCLM Caribou Interactive Map](#).

February / March 2021: 'Yellowstone to Yukon – Conservation Initiative' launches the [Entering Ethical Space Webinar series](#), which explores how Indigenous and non-Indigenous people and organizations can work together to create health landscapes.

January – May 2021: [Caribou Ecology & Recovery Webinar Series](#) continues to hosts bi-weekly webinars. Catch the last ones before we pause for summer!

May 3-6th 2021: [North American Caribou Workshop \(NACW\)](#).

June 8, 10, 15 & 17th: Annual NBCKC June meeting

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)

Over fifty people representing governments, policy makers, Indigenous communities, and more attended the **IKC's** first Caribou Range Planning Webinar in January to learn from staff and members of the Porcupine Caribou Management Board about their successes in working together across several Indigenous communities and territorial and federal governments. Stay tuned for the next in the series. The IKC is seeking to expand its membership to include more Elders and Knowledge Holders. The experience and wisdom of these individuals will be especially valuable as we develop our toolkit to facilitate collaborations across cultures. If you know anyone interested in joining, please email [Kristin](#).

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Knowledge Network

The first bi-annual meeting of the **CWD Knowledge Network** was held on February 5th, 2021 to provide a platform for information sharing regarding CWD in context of caribou conservation. The meeting initiated introductions among members and discussion regarding key areas of interest and expectations for future meetings to include invited speakers, member updates and round table discussions. The NBCKC Secretariat will work with the lead facilitators to secure presentations for a 2nd meeting in July. Please contact [Tatyana](#) if you are interested in providing an update or sharing your work.

Monitoring Working Group (MWG)

The **MWG** held its 11th meeting in February, to discuss progress made and to identify next steps for the recently-launched Monitoring Toolkit. The next set of monitoring tools, method suitability tables, will be available on the CCLM in early April 2021! These tables are intended to provide an overview of the population parameters which can be measured with each of the field methods, and to provide a means to compare the relative suitability, requirements, and considerations of each of the methods. Additional tools in development include detailed analyses of monitoring methods, an interactive tool to help structure effective monitoring programs, and a glossary of caribou-monitoring specific vocabulary. Stay tuned for more of these tools to be posted to the CCLM this spring!

Habitat Restoration Working Group (HRWG)

The **HRWG** has been revising the first draft of the Boreal Caribou Ecological Model Report, which provides supporting evidence for the illustrated ecological pathways of the model and outlines how users can use this communication tool to inform habitat restoration. In February, the HRWG leads and report authors met with FUSE Consulting to develop communications tools to accompany the Caribou Model report. Both items are expected to be ready in Spring 2021! Finally, the 1st HRWG – Indigenous Perspectives Roundtable was held in February to continue ...

Habitat Restoration Working Group (HRWG) Cont ...

... conversations regarding how Indigenous Knowledge can inform sound habitat restoration and stewardship practices. The small group is scheduled to meet again bi-weekly through March and April for three additional roundtable conversations. If you are an Indigenous community or organization involved in caribou habitat restoration work and would like to learn more about these roundtables please contact [Tatyana](#).

Population Management Working Group (PMWG)

The core group of the **PMWG** held its 4th meeting in March and continued to build momentum in establishing a community of practice surrounding population management for caribou in Canada through sharing lessons learned. Working group members also discussed progress made on several communication tools that are currently in development, including an interactive map that highlights population management activities happening across the country. As well, members provided feedback on the first of a series of infographics to be produced by the working group. This first infographic provides a general overview of the use of population management actions alongside habitat restoration and protection, to support the recovery of self-sustaining caribou populations. Stay tuned for further details on these communication pieces.

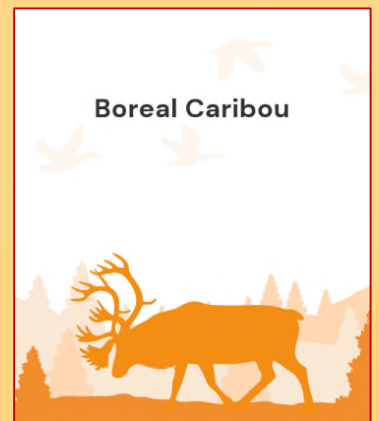
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The NBCKC is one of the five collaborating organizations behind the **Canadian Conservation and Land Management Knowledge Portal (CCLM)** - www.cclmportal.ca. In March the Phase 4 report titled "Launched, Loved and Life of its Own" was released, which provides a summary of the CCLM's journey since the launch of the portal in April 2020 for collaborating organizations. The report includes several metrics of success which were measured during the User Experience review completed in Winter 2020. Key outcomes of this process are illustrated on the special "Bonus Feature" page of this Newsletter. A sincere thanks to all the NBCKC folks who took time to provide feedback on the CCLM portal during this process! As always, if you have content or feedback to provide for the CCLMportal.ca feel free to email the [NBCKC Secretariat](#).

Click on the 'Boreal Caribou' icon below to visit the CCLM Portal today!

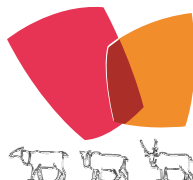


*To learn more watch this video:
[Using the CCLM Knowledge Portal](#)*



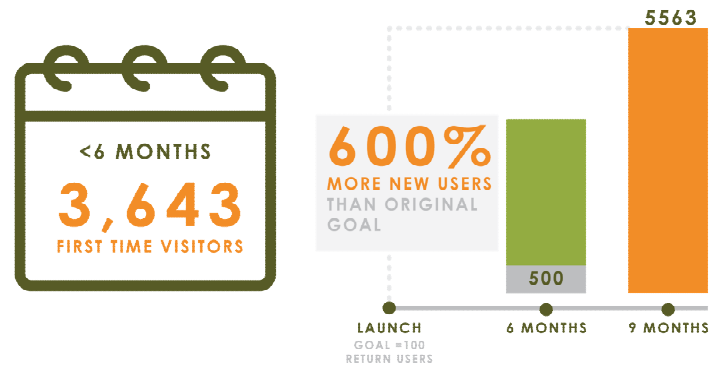
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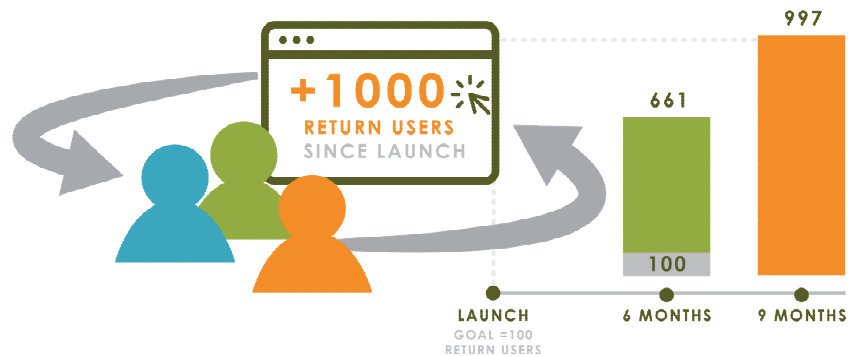


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First Time Visitors



Repeat Visitors



Resources

