

THE NEW NBCKC SNAPSHOT

The National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium (NBCKC) is a forum for members to share, generate, and mobilize knowledge to support boreal caribou conservation and recovery.

FEATURED PROJECTS



Caribou Monitoring Toolkit

Eager to learn more about the caribou in your area? This toolkit will help you choose the right monitoring methods for your situation.

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French Version of CCLM Website

Explore resources, news, and events related to boreal caribou, wetland best practices, land restoration and land reclamation in both official languages!

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Beyond Conservation Toolkit

Seeking to do things differently?
This toolkit can help you
cultivate genuine, respectful and
productive collaborations with
Indigenous Peoples.

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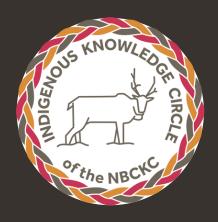
NBCKC UPDATES



The National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium (NBCKC)

- Winter 2024 annual meetings were a success with more than 90 attendees. The meeting summary report will be circulated soon.
- In progress: "NBCKC Knowledge and Perspectives Report."
- Next meeting(s): tentatively the week of June 9, 2025 in person (location TBD, and other details forthcoming)

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The Indigenous Knowledge Circle (IKC)

- The IKC submitted the final draft of a textbook chapter in collaboration with the Monitoring Working Group, for publication in 2026.
- Can you help? The IKC is looking for short real-life stories to demonstrate their toolkit's <u>10 guiding principles</u>. Get in touch with <u>Kristin</u> if you have a story to share!
- Next meeting: February 25, 2025.

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The Canadian Conservation and Land Management Knowledge Network (CCLM)

- The French version of the CCLM is now launched! Check out https://www.cclmportal.ca/fr. While the framework of the website is now available in French, the majority of the resources, news, and events are English.
- Upcoming wildfire webinar set for February 27th, registration link coming soon to the CCLM.
- We invite you to share your news, resources and events about caribou on the CCLM Portal. <u>Email the NBCKC Secretariat today</u> with items you would like to share in English or French.

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WORKING GROUP UPDATES



The Habitat Restoration Working Group (HRWG)

- HRWG in-person workshop, February 12-13, 2025 in Edmonton, to discuss criteria and indicators for restoration success.
- The HRWG welcomes <u>Jesse Tigner</u> as its new co-lead!
- Released in November 2024: <u>Leverage Our Learnings: Applications</u>
 And Outcomes Of Boreal Caribou Habitat Restoration infographic.
- Ongoing projects: Development of the CCLM Restoration Hub.
- Interested in joining the group? Contact Tatyana.

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The Monitoring Working Group (MWG)

- In conjunction with the Caribou Health Knowledge Network, the MWG released a new tool in the Caribou Monitoring Toolkit:
 - o Boreal Caribou Health Monitoring Guidance Repository
- The working group is in the process of developing another tool:
 - o Considerations for data analysis and interpretation.
- Next meeting: TBD Spring 2025. Contact Melanie.

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The Population Management Working Group (PMWG)

- Ongoing project: PMWG project page on the CCLM to centralize the best available information related to boreal caribou management.
- Can you help? The PMWG is looking for case studies highlighting successful caribou management.
- Next meeting: April 25th 2025 (extension group). Contact Melanie.

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MEMBER UPDATES



Spotlight

BRAIDING KNOWLEDGES CANADA (BKC), is hosting its inaugural Gathering from March 5-7, 2025, in Gatineau QC.

- Braiding Knowledges Canada is a not-for-profit corporation established in 2024 to continue the ground-breaking work of the Canadian Mountain Network, extending its impact beyond mountain landscapes across Canada.
- The event will foster connections among research teams, collaborators, Indigenous organizations, and broader stakeholders to strengthen relationships and shared understanding.
- Find out more details and register <u>here</u>.

Here's what's happening in our network:

- The Government of the Northwest Territories and wildlife co-management partners throughout the Northwest Territories are pleased to announce that the 20th North American Caribou Workshop (NACW) will be held in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, Canada from June 15th to 19th, 2026. The conference website will be launched soon.
- Learn about the progress made in 2023–2024 under the 5-year conservation agreement with the Government of Canada for the conservation of Boreal Caribou in Ontario in their <u>2023-</u>2024 Annual Report which came out in December 2024.
- The N.W.T. Court of Appeal has dismissed a legal challenge by the territorial government, siding with Colville Lake on its land claim interpretation of caribou management. See more <u>here</u>.
- Fort Nelson First Nation has released their documentary! 'The Medzih Story: Restoring a
 Caribou Landscape' is a short film documenting the work one Indigenous community is doing to
 help restore decades of industrial impacts on the land base as a mechanism to help stabilize
 boreal caribou populations.

NBCKC VISION

"A future where Indigenous and non-Indigenous people in Canada have the opportunity to live in relationship with boreal caribou, where caribou populations are self-sustaining across Canada and the critical habitat to support these populations is available."