

How the draft plan was created:

The Advisory Committee for Cooperation on Wildlife Management (ACCCWM) consists of the Chairpersons (or alternate appointees) of:

- Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT) (WMAC_NWT);
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB);
- Saitu Renewable Resources Board (SRRB);
- Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board (WRRB);
- Kitikmeot Regional Wildlife Board (KRWB);
- Tuklut Nogait National Park Management Board (TNNPMB); and
- Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB).

The ACCWM established a Working Group that also included the GNWT (ENR), GN (DOE) and Parks Canada.

The working group held two rounds of community engagement in 2009-2011 involving 15 communities in five regions - Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, Saitu, Ticho and Kitikmeot, NU.

Because these herds are shared across jurisdictions and among many communities, it is very important that everyone works together. It was necessary to seek the experience, input, and advice of all regions and communities.

The GRRB is also consulting with RRCs & the public on this plan. Meeting dates:

Aklavik: Aug 2 Fort McPherson: Aug 4

Tsilgetchic: Aug 18 Inuvik: TBD.

Comments to GRRB due by Sept 5, 2011

Comments Deadline August 31st, 2011

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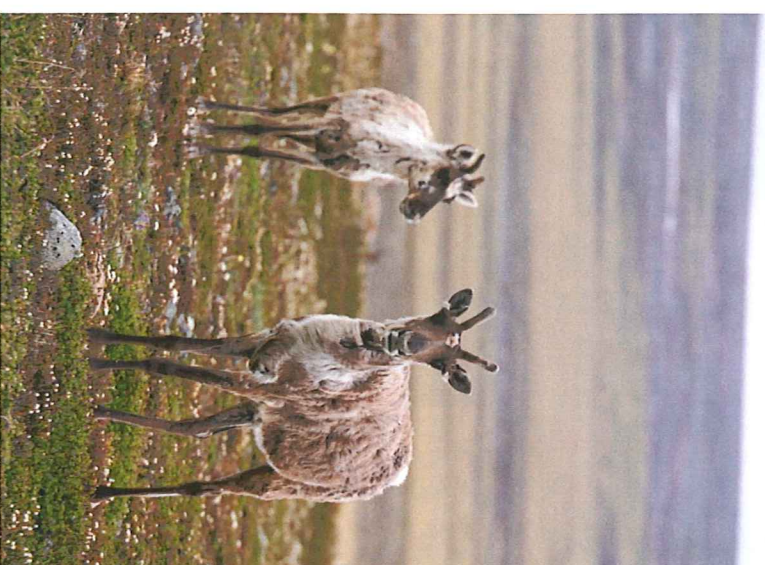
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Taking Care of Caribou



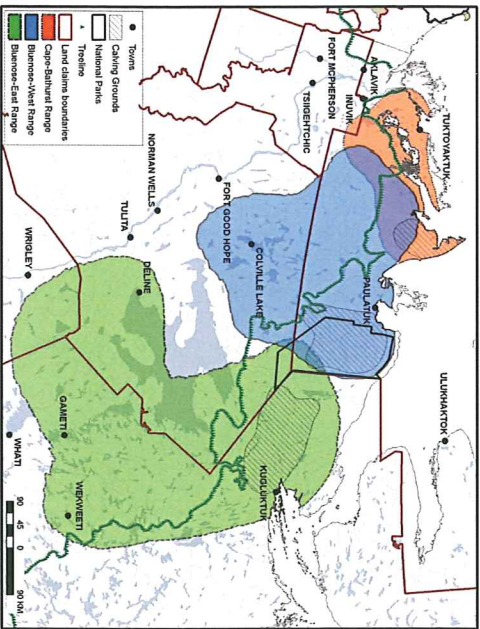
Key Points:

DRAFT Management Plan for the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Barren Ground Caribou Herds.

Taking Care of Caribou

The ultimate goal of this DRAFT plan is caribou for today and for future generations.

- The three herds will be managed to:
- Conserve healthy caribou herds and habitat
 - Keep the overall harvest of each herd within sustainable limits
 - Have a clear way to fairly allocate the harvest from each herd



The range of the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West and Bluenose-East Barren-ground Caribou Herds. The three herds range through 2 territories and 6 land claim areas.

Monitoring the Herds

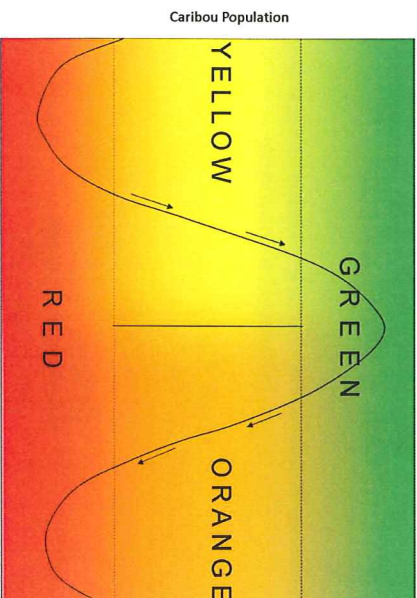
- Herd status will be determined based on information including:
- Estimate of the overall size of the herd
 - Previous estimates to provide a trend (increasing, decreasing, or stable)
 - Additional monitoring indicators to supplement the interpretation including information from community monitoring and scientific surveys.

Monitoring information, including frequency, and means of collecting information can be found in the DRAFT plan.

The things we do to help the caribou herds will be determined in part by the herd size, and whether it is increasing or decreasing.

In this DRAFT management plan there are four levels of herd status and associated management actions

- Green:** The population level is high
- Yellow:** The population level is increasing
- Orange:** The population level is decreasing
- Red:** The population level is low



The thresholds between the colour zones depends on the unique characteristics of the herd. Proposed thresholds are shown in the table below.

Herd	Historic High (from surveys)	Threshold between Green and Yellow/Orange	Threshold between Red and Yellow/Orange
Cape Bathurst	19,000	12,000	4,000
Bluenose-West	112,000	60,000	15,000
Bluenose-East	120,000	60,000	20,000

DRAFT Management Actions Based on Herd Status

In all colour zones:

- Advice on mitigation of the impacts of exploration and development activities need to be provided to proponents and regulators.
- Provide active and accessible communication, and recommend education programs for all.

Green Management actions include:

- Support subsistence harvest
- If subsistence needs are met than resident harvest should be permitted (with limits if established).
- Potentially recommend non-resident (outfitter) and commercial harvests.

Yellow Management actions include:

- Recommend easing limits on both subsistence and resident harvests.
- At higher levels of yellow, consider recommending outfitter and commercial harvests.

Orange Management actions include:

- Recommend a mandatory limit on subsistence harvest based on a TAH accepted by the ACCWM.
- Recommend a majority-bulls harvest.
- Recommend no resident, outfitter or commercial harvest.
- Encourage harvest of alternate species and increased trade and barter of traditional foods.
- Consider recommending options for predator management.
- Recommend important habitat as a "value at risk" for forest fire management.
- Recommend increased enforcement including community monitors.
- Targeted communications to developers and airlines

Red Management actions include the actions in the Orange zone and additionally:

- Review of mandatory limit for subsistence harvest for further reduction.
- Work directly with proponents and regulators of exploration and development activities to advise on mitigation measures.