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Under subsection 16(1) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*, the Conference of Management Authorities (Conference) must submit an annual report to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources by September 30 each year. This annual report covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2017.



Red-sided garter snake – Photo Credit: R. Gau, ENR

THE SPECIES AT RISK (NWT) ACT

The *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* provides a process to identify, protect and recover species at risk in the Northwest Territories (NWT). The Act applies to any wild animal, plant or other species that is managed by the Government of the Northwest Territories. It applies in most areas of the NWT, on both public and private lands, including private lands owned under a land claim agreement.

PROGRESS APRIL 1, 2016 TO MARCH 31, 2017

The Conference of Management Authorities held six meetings during the 2016–2017 fiscal year. The Acho Dene Koe First Nation, Akaitcho Territory Government, Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board, Dehcho First Nations, Kátł'odeeche First Nation, North Slave Métis Alliance, Northwest Territory Métis Nation, Porcupine Caribou Management Board and Salt River First Nation were invited to observe or participate in Conference meetings.

The Conference accomplished the following tasks:

Consensus Agreements

Completed and submitted to the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources the following consensus agreements:

- **Boreal caribou** (*Rangifer tarandus caribou*) – Consensus Agreement on Accepting a Recovery Strategy for Boreal Caribou in the NWT
- **Northern leopard frog** (*Lithobates pipiens*) and **western toad** (*Anaxyrus boreas*) – Consensus Agreement on Accepting and Adopting the Management Plan for Amphibians in the NWT
- **Polar bear** (*Ursus maritimus*) – Consensus Agreement on Adopting the Inuvialuit Settlement Region Polar Bear Joint Management Plan and Framework for Action
- **Hairy braya** (*Braya pilosa*) – Consensus Agreement Respecting Implementation of the Recovery Strategy for the Hairy Braya in the NWT

Recovery Strategies and Management Planning

Completed the management plans and recovery strategies noted under Consensus Agreements (above), and continued work to develop a recovery strategy for Peary caribou and a management plan for Dolphin and Union caribou.

Species at Risk Stewardship Program

Awarded a total of \$20,000 in Species at Risk Stewardship Program funding to four projects:

- Deninu Kue First Nation – Traditional Knowledge Study: Woodland Caribou Habitat and Habitat Use
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board – Gwich'in Knowledge of Insects at Risk
- Moose Kerr School – Husky River Hike
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board – Dechenla Caribou Stewardship Planning Workshop

Details on Conference activities are available on the NWT Species at Risk website: www.nwt-speciesatrisk.ca

THE CONFERENCE OF MANAGEMENT AUTHORITIES

The Conference, established under the Act, is made up of the wildlife co-management boards and governments in the NWT that share responsibility for the conservation and recovery of species at risk in the NWT (Management Authorities). The Conference builds consensus among Management Authorities on the conservation of species at risk and provides direction, coordination and leadership with respect to the assessment, listing, conservation and recovery of species at risk while respecting the roles and responsibilities of Management Authorities under land claim and self-government agreements.

The Management Authorities are:

- Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT),
- Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board,
- Sahtú Renewable Resources Board,
- Wek'èezhii Renewable Resources Board,
- Tłı̨chǫ Government,
- Government of Canada, and
- Government of the Northwest Territories.

Each Management Authority may have three representatives attend Conference meetings.

The Conference develops consensus agreements on listing species at risk, conservation measures, management plans and recovery strategies.

NWT LIST OF SPECIES AT RISK

SPECIES	MANAGEMENT PLAN/ RECOVERY STRATEGY	IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT
THREATENED		
Boreal caribou	Complete	Under development
Hairy braya	Complete	Complete
Northern leopard frog	Complete	Under development
Peary caribou	Under development	n/a
Western toad	Complete	Under development
SPECIAL CONCERN		
Dolphin and Union caribou	Under development	n/a
Polar bear	Complete	Under development



CMA - May 2017, Fort Smith NT
Photo Credit: M. McBrien, Parks Canada Agency



Crocus and bee - Photo Credit: J. Pellissey, WRRB



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Respectfully submitted,



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