



September 2019

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

An adaptive guide to research, monitoring, and management of the Baffin Island caribou population



HISTORY OF THE BAFFIN ISLAND CARIBOU MANAGEMENT PLAN

2004	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial consultations prior to drafting of a plan (South Baffin)
July 2013	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Workshop in Iqaluit with close to 60 wildlife co-management partners on caribou management on Baffin Island
January 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultations with Baffin Communities and co-management
Dec 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft plan developed with co-management partners
March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft plan submitted to NWMB for decision. NWMB requests additional consultation regarding edits in Plan
2015 to 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baffin Biologist position vacant. Progress on consultations and finalization of plan on hold
2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Baffin Biologist position filled. Additional consultations and plan finalization made a priority

CONSULTATION TIMELINE

Mar 16 - Apr 7, 2015	• Consultations with 10 Baffin HTOs
August 13, 2018	• Baffin Biologist contacts HTOs and co-management partners with proposed consultation dates of September 24 to October 5, 2018
Aug 27, 2018	• QWB request extension of consultation period to Jan 2019
Sept 25, 2018	• Draft Management Plan provided to QWB, NTI, NWMB and HTOs for review and discussion at consultations
Nov 26, 2018	• Draft Management Plan sent again along with a request for comments prior to Jan consultations
Jan 7 – 18, 2019	• Consultations with 9 of 10 HTOs, GN asked participants in consultations to provide comments on Draft Management Plan.
May 27, 2019	• Consultation with Clyde River HTO, comments on Draft Management plan were requested.
April 3, 2019	• Additional request for comments on Draft Management Plan from HTOs and Co-management partners
April 12, 2019	• DOE received request from QWB for an extension to comment period. Comment period extended to June 30, 2019.
PRESENT	• No comments received from co-management partners from September 2018 up to September 2019.

CHANGES SINCE NWMB SUBMISSION

The revisions to the most recent include:

Added research results from composition surveys completed from 2015- 2018

Removal of 5 harvest management units

Removal of recommended harvest management actions based on population phase

Revised the implementation schedule for monitoring activities, to accommodate the updated submission date

Primary focus is monitoring of Baffin Island Caribou

RECOMMENDATION

The GN requests that the NWMB approve the revised Baffin Island Caribou Co-Management Plan

