



SUBMISSION TO THE NUNAVUT WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT BOARD

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Decision:

Issue: Launching Community Consultations on the Proposed Downlisting of Peary Caribou from Endangered to Threatened.

Background:

- In October 2016 the Committee on the Status of Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) provided a re-assessment of Peary Caribou to the federal Minister of the Environment. This begins the formal listing process under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.
- Peary Caribou, which are currently listed under the federal SARA as Endangered, have been re-assessed by COSEWIC in a lower risk category as Threatened.
- A recovery strategy is required for both Endangered and Threatened species. If Peary Caribou are downlisted under the federal SARA, a recovery strategy will still be required and it will not affect the current recovery strategy development process currently underway for Peary Caribou

Next Steps – Consultation Process:

- Community consultations on the proposed downlisting of Peary Caribou will be held with hunters and trappers organizations (HTOs) and regional wildlife boards in the range of Peary Caribou. Organizations are asked to provide their formal position on the proposed downlisting and with any other comments, concerns or information that they feel should be considered by June 30, 2017.
- Consultation packages, in Inuktitut and English, were sent by mail and email. They include: a letter, information on the assessment and a questionnaire/response form.
- The results of the community consultations will be shared with NWMB, and ECCC will be seeking a decision from NWMB on the proposed downlisting of Peary Caribou at a future NWMB meeting.
- ECCC would like to know if the NWMB has any comments or suggestions on the community consultation plan.

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