Protecting Caribou and their Habitat



NWMB WORKSHOP

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Photo credit: Bluenose-West caribou, Dave Stewart, Inuvialuit Communication Society (Taking care of caribou: The cape Bathurst, Bluenose-west and Bluenose-east barren-ground caribou herds management plan)

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Workshop Objectives

- 1. Share and discuss current scientific and traditional knowledge on the effects of disturbance caused by human land-use activities on barren-ground caribou.
- 2. Understand the roles played by federal, territorial and *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* agencies in the legal protection, within the Nunavut Settlement Area, of caribou and caribou habitat from disturbance caused by human land-use activities.
- Discuss and evaluate the existing Nunavut Caribou Protection Measures
 including their development, rationale and effectiveness, and better understand
 factors of success in their implementation.
- 4. Discuss possible guidelines and/or seasonal mitigation measures and their effectiveness in protecting caribou and caribou habitat from the impacts of human land-use activities in Nunavut, building on lessons learned in other jurisdictions.
- 5. Suggest recommendations on how to effectively manage and/or protect caribou habitat in Nunavut.

Timeline of Actions

Literature review of human effects on barren-ground caribou: focus on Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit, western science and caribou protection measures

Legal jurisdiction research report on caribou habitat protection and mineral exploration and mining development

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Recommendations suggested on how to protect caribou and caribou habitat

Recommendations on procedural next steps

Review notes, draft workshop report and circulate to participants for review and finalization

Brief the NWMB on results of literature review, legal research report and recommendations from the workshop

NWMB decision on way forward