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Issue: WWF Conservation Plan for Circum-Arctic Migratory Tundra caribou and Wild Reindeer (Draft for Review)

Background:

World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Canada submitted a draft "Conservation Plan for Circum-Arctic Migratory Tundra Caribou and Wild Reindeer" to NWMB wildlife section staff for review.

Overview:

The document deals with all of the major migratory tundra caribou and wild reindeer herds internationally. The document provides background information on the historic and current status of the herds, emphasizes the important role caribou continue to play in the lives of people living in arctic communities, and recognizes the importance of effective co-management.

The conservation plan is built around the following three goals:

1. To conserve resilient landscapes for these species throughout their population cycles;
2. To manage the herds collaboratively and adaptively; and
3. To create increase communications between managers, resource users, and the public.

Wildlife staff did not find any statements in the Plan that conflict with existing management or action plans, or with the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Overall, staff found the document to be comprehensive, thoroughly researched, and well-organized. It was suggested that in the future WWF more actively involve itself in co-management processes and initiatives to ensure that the numerous management plans, action plans, and recovery strategies that are in place (or in development) for this wide ranging species are complimentary to maximize resources, lessen redundancies, and ultimately increase the effectiveness of the conservation efforts.

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