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Issue: Update on the development of the Dolphin & Union Barren-ground caribou Management Plan



Barren-ground Caribou (Dolphin and Union population) was listed under the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA) in 2011. Under SARA, when a species is listed as Special Concern, a management plan must be developed within three years of listing. The management plan for Dolphin and Union caribou is due to be posted as proposed on the federal Species at Risk Registry by March 2017.

Environment Canada is working collaboratively with the co-management partners to develop the proposed management plan. The following is a list of organizations and communities that will be engaged in the development of and consultation on the management plan:

Ekaluktutiak HTA	Cambridge Bay	James Panioyak
Spence Bay HTA	Taloyak	Peter Qayutinuak Sr.
Burnside HTA	Bathurst Inlet / Bay Chimo	Sam Kapolak
KRWB	Kugaaruk	Attima Hadlari
KRWB	Kugaaruk	Ema Qaggutag
NWMB	Iqaluit	Karla Letto
NTI	Iqaluit	David Lee
GN	Kugluktuk	Lisa-Marie LeClerc

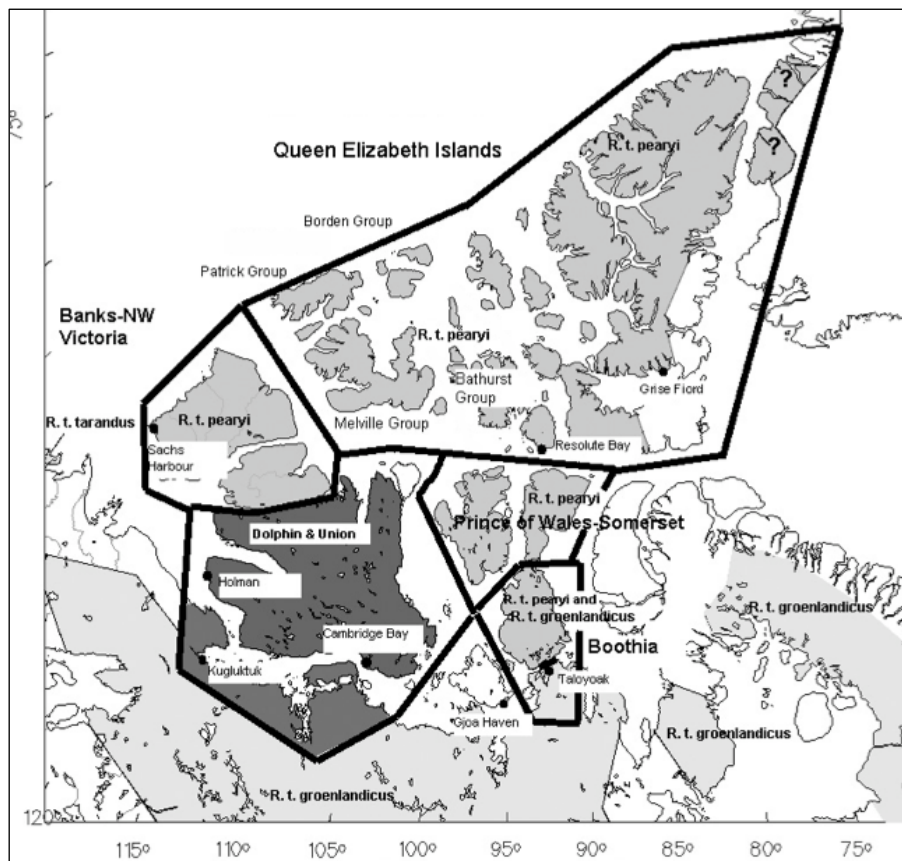


Figure 1. This figure is from the COSEWIC Assessment and Update Status Summary for Peary caribou and Dolphin and Union Barren-ground Caribou. The darker shading indicates the range that Dolphin & Union Barren-ground Caribou occupy.

The following is the process and proposed timeline for development of the management plan:

- Completion of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Threat Calculator via teleconference with COSEWIC and in collaboration with all co-management partners (HTAs, WMBs, Parks, GNWT, GN) - December 2014. The following Nunavut representatives attended:
 - Kugluktuk HTO David Nivingalok
 - Kugluktuk HTO Kevin Klengenberg
 - KRWB Ema Qaggutaq
 - GN Lisa-Marie LeClerc
- Introductory meeting/teleconference with the co-management partners from Nunavut and the Northwest Territories (HTO chairs, KWRB, NWMB, WMAC (NWT), NTI, GN, GNWT, Parks Canada) by teleconference in conjunction with the Peary caribou recovery strategy meeting in Yellowknife to discuss community input into the key elements of the management plan and process – February 2015
- Meet with HTO board members and invited guests chosen by HTOs for their familiarity with Dolphin & Union caribou to collect additional information and Inuit knowledge for the draft management plan – Spring 2015
- Completion of draft management plan – Fall 2015
 - Review of draft management plan by co-management partners – Winter 2015/2016
 - Consultation on draft management plan – Winter 2015/2016

- Formally request NWMB approval and Wildlife Management Advisory Council (WMAC- NWT) support on the draft management plan – March 2016.

Questions to the NWMB:

- Does NWMB have any feedback on the proposed path forward for developing the draft management plan?
- Does NWMB want to appoint someone to participate in this process?

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