

WOODLAND CARIBOU RECOVERY

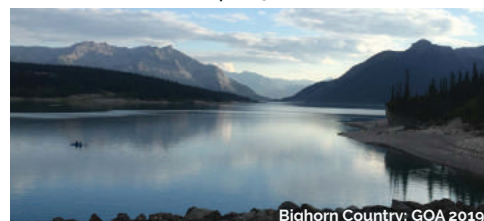
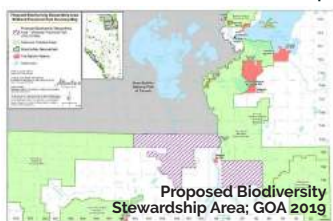
Alberta's six NW municipalities formed the Northwest Species at Risk (NWSAR) Committee. They are working with the federal and provincial government's to develop Range Plans for Woodland Caribou that are effective and consider the socio-economic impact to the region.

To view the Committee's report visit: www.AlbertaNWSAR.ca.

Highlights from NWSAR's January 10th 2019 Meeting Minutes

NWSAR Committee Motions:

- 19-01-003:** That NWSAR invoice Mackenzie County for the unused portion of their NWSAR Voting Member contributions for 2018.
- 19-01-004:** That NWSAR invoice all NWSAR Voting and Associate Members for 2019 Committee fees.
- 19-01-006:** That NWSAR approves the attendance of all willing and available NWSAR members at a rescheduled Caribou Recovery Discussion meeting with the Resource Municipalities Coalition, in Fort St. John BC.
- 19-01-007:** That NWSAR submits a paragraph capturing NWSAR efforts towards caribou recovery in Northwest Alberta, for inclusion in their Spring 2019 Federal progress report update.
- 19-01-008:** That NWSAR sends a letter to Nicholls Applied Management requesting an update on their socio-economic impact assessment, and to provide data for the Northwest portion of their assessment.
- 19-01-011:** That NWSAR apply for funding for the remote camera component of the ABMI project for all five Northwest Boreal Caribou Ranges.
- 19-01-012:** That NWSAR approves approximately \$2,000 for ABMI to conduct site selection for the remote camera and sub-sample components of the ABMI project.
- 19-01-013:** That NWSAR apply to FRIAA for 100% of the costs of the ABMI LiDAR project.



Recent Federal Action on Caribou File:

- On December 21st 2018, Canada released their second *Progress Report on Steps Taken to Protect Critical Habitat for the Woodland Caribou, Boreal Population in Canada*.
- Under Section 63 of the Species at Risk Act, the Federal Minister for Environment must release a Progress Report every 180 days (6 months) until critical habitat identified for a Species at Risk in their Recovery Strategy is protected. For Woodland Caribou, (including the 5 NW herds) critical habitat is defined as the **entire range**. See the full report at:

https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/species-risk-registry/virtual_sara/files/reports/Chr-WoodlandCaribouBoreal-v01-2018Dec-Eng.pdf

Other Relevant Items:

- GOA is conducting public engagement on a new Biodiversity Stewardship Area, immediately South of Wood Buffalo National Park. Have your say until January 20th:

<https://www.albertaparks.ca/albertaparksca/about-us/public-consultations/archives/bsa-wildland-provincial-park/>

- GOA is conducting public engagement on the Bighorn Country proposal. Have your say until February 15th:

<https://talkaep.alberta.ca/bighorn-country>

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