

## 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](http://www.AlbertaNWSAR.ca).

### Highlights From NWSAR's October 18th 2018 Meeting Minutes

#### NWSAR Motions

- 18-10-004:** That administration develop and send a letter requesting a meeting with Deputy Minister Yee and Deputy Minister Corbould, during RMA's 2018 Fall Convention in Edmonton.
- 18-10-005:** That NWSAR directs administration to purchase an ArcGIS Desktop and a Spatial Analyst Basic Single-use 1-Year Term License for a total of \$2,370.00.
- 18-10-006:** That administration request the Northwest Grizzly Bear Team to amend their Terms of Reference to include municipal representation, with Sunni-Jeanne Walker as the appointed member.

### NWSAR is sending 6 committee members and 2 administration to the 17th North American Caribou Workshop in Ottawa October 29th - November 2nd, 2018

#### NWSAR will be meeting with:

- Chris Warkentin MP
- Arnold Viersen MP
- Joe Crocker - Environment Climate Change Canada (ECCC)
- Dr. Martine Dubuc - Associate Deputy Minister ECCC
- Dr. Niall O'Dea - Associate Assistant Deputy Minister Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS)
- Darren Sleep - Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)
- Matt Gemmel - Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM)
- Thomas Nudds - University of Guelph
- Derek Nighbor - CEO Forest Products Association of Canada (FPAC)

#### NWSAR will be presenting a poster during the conference:

- We provided our stakeholder engagement journey from June 2016 - present, what NWSAR has learnt and understood upon reflection of our response and action to date, and how we are progressing on positive outcomes for NW caribou recovery.

**ALBERTA NWSAR COMMITTEE**  
NORTHWEST SPECIES AT RISK

### A Collaborative Grassroots Approach to Securing Positive Boreal Caribou Outcomes in Northwest Alberta

RESPONSE	ACTION	REFLECTION
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Government of Alberta released a Boreal Caribou Action Plan which included 1.8 million hectares of permanent protected areas in Northwest Alberta.</li> <li>• Northwest municipalities received limited stakeholder engagement; the impact of the plan would be significant for the region.</li> <li>• Local communities were unaware of the impact of the Government of Alberta's Caribou Action Plan.</li> <li>• Six (6) NW Municipalities came together for a common cause; to discuss an action plan for caribou recovery inclusive of Northwest socio-economic security.</li> <li>• Alberta NWSAR was established and began extensive multi-stakeholder engagement.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hosted 10+ public open houses and continue to host collaborative Northwestern working sessions.</li> <li>• We travelled across Canada meeting with a multitude of stakeholders and rights-holders, in regards to Boreal Caribou recovery.</li> <li>• Gathered input from local communities and developed NWSAR's NW Alberta Boreal Caribou Recovery Recommendations Report. This process identified information and data gaps between governments and people at the grassroots level.</li> <li>• 9,400 People (Approx. 50% of NWSAR's adult population) signed a NWSAR petition for a detailed socio-economic impact assessment to be completed, as an integral component of final Caribou Range Plans.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NWSAR has been actively engaged in local community and wider stakeholder information sharing, and remains committed to assisting in the development of government Range Plans that meet the needs of both Caribou and local people.</li> <li>• Research shows that large conservation areas alone will not recover Caribou; NWSAR would like to work on a multi-species approach with multiple management tools for Boreal Caribou recovery in Northwest Alberta.</li> <li>• Provincial resources are being prioritized and committed to West-Central Boreal/Southern Mountain Caribou herds; the NW herds also need to be a priority.</li> <li>• Municipalities deserve seats at the planning and decision-making tables.</li> </ul>

**PROGRESS...**

- NWSAR believes updated datasets in NW caribou ranges will positively influence Provincial Caribou Range Plan effectiveness.
- Northwest Caribou herds have the biggest solution space in Alberta.
- NWSAR is developing a NW Pilot Project with Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute (ABMI). The methodology includes a combination of remotely-sensed data (LIDAR/aerial imagery), new field data and a camera/audio device program. Ask NWSAR how you can provide input on our NW Pilot Project today!
- NWSAR continues to build on, and respond to an array of feedback. NWSAR is also working to build Community, Cross-Industry, Provincial, Federal, Territorial and Indigenous Relationships, for positive Caribou outcomes in NW Alberta.

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**Alberta Northwest Species at Risk Committee (NWSAR) is a grassroots initiative led by 6 Municipalities in Northwest Alberta**

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