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Alberta Northwest Species at Risk Committee



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Brad Sperling
Chair
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**RE: Invitation to become an Associate Member of Alberta Northwest
Species at Risk Committee**

Dear Mr. Sperling:

Alberta Northwest Species at Risk Committee (NWSAR) is a solutions-based committee comprised of Voting and Associate member municipalities, from across Northwest Alberta.

Our committee was founded in November 2016 by: Mackenzie County, County of Northern Lights, Clear Hills County and the Towns of High Level, Rainbow Lake and Manning. At present, our Associate membership includes County of Grande Prairie, Northern Sunrise County, Saddle Hills County, MD of Opportunity, MD of Fairview, Big Lakes County, MD of Peace, Towns of High Prairie and Fox Creek.

NWSAR is actively involved in efforts towards caribou recovery in five (5) Boreal Caribou ranges; these include Bistcho, Yates, Caribou Mountains, Red Earth and Chinchaga, all located in Northwest Alberta. Our efforts are focused on improving local populations of Boreal Caribou, while safeguarding our local economies.

At the North Central Local Government Association AGM and Tradeshow in Williams Lake, NWSAR members met some Northeastern Municipal District

representatives who expressed an interest in an annual Associate membership of NWSAR.

At our last meeting on May 15, 2019 **Motion 19-05-008** was **CARRIED** for NWSAR to extend Associate Membership invitations to Peace River Regional District and the District of Chetwynd.

Becoming an Associate member of NWSAR provides your District with access to all meeting agendas, minutes and updates on NWSAR's progress. Associate members are welcome to attend all meetings to partake in discussions, but do not have a vote in NWSAR's decision-making process. We also host a teleconference for all members who wish to call in to the meetings.

As per NWSAR's Terms of Reference, Associate members shall pay a \$1,000 (one-thousand dollar) annual fee to NWSAR's budget. Please review the attached Terms of Reference for more information.

While NWSAR's predominant focus is Northwest Alberta Boreal Caribou recovery, we also have interests in the Wood Bison and Grizzly Bear recovery files, and species-at-risk recovery planning occurring in Northeastern BC.

To find out more about NWSAR and to review previous meeting minutes' highlights please visit our website: <https://albertanwsar.ca/index.php/information/updates> or our Facebook page: Alberta Northwest Species at Risk Committee.

Please advise us of your decision at your earliest convenience, and we will provide you with an invoice and all relevant documentation for our next meeting, should Peace River Regional District choose to accept Associate Membership of NWSAR.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us or our administration, Hayley Gavin at: hgavin@highlevel.ca or 780-502-0778.

Yours Sincerely,



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Councillor, Mackenzie County



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