

DRAFT NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN TECHNICAL MEETING 4

RECOMMENDATIONS ON CARIBOU PROTECTION TO THE NPC

March 7-9 (3 Days), IQALUIT *Starting 9am*

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS TO MAKE PROGRESS IN FINDING:

THE MOST EFFECTIVE COMBINATION OF PROTECTED AREAS, SEASONAL RESTRICTIONS, MOBILE PROTECTION MEASURES, AND OTHER MITIGATION MEASURES TO PROTECT NUNAVUT'S CARIBOU HERDS AND CARIBOU HABITAT, WHILE FACILITATING BALANCED DEVELOPMENT FOR THE TERRITORY

TWO KEY SETS OF PLANNING INFORMATION THAT NPC NEEDS:

1. ARE CARIBOU SEASONAL RANGE BOUNDARIES RELIABLE? PROVIDE REVISED BOUNDARIES, WITH RATIONALE, IF APPLICABLE
2. PROPOSED LAND USE TOOLS FOR EACH SEASONAL RANGE THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NUNAVUT LAND USE PLAN

DAY 1

9am Introduction and Background Information – 15 Minutes

1. NPC: Overview of Caribou Workshop – 5 Minutes
2. NPC: Review of Draft NLUP Approach to Caribou – 5 Minutes
3. NPC: Comment on IOL and High Mineral Potential Discussion – 5 Minutes

9:15am Planning Partner Perspectives – 1.25 Hours

4. Opening presentations by each participating organization (MAX 15 min. each, including 10 min. presentations and 5 min. for questions):
 - a. Chamber of Mines: Proponent Perspectives on caribou protection
 - b. NTI Opening Presentation
 - c. KitIA Opening Presentation
 - d. KivIA Opening Presentation
 - e. QIA Opening Presentation

10:30am BREAK – 15 Minutes

10:45am Planning Partner Perspectives Con't – 1.25 Hours

- f. KivWB Opening Presentation
- g. KitRWB Opening Presentation
- h. QWB Opening Presentation
- i. WWF
- j. BQCMB

Noon LUNCH – 1.5 Hours

1:30pm Planning Partner Perspectives Con't – 45 minutes

- k. GNWT Opening Presentation
- l. GN-DoE Opening Presentation
- m. GoC Opening Presentation
- n. Other Participants (if requested)

2:15pm BREAK – 15 Minutes

2:30pm The Seasonal Ranges – 2 Hours

- 5. GN: Description of the Seasonal Ranges & Brief on the Precautionary Principle– 1 hour (45 min presentation and 15 minute discussion)
- 6. NWMB: Agreement on Caribou Calving areas from November 2015 Workshop – 10 minutes
- 7. KivWB: Importance of freshwater crossings and use of IQ for data collection – 10 minutes
- 8. QWB: Description and Delineation of the Baffin Caribou, IQ basis – 30 minutes
- 9. Discussion – 10 minutes

4:30PM DINNER – 2 Hours

6:30pm The Planning Tools – 2 Hours

- 10. QWB: Report on IQ Workshop Event (if applicable) – 20 minutes
- 11. BQCMB: The benefits and need for area protection for caribou – 15 minutes
- 12. Poole (if available): Assessment of Caribou Protection Measures – 10 minutes
- 13. NPC: Overview of the Planning Tools that are Available (10 min overview by NPC)
 - a. Seasonal or Year-round Protected Areas (with restrictions on land uses)
 - b. Seasonal or Year-round Special Management Areas (with terms or conditions on land uses)
 - c. Caribou Protection Measures (existing measures that were established in 1978)
 - d. Mobile Protection Measures (new proposed measures under consideration)
 - e. Establishment of Special Management Areas under the Nunavut *Wildlife Act* (new proposed tool under consideration by GN)
- 14. Chamber: Proposal on Mobile Protection Measures and how they could be logistically incorporated into *NUPPAA* legislated regulatory procedures. - 15 minutes
- 15. Open Discussion - 50 minutes

8:30pm Geographic Delineation (Optional Breakout)

- 16. Discussion of any disagreement on geographic delineations of any seasonal ranges caused by technical issues.

DAY 2

9am Mainland Migratory (MM) Caribou – 3 Hours

- 17. A moderated roundtable discussion covering relevant discussion points (a - i) for each type of MM seasonal range, and discussion regarding the best mix of year-round, seasonal, and mobile restrictions or prohibitions to apply for each seasonal range in the first generation land use plan for Nunavut.

Seasonal Ranges

- 1. Calving
- 2. Post-calving
- 3. Late Summer
- 4. Fall Migration & Rut
- 5. Winter Range
- 6. Spring Migration
- 7. Key Access Corridors
- 8. Freshwater Crossings
- 9. Sea Ice Crossings

Types of Caribou Herds

- 1. Mainland Migratory (MM)
- 2. Tundra Wintering Mainland (TW-M)
- 3. Tundra Wintering Island (TW-I)
- 4. Peary (P)
- 5. Belcher Islands Reindeer

Noon **LUNCH – 1.5 Hours**

1:30pm **Mainland Migratory Caribou Con't – 1.5 Hours**

3pm **BREAK – 30 Minutes**

3:30pm **Tundra Wintering Mainland (TW-M) Caribou – 1.5 Hours**

18. As with 17, but for TW-M

5pm **DINNER – 2 Hours**

7pm **Tundra Wintering Island (TW-I) Caribou – 2 Hours**

19. Discussion on QWB proposals

20. As with 17, but for TW-I

DAY 3

9am **Tundra Wintering Island (TW-I) Caribou Con't – 1.25 Hours**

10:15am **BREAK – 15 Minutes**

10:30am **Peary Caribou – 1 Hour**

21. As with 17, but for Peary Caribou, with a focus on the Somerset-Prince of Wales sea ice crossing

11:30am **Belcher Islands Reindeer – 15 Minutes**

22. As with 17, but for Belcher Islands Reindeer

Noon **LUNCH – 1.5 Hours**

1:30pm **Mineral Potential & Inuit Owned Lands Discussions – 1.25 Hours**

Note that NPC is held to section 11.8.2 of the NLCA, which states:

“The land use planning process shall apply to Inuit Owned Lands. Land use plans shall take into account Inuit goals and objectives for Inuit Owned Lands.”

- a. Chamber/KivIA: Discussion on areas with high mineral potential in caribou calving grounds — arguments for responsible development.
- b. NTI: Discussion on IOL designations in caribou calving grounds.

2:45pm **BREAK – 15 Minutes**

Possible Discussion Points for each seasonal range

- a. Sensitivity of caribou and habitat to disturbance in that Seasonal Range
- b. Agreement/disagreement on caribou polygons (science and policy basis)
- c. Importance of that Seasonal Range to herd health
- d. Inuit land use relating to that that Seasonal Range
- e. Inuit values relating to that that Seasonal Range
- f. Major transportation proposals
- g. Information gaps, and possible options to fill gaps
- h. Sources of disturbance (including Mining vs. Exploration Effects)

The Herds (see Map from the Government of Nunavut Caribou Strategy below)

1. MM
 - a. Qamanirjuaq
 - b. Bathurst
 - c. Bluenose East
 - d. Beverly
2. TW-M
 - a. Lorillard
 - b. Wager Bay
 - c. Qu. Maud Gulf
 - d. Dolphin & Union
 - e. Melville
 - f. Boothia-K. William Island
3. TW-I
 - a. South Baffin
 - b. North Baffin
 - c. East Baffin
 - d. Southampton
 - e. Coates
 - f. Mansel
4. Peary
 - a. 10 Subgroups in Nunavut (Banks-NW Victoria Group

3pm

Wrap-Up Discussion

23. Facilitator: Discussion of areas of compromise that are possible by parties
24. Facilitator/NPC: How any new information be delivered to the NPC
25. NPC: How new and emerging information will be incorporated into Land Use Plan Updates.

