



SOUTHERN MOUNTAIN CARIBOU - RECOVERY STRATEGY AMENDMENT TECHNICAL REVIEW

In-Person Workshops

We are hosting 2-day workshops at the following locations and dates:

[Kelowna, BC : January 31 - February 1](#)

[Edmonton, AB : February 14 - 15](#)

[Prince George, BC : March 5 - 6](#)

WORKSHOP GOALS

By the end of each workshop, we hope participants will:

- Have established and built connections with Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) staff and other Indigenous communities and organizations interested in caribou recovery
- Understand how the federal recovery strategy enables caribou recovery, what its strengths and limitations are, and how an amendment can improve the current recovery strategy
- Be equipped to explain the proposed amendments and draft updated materials to your community's leaders and members, to support involvement in the recovery strategy amendment, as appropriate and needed
- Learn from other Indigenous communities and organizations about what they are doing to achieve caribou recovery
- Feel empowered to lead, start, or continue on-the-ground caribou recovery projects

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES

The workshops intend to:

- Ensure the recovery strategy aligns with Indigenous-led caribou recovery priorities and projects, and that Indigenous communities and organizations are supported in implementing recovery actions, by:
 - Supporting relationship-building among Indigenous communities and organizations and with federal and provincial biologists
 - Showcasing Indigenous-led caribou recovery projects and plans
 - Providing information on funding opportunities to support Indigenous-led caribou recovery projects

- Provide workshop participants with the knowledge and tools needed to:
 - Understand the recovery strategy amendment process, key concepts, and their policy implications
 - Work through preliminary changes to the recovery strategy during the workshop
 - Take remaining concerns and ideas to their own community and/or organization's leadership for further review as needed
 - Provide feedback to ECCC/CWS on the recovery strategy after the workshop



AGENDA

DAY 1: POSITIONING NATIONS TO CONTINUE CONTRIBUTING TO THE RECOVERY STRATEGY AMENDMENT

Time	Agenda Item
8:00	Arriving / Coffee / Tea
8:30	Welcome Territorial Welcome / Prayer / Song Setting the Stage
9:15	Indigenous Sharing Circle: Stories and Experiences With Caribou <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Participants are invited to share their stories related to the importance of caribou to Indigenous Nations
10:30	Coffee / Tea / Snacks
11:00	How did we get here? Key Concepts Moving Forward: ECCC-CWS Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brief presentation- Small group breakouts- Discussion
12:00	Lunch Provided
1:00	A Closer Look at the Draft Critical Habitat Categories and Concepts <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brief presentation- Small group breakouts- Discussion
2:30	Coffee / Tea / Snacks
3:00	Why, How, What: A Closer Look at Other Draft Aspects of the Recovery Strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Brief presentation- Small group breakouts
4:00	Group Discussion and Observations on the Days Work
4:30 pm	ADJOURN

DAY 2: THE RECOVERY STRATEGY IN ACTION

Time	Agenda Item
8:00	Arriving / Coffee / Tea
8:30	Welcome Prayer / Song Setting the Stage
9:00	Showcasing Indigenous Contributions to Caribou Recovery <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A series of participants share their stories related to Indigenous contributions to caribou recovery
10:30	Coffee / Tea / Snacks
11:00	Understanding Indigenous Contributions: Keys to Success and How to Enable Further Action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitated activity to understand Indigenous experiences and perspectives on achieving progress on caribou recovery.
12:30	Lunch Provided
1:30	Short Presentations: Current Actions and Funding
2:00	Facilitated Small Group Discussions - Identifying the Priority Ideas for ECCC to Support and Mobilize <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Facilitated activity - Small group discussions - Discussion
3:00	Coffee / Tea / Snacks
3:15	Individual Reflection Time: Building a Plan to Provide Your Feedback and/or Engage With Your Nation or Community
4:00	Our Path Forward <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Positioning everyone for success - Timelines and next steps Closing Circle Closing Prayer/Words
4:30 pm	ADJOURN

Principles for Participation

This workshop will provide a safe environment for cross-cultural discussions and listening using the principles of [ethical space](#) and the [Guiding Principles for Cross-cultural Collaboration](#) developed by the Indigenous Knowledge Circle of the National Boreal Caribou Knowledge Consortium, where everyone agrees to:

- Respect the integrity of all knowledge systems;
- Create a place for knowledge systems to interact with mutual respect, kindness, and generosity;
- Provide a venue for collaboration, sharing and providing advice in a safe and empowering environment;
- Embrace flexibility;
- Recognize that one system of knowing or one language does not have more legitimacy than another, and one system does not need another to achieve internal validity.

The space will also be respectful of diversity, equity and inclusion.

Hosts

Environment and Climate Change Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service

ECCC is the federal department of the Government of Canada responsible for coordinating environmental policies and programs, and preserving and enhancing the natural environment and renewable resources. The Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) is a branch of ECCC that is responsible for (within jurisdictional constraints) the protection and management of migratory birds, species at risk, and their nationally important habitats, the management of National Wildlife Areas and Migratory Bird Sanctuaries, the review of environmental assessments, the review and issuance of permits under the Migratory Bird Regulations, Migratory Bird Sanctuary Regulations, Wildlife Area Regulations, and Species at Risk Act, Bird Conservation Region Plans under the North American Bird Conservation Initiative, and Recovery Strategies and Management Plans under the Species at Risk Act.

The Centre for Indigenous Environmental Resources

CIER is Canada's first, national Indigenous-directed environmental charitable organization. CIER's mission is to work in partnership with Indigenous Nations to support and build sustainable Indigenous communities and a healthy environment. CIER's work focuses on "Building Sustainable Communities" and "Protecting Lands and Waters" through capacity building, training, and collaborative research using traditional, local, and Western science methods. CIER works across political boundaries and cross-cultural settings on environmental issues, recognizing and respecting Indigenous rights.



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