

BLUENOSE CARIBOU HERDS MANAGEMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT

The Bluenose Caribou Herds consist of the Cape Bathurst, Bluenose-West, and Bluenose-East caribou herds. This agreement is with respect to the Cape Bathurst and Bluenose-West caribou herds, whose range lies within the Inuvialuit, Gwich'in, and Sahtu Settlement Regions.

1. Objectives

To ensure proper management of the Bluenose Caribou Herds, the caribou user communities, the land claim wildlife co-management boards (as listed under article 3), and government agencies (NWT Dept. Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, Canada Dept. Indian Affairs and Northern Development, Canadian Wildlife Service, Parks Canada Agency) worked together to complete the Bluenose Caribou Management Plan. The Management Plan outlines what is necessary to ensure that the Bluenose Caribou Herds are properly managed for sustainable use and long term conservation. This agreement establishes the Bluenose Caribou Herds Co-management Advisory Committee to oversee and make recommendations on the implementation of the Management Plan.

2. Implementation

Nothing in this agreement derogates from existing land claims agreements or wildlife legislation in each jurisdiction, or diminishes the mandate and authority of each co-management Board or Council, or government, in its own jurisdiction.

This agreement can be amended by mutual agreement of the parties. Amendments may include the inclusion of other parties to this agreement, as may become appropriate in changing circumstances such as herd distribution.

3. Membership of the Advisory Committee

The membership of the Bluenose Caribou Herds Co-management Advisory Committee consists of the Chairpersons of:

- a) the Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT),
- b) the Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board,
- c) the Sahtu Renewable Resource Board,
- d) the Tukut Nogait National Park Management Board.

4. Participation costs

Participation costs of the Committee members are covered by their respective boards or councils.

5. Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Committee are:

- a) to promote implementation of the Bluenose Caribou Herds Management Plan,
- b) to do an annual review of the implementation of the Bluenose Caribou Herds Management Plan,
- c) to consider and recommend any changes needed in the Bluenose Caribou Herds Management Plan,
- d) to review and recommend annual and multi-year research and management budgets for the Bluenose Caribou Herds within the geographic range of this agreement,
- e) to determine how other Committee operational costs, if they occur, will be covered.
- f) to consider and recommend a system for jointly determining quota limitations, and for sharing subsistence and other harvest categories among jurisdictions, keeping in mind the role of the beneficiary organizations with respect to harvest and quota allocation, and any overlap agreements that may exist among them.

6. Agreement to cost-share Bluenose Caribou Herds research and management expenses

The Committee shall identify a procedure to determine how research and management expenses will be cost-shared.

7. Agreement to share information necessary for the management of the herds

Committee members agree to share information needed to properly manage the caribou herds.


8. Meetings

The Committee shall meet annually or as otherwise needed. The time and location of the meeting will be determined by the Committee, and will normally occur on the occasion of the annual Board Chairs meeting. Other appropriate groups or agencies will be invited as required.

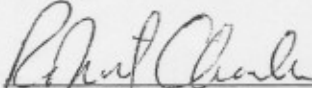
9. Secretariat

Secretariat functions will be handled by the group organizing the Board Chairs meeting, and by DRWED as needed.

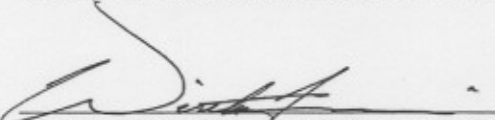
10. Management Agreement Signatories:



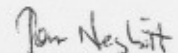
Chair, Wildlife Management Advisory Council (NWT)



Chair, Gwich'in Renewable Resource Board



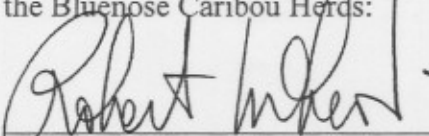
Chair, Sahtu Renewable Resource Board




Chair, Tuktoyaktuk National Park Management Board

11. Acknowledgement of this Agreement

The following parties recognize the role of this Management Agreement in the conservation of the Bluenose Caribou Herds:



Deputy Minister, Department of Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, Government of the Northwest Territories



Supervisor, Inuvik Region, Parks Canada Agency

29 March 2000
Date