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| Northeast Roundtable Date: | January 222019 |
| Update Prepared By: | Joelle Scheck, NE Caribou Team Lead, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development  (MFLNRORD) |
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PROJECT OVERVIEW

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| Ministry/Agency | B.C. Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development |
| Description | In 2017 BC and Canada collaborated to draft a Section 11 Agreement for the conservation of the Central Group of Southern Mountain Caribou (SMC). In September 2017 through the public engagement that was done on the Draft Section 11 Agreement, West Moberly First Nations (WMFN) and Saulteau First Nations (SFN) asked to participate in the Agreement given their experience in caribou recovery. As the Section 11 Agreement falls under the Federal Species at Risk Act, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) recommended that a separate Partnership Agreement (PA) be formed for the Central Group and incorporate Canada, BC, WMFN and SFN. At this time ECCC also expanded the scope of the Section 11 Agreement to cover all Southern Mountain Caribou.  Negotiations on both the Partnership Agreement and the expanded Section 11 Agreement ensued through winter 2018 to February 2019.  The draft PA is separate from but closely related to draft Section 11 Agreement between BC and ECCC. The draft Section 11 Agreement sets out short, medium, and long-term targets and immediate caribou recovery measures across all Groups of Southern Mountain Caribou and aims to reverse the population decline. Proposed measures in the draft PA apply to the Central Group of SMC only.  BC and Canada led engagement on the draft Sec. 11 bi-lateral conservation agreement and the draft PA agreement in April/early May of 2019. During engagement in the Northeast, concerns were expressed by members of the public, local municipalities, and some industry and recreation sectors citing a need for transparency and participation in PA agreement negotiations and the terms of reference for a socio-economic assessment of impacts of potential habitat protections for caribou.  Since the engagement sessions in spring, 2019, BC has taken several steps to address concerns raised including extending the engagement period, appointing |

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|  | Blair Lekstrom as community liaison, implementing an interim moratorium in High Elevation Winter Range across the Central Group of caribou while issues regarding the PA are addressed, and appointing two facilitators, Lorne Brownsey and Patrick Kelly, to bring together leaders from the Saulteau and West Moberly First Nations, the Province, community leaders and key stakeholders.  A leadership table occurred in Vancouver on November 29, 2019. Lorne Brownsey and Patrick Kelly facilitated the meeting, which was attended by senior representatives from Saulteau First Nation, West Moberly First Nation, forestry, mining and oil and gas industries, local governments (including the Peace River Regional District), the BC government, and the Canadian government. The Leaders discussed how best to move forward with the draft Partnership Agreement. Leaders discussed the need to establish mechanisms for further work on racism and the development and maintenance of community relations, backcountry access for recreation, and mitigating socio-economic impacts. Further meetings will be scheduled over winter 2019/20 in support of signing and implementing the draft Partnership Agreement.  At present, the moratorium is still in place and is scheduled to expire in June 2021 or until resolution on the agreement occurs and permanent measures are put in place. |
| Project Phases  and Schedule | N/A |
| Project Information  Links | * <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/caribou/section11agreement/> |

PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS

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| Update Highlights | * Lorne Brownsey and Patrick Kelly were appointed by the Premier’s Office and are BC’s leads on the file * A Leadership table occurred in Vancouver on November 29, 2019 with the objective to commence addressing issues raised during the spring 2019 engagement sessions on the draft Partnership Agreement and determine how best to move forward with implementation. * Further meetings of the Leadership table are anticipated over winter 2019/20. * The moratorium in high elevation winter range is still in place and scheduled to expire in June 2021 or until resolution on the agreement occurs. |
| Key Dates |  |
| Meeting Reference  Materials | n/a |

STATUS REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS

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| **Date Assigned** | **Item for Follow Up / Action** | **Assigned To** | **Status Update** |
| November 6th 2019 | Correct Section 11 of the Partnership Agreement Project Sheet | Joelle Scheck | Complete Jan 22 |
| November 6th 2019 | Confirm PRRD participation and provide lists of participants on the leadership table  see attached | Joelle Scheck | Complete |
| September 4, 2019 | Share Big River Analytics SEA report. | FLNRORD,  Joelle | Not complete |
|  | Share 2019 Central Group Monitoring Report  Hard copy report available at Nov 6 Roundtable and by email upon request | FLNRORD,  Joelle | Complete Oct 29 |
|  | Provide the link to SARA Section 80  [https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-15.3/FullText.html) [15.3/FullText.html](https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-15.3/FullText.html) scroll down to Section 80, Emergency Orders | FLNRORD | Complete Oct 29 |

Section 11 / Partnership Agreement Leadership Table

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| **Prov  + Fed Government** | **Local Government** | **First Nations** | **Industry** |
| Ravi Khalon - Parliamentary Secretary, FNRORD | Keith Bertrand - Mayor, Tumbler Ridge | Ken Cameron – Chief Saulteau First Nation | Don Kayne - Chief Executive Officer- Canfor |
| Geoff Meggs, Chief of Staff to the Premier | Allen Courtoreille - Mayor, Chetwynd | Roland Wilson – Chief West Moberly First Nation | Raymond Ferris - Chief Executive Officer - West Fraser |
| John Allan Deputy Minister - FLNRORD | Dale Bumstead - Mayor, Dawson Creek | Moe Sihota (Saulteau) | Louisiana Pacific - (by conference call - Mike Blosser Senior VP/ Mark Fonda Forest Manager) |
| Mark Zacharias - Deputy Minister, ENV | Lori Ackerman - Mayor, Fort Saint John (by conference call) |  | John Schadan - President Conuma Coal |
| Dave Nikolojsin - Deputy Minister - EMPR | Raye McMeeken - Deputy Mayor, Mackenzie |  | Darren Mawhinney - Mining Manager Anglo American |
| Christine Kennedy, Associate Deputy Minister, Premier’s Office | Dan Rose, Director, Peace River Regional District |  | Bill Clapperton, Vice President, Canadian Natural Resources Ltd (by conference call) |
| Christine Hogan, Deputy Minister, Environment and Climate Change Canada | Blair Lekstrom - Premier’s Liaison Local Government |  | Mark Feldinger - Senior VP, Canfor |
| Sue Milburn- Hopwood - Assistant Deputy Minister, Environment and Climate Change Canada |  |  |  |

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Lorne Brownsey - Facilitator - Government of British Columbia