

DRAFT SEC. 11 AND DRAFT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT UPDATE

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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	<p>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 Saluteau 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) should 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Since the engagement sessions in spring, 2019, BC has taken several steps to address concerns raised including extending the engagement period, appointing</p>



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	<p>Blair Lekstrom as community liaison, implementing an interim moratorium in High Elevation Winter Range across the Central Group of caribou (i.e. one of the recommendations from the Lekstrom report), and appointing two facilitators, Lorne Brownsey and Patrick Kelly, to bring together leaders from the Saulneau and West Moberly First Nations, the Province, community leaders and key stakeholders.</p> <p>A leadership table was scheduled on October 16 between the Nations, the province, community leaders and key stakeholders but it was postponed as a result of a commitment with the Nations and the lack of participation from Canada (due to the federal election). A new date has not been rescheduled.</p> <p>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.</p>
Project Phases and Schedule	N/A
Project Information Links	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> https://engage.gov.bc.ca/caribou/section11agreement/

PROJECT UPDATE DETAILS

Update Highlights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lorne Brownsey and Patrick Kelly were appointed by the Premier's Office and are BC's leads on the file
Key Dates	<ul style="list-style-type: none">
Meeting Reference Materials	n/a

STATUS REPORT ON ACTION ITEMS

Date Assigned	Item for Follow Up / Action	Assigned To	Status Update
September 4, 2019	Jan 30, 2019 Actions	FLNRORD	Not complete
September 4, 2019	Share Big River Analytics SEA report.	FLNRORD, Joelle	Not complete
	Share 2019 Central Group Monitoring Report	FLNRORD, Joelle	Complete, Oct 29
	Hard copy report available at Nov 6 Roundtable and by email upon request Provide the link to SARA Section 80 https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/s-15.3/FullText.html scroll down to Section 80, Emergency Orders	FLNRORD	Complete, Oct 29

