

# Caribou Recovery Program Updates

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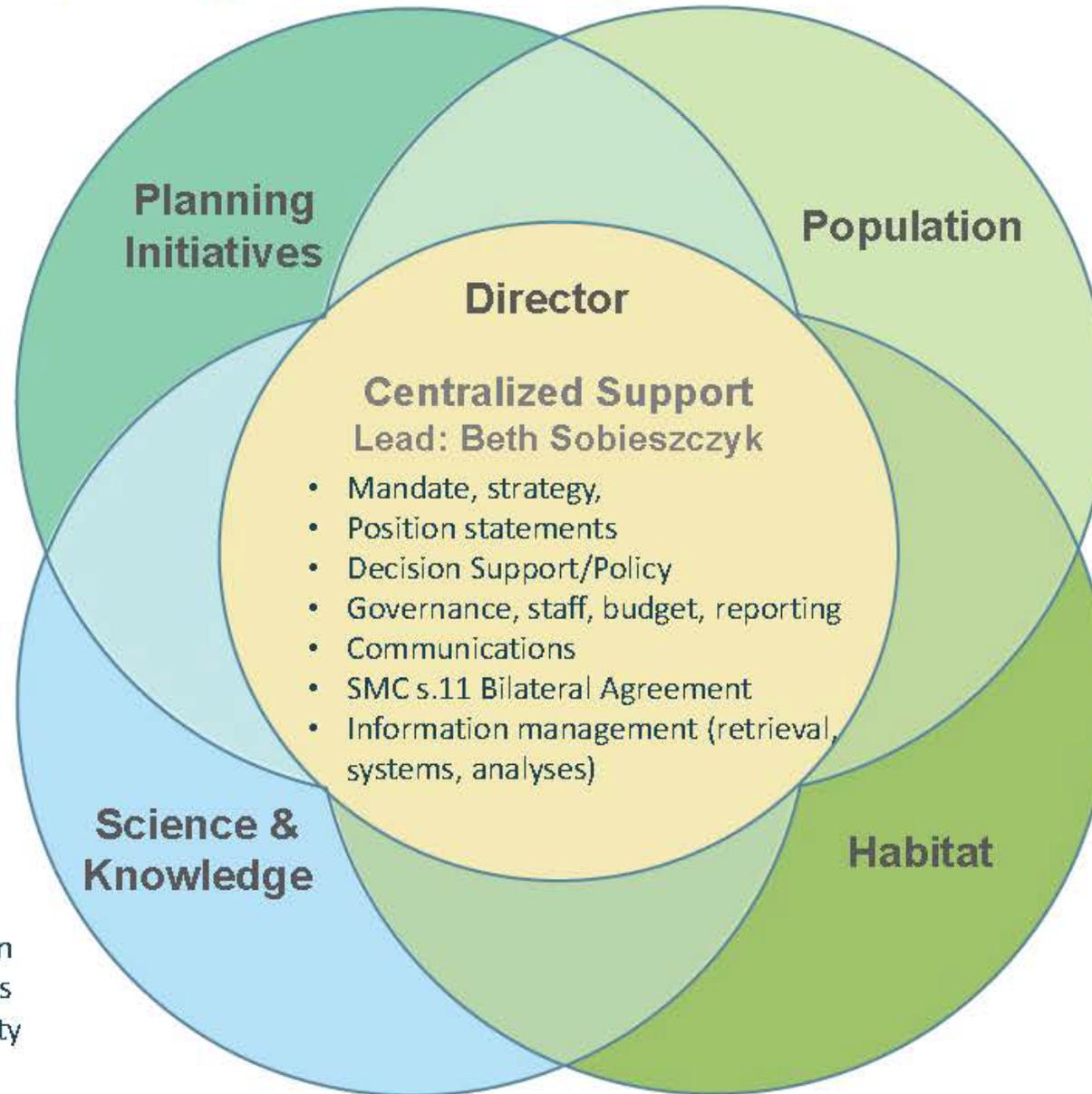
# Outcome Teams, Regional Integration and Responsibilities

## Planning Initiatives Team Lead: Jake Bradshaw Omineca and Skeena Regions

- Engagement and consultation
- Support Indigenous governments as partners in caribou recovery
- Recovery objectives setting
- Socio-economic and environmental assessment
- Support integration of caribou in regional planning initiatives

## Science & Knowledge Team Lead: Kathi Zimmerman

- Science, knowledge, research
- Caribou health
- Herd prioritization and decision support
- Information transfer and translation
- Guidance, practices and procedures
- Data system/knowledge accessibility



## Population Team Lead: Michael Klaczek South Area Regions

- Predator reduction
- Prey stabilization
- Maternal penning
- Supplemental feeding
- Population monitoring

## Habitat Team Lead: Joelle Ward Northeast Region

- Ecosystem Health/Biodiversity
- Protection, restoration, offsetting
- Assessment, monitoring
- Recreation management
- *Caribou Partnership Agreement*
- *Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan*

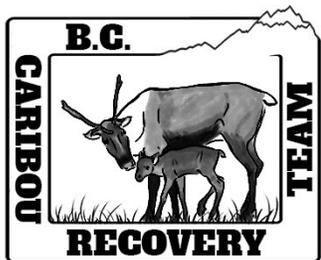
# Caribou Recovery Program General Updates

## Staffing

- Director **Ward** takes over for Director Peel, who retired Jan 31.
- Executive Director for Terrestrial Species Recovery Branch vacant, will be filled early/mid-March
- Habitat Team Lead (Resource Manager) vacant
- North and South Area Habitat Team Section Heads confirmed
- Michael Huck, Boreal Planning Lead on Temporary Assignment with FOR
- South Area Caribou Recovery Biologist confirmed
- Boreal Caribou Recovery Biologist confirmed
- Numerous internal shifts and vacancies being filled on Population and Planning Teams

# Caribou Recovery Program General Updates

- Growing the Restoration Economy Workshop
  - Vancouver
  - January 16/17



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# CRP General Updates: Growing the Restoration Economy Workshop

## **GOAL: TO BUILD A RESTORATION ROADMAP FOR BC**

### Key Outcomes:

- Raised awareness of the emerging restoration economy & strengthened relationships among funding bodies, land managers, practitioners and interest holders,
- Identified opportunities & barriers for scaling restoration programs and steps to overcome these,
- Identified approaches to maximize co-benefits of restoration programs,
- Identified pathways & actions for accelerating the implementation of priority and impactful restoration activities that benefit the economy, particularly in rural BC,
- Documented clear next steps & actions through building a shared roadmap.

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## FOUR CORE PATHWAYS

- Building capacity and training
- Reducing regulatory and policy barriers
- Achieving co-benefits and resiliency
- Monitoring outcomes

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## THE EMERGENCE OF CONSISTENT AND IMPORTANT ACTIONS

- A need for clear & consistent monitoring and data standards,
- A need to transition from project by project to program/landscape scale,
- Education and training (influencing curriculum and programs from high school through post-secondary to support the needed workforce),
- Consistent and efficient regulations, policy, authorizations
- Long term fund stability to support year-round employment and program implementation,
- Restoration that achieves multiple objectives/co-benefits,
- Recognition of the critical role Indigenous Nations play.

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## RESULTS AND NEXT STEPS

- We have the start of 20 tangible action plans across the 4 pathways
- Internal briefings underway
- Prioritization and implementation of actions across the NRS

# Partnership Agreement

## Schedule 5 – Commitment to Action on Racism

- Wosk Centre for Dialogue has provided recommendations and learnings from the Partnership Agreement signing in 2019
- Parties are coordinating on a joint briefing of federal and provincial leadership, Chiefs and Councils
- Taking a caring, thoughtful, and collaborative approach is important so we don't incite polarization or anti-Indigenous racism
- Intention to share key learnings publicly to continue to work together to address systemic racism

# Partnership Agreement

## Restoration Implementation Planning

- Open houses to share restoration implementation plans delayed due to resource constraints.
  - Aiming for fall 2024
  - Prior to any restoration activities, we will send out an information package to affected stakeholders
  - We are happy to meet on a one-on-one basis at any time
- The next phase of restoration planning is starting up.
  - Refining prioritization areas and specific linear features for restoration
  - Improving our ability to efficiently implement restoration, from identifying “low hanging fruit”, improving efficiency of permitting, and gaining capacity on the ground

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## Caribou Recovery-Related Land Use Objectives

- Draft proposed Land Use Objectives developed by the Parties.
- Awaiting a Cabinet mandate to initiate engagement with stakeholders and First Nations
  - Multiple Provincial initiatives to consider in specific order
- Caribou Recovery Program collaborating with Ministry of Forests on a timber harvesting-focused socio-economic assessment of ongoing First Nations agreements, wildlife management/protections, and proposed caribou management.
  - Results will be one of the factors considered by Cabinet in providing a mandate to engage or not
- If/when engagement occurs, B.C. is hoping to work closely with affected stakeholders and First Nation to reduce potential socio-economic impacts.
  - Bringing on a third-party contractor to lead a collaborative socio-economic impacts with inputs from stakeholders and First Nations

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## Winter Motorized Recreation – Compliance and Enforcement

- Conservation Service has patrolled through fall and winter
  - Helicopter patrols in winter
  - Side-by-side patrol into Bullmoose closures in mid-December
- Not many people riding with lack of snow and/or cold temperatures
- No notable infractions.
- Will be conducting outreach at the Dawson Creek Sportsman Show in early April 2024.



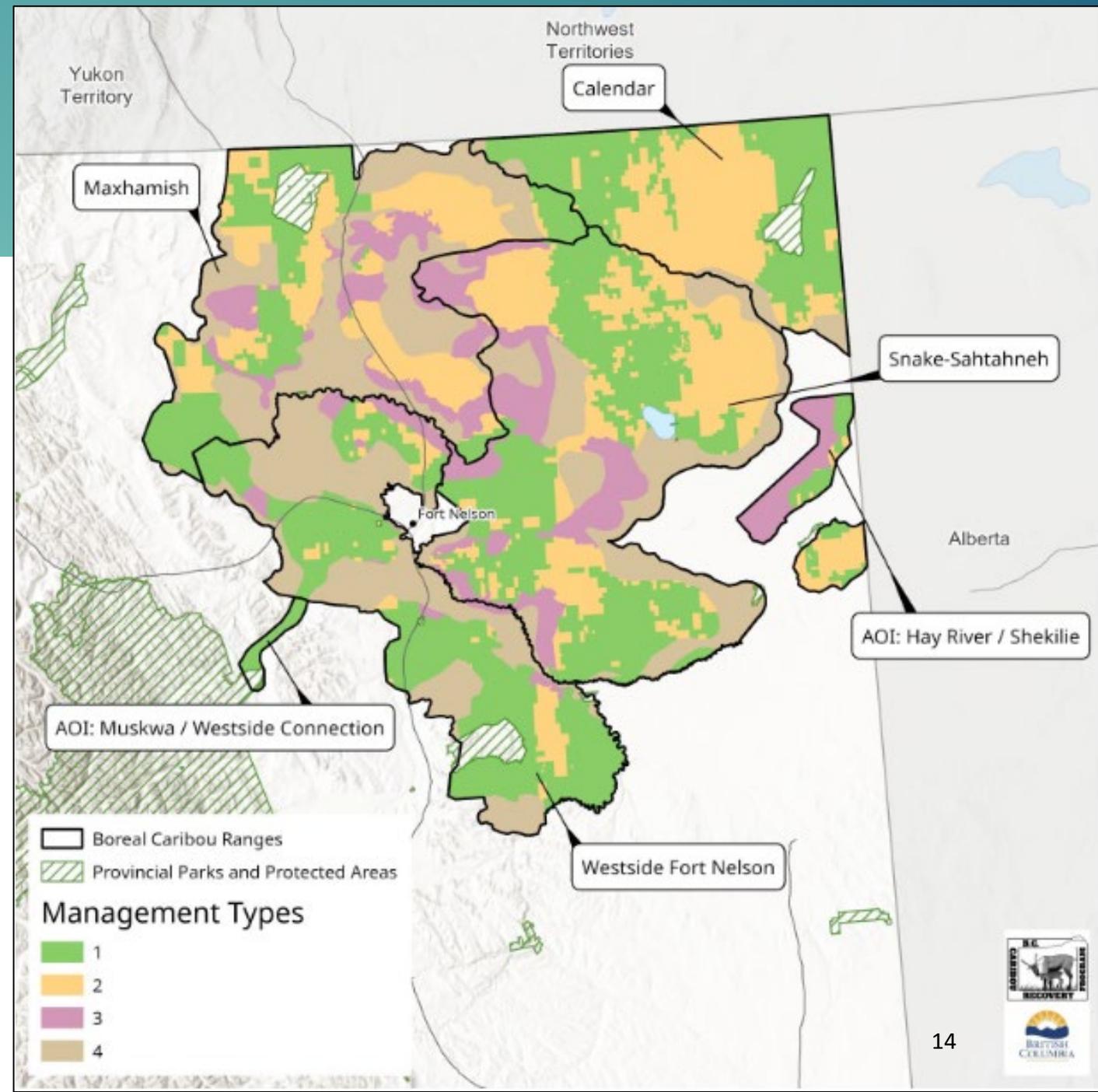
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# Boreal Caribou

## Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan (BCPRP) endorsed by cabinet July 2023

### Implementation Priorities:

- Habitat Protection
- Restoration Planning
- Alignment with Liard Water and Land Stewardship Forum
- Population and Predator Monitoring

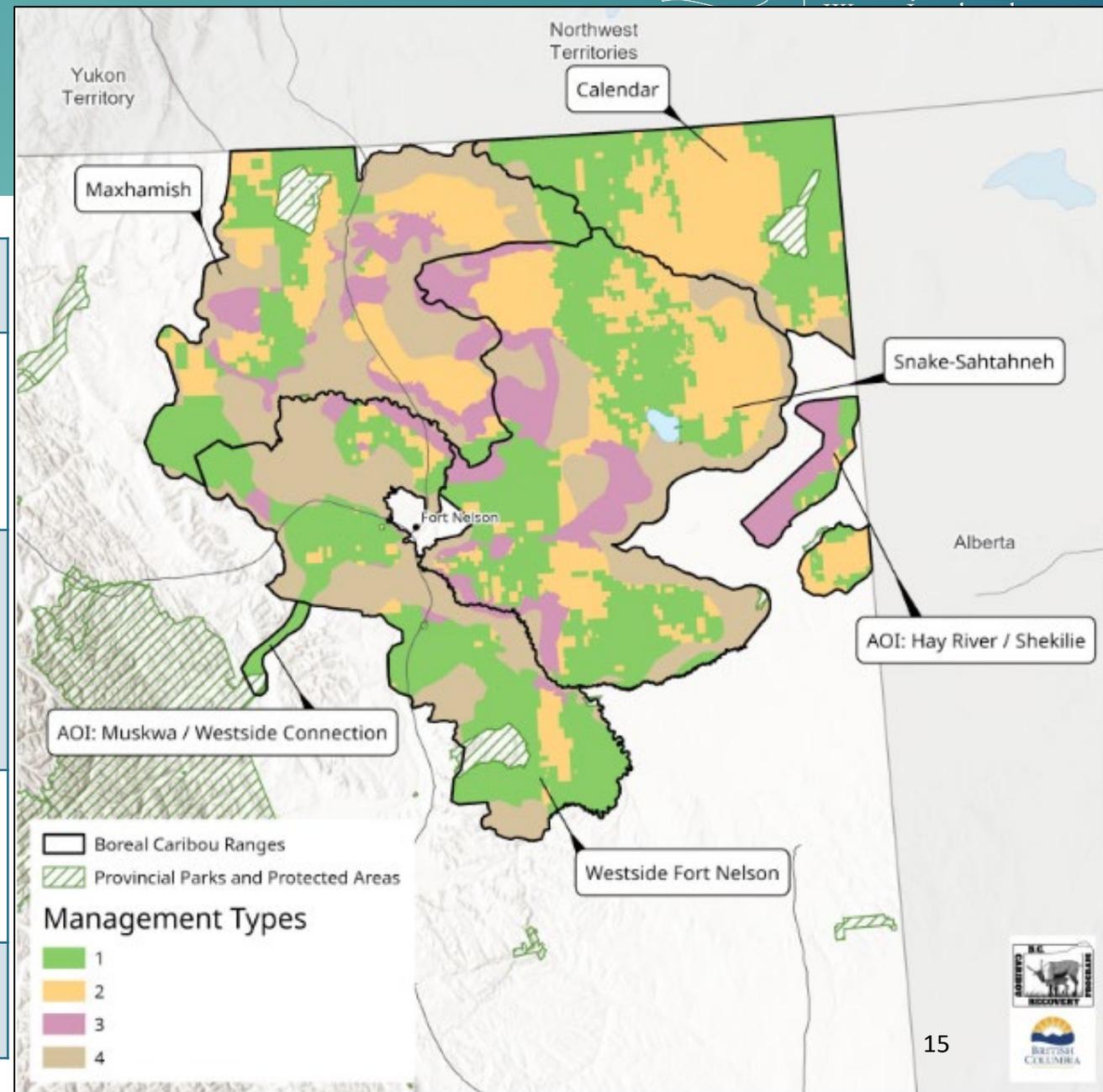




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## Interim Habitat Protections:

Type	Management Intent	Tentative Interim Protection Measure:
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full habitat protection across all industries</li> <li>• Top restoration priority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forestry: Designated Area (Part 13) under the Forest Act for 3 years</li> <li>• PNG: Ministerial or Commissioner Direction to meet development intent</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full protection from forest harvest</li> <li>• Conditional petroleum and natural gas development</li> <li>• Secondary restoration priority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Forestry: Designated Area (Part 13) under the Forest Act for 3 years</li> <li>• PNG: Resource Review Areas for tenure</li> <li>• Conditional development to be explored at LWLSF</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conditional forest harvest</li> <li>• Conditional petroleum and natural gas development</li> <li>• Lowest restoration priority</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred to Liard Water and Land Stewardship Forum</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conditional forest harvest</li> <li>• Conditional petroleum and natural gas development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deferred to Liard Water and Land Stewardship Forum</li> </ul>



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