

# CARIBOU NEWS

*in Brief*

Keeping people in touch with the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB), and with issues affecting caribou.



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## Habitat Protection High on Agenda

The Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB) held its 89th meeting from November 17-19, 2020. The meeting, originally scheduled to occur in Yellowknife NWT, was held virtually due to COVID-19 restrictions.

The three-day meeting included a community members' meeting attended by the BQCMB's Indigenous members representing communities in northern Manitoba, northern Saskatchewan and Northwest Territories (NWT). Members from the Kivalliq region of Nunavut were not able to participate in the meeting due to a coronavirus outbreak earlier that month in several communities, the resulting territorial lock-down, and severe Internet limitations.

The Board discussed several items related to the conservation of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq caribou herds, both of which are in decline. Of greatest concern was a number of proposed developments across the range that have the potential to impact the herds and their habitat, including:

- A 50 km all-weather road that would extend Highway 914 between mine sites in northern Saskatchewan;
- The Slave Geological Province Corridor, a 413 km all-weather road that would increase access to existing mines and support future mining northeast of Yellowknife, NWT;
- The Taltson Hydro Project Expansion, to connect and expand existing hydro systems in the South and North Slave regions of the NWT; and
- A Kivalliq Hydro-Fibre Link that would extend from northern Manitoba through the Kivalliq region of Nunavut.

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