

Individuals

Watching the Caribou: What We Can Do

- Oppose, restrict, or deny proposed projects that will have significant negative impacts on caribou that cannot be fully mitigated.
- Encourage youth to participate in land-based programs and learn from Elders and Indigenous Knowledge Holders about respectful caribou harvest.
- Promote, support and/or participate in community-based monitoring programs including Guardians programs and other monitoring /research that studies what affects caribou health, productivity, and abundance.
- Support your region's BQM CB member and provide them with observations about how human activities are affecting the caribou herds, speak up at community or public meetings.
- Support and/or participate in community harvest monitoring programs, including harvest for meat sales.
- Develop and promote a respectful harvest protocol for your community/communities.
- Participate in predator-harvesting programs for Indigenous harvesters of wolves, bears, and wolverines, when these programs are necessary.
- Inform and learn about territorial/provincial wildlife and barren- ground caribou harvest regulations.
- Provide local, traditional, and scientific knowledge about caribou and environmental and human-cause factors that affect caribou directly to the vulnerability assessment.
- Implement BQCMB vulnerability assessment recommendations and encourage others to do the same.
- Provide, distribute, and follow educational materials that educate people about vulnerability of the herds, how to avoid disturbance to caribou and their habitat, and ways to prevent the spread of disease.

Respecting the Caribou: What We Can Do

- Establish, support, and/or participate in harvest reporting programs in all jurisdictions to ensure sustainable harvest levels are developed and maintained.
- Establish, comply with or report violations of community protocols and by-laws, including wastage, harvesting more than needed, etc.
- Support efforts to address issues related to harvest for meat sales.
- Inform communities and hunters about the status of the herds, respectful hunting, the need to use caribou wisely, and potential impacts of selling caribou on future harvest.
- Share respectful hunting information on social media and with peers.
- Develop Indigenous-led caribou stewardship plans and/or support them.
- Teach youth and inexperienced hunters appropriate and respectful hunting practices.

Respecting the Land: What We Can Do

- Endorse, support, and participate in programs that monitor, and research caribou habitat use and seasonal range use, incl. Guardians programs.

- Conduct, fund and/or participate in research about caribou habitat and seasonal range use, factors that can have negative effects and cumulative effects on caribou habitat, and actions that can be taken to reduce those effects.
- Not propose and/or oppose developments proposed on calving grounds, post-calving ranges, spring migration range, and important water crossings.
- Provide communications materials to educate people about the need for habitat protection and the importance of not disturbing sensitive habitats. .
- Encourage Canada and the provincial/territorial governments to uphold international climate change agreements, such as the Paris Agreement commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030.
- Encourage provinces and territories to implement climate change strategies.

Community Connections: What We Can Do

- Post BQCMB information in public buildings and schools.
- Invite and/or support Elders, and Indigenous Knowledge Holders, BQCMB members and others to present at schools, youth groups and/or community meetings and share BQCMB information.
- Support and/or participate in community initiatives such as feasts, On-The-Land camps, or survival training.
- Support hunters taking youth and inexperienced hunters hunting and provide training on respectful hunting.
- Fund, promote, and/or apply for On-The-Land camp funding to educate youth about traditional knowledge.
- Encourage non-Indigenous hunters and outfitters to visit local Band offices or Hunters and Trappers Organizations (HTO) to ensure they follow local hunting protocols.