

NGO's

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.
- Support caribou research and monitoring programs related to climate change impacts, disease and parasites, predator management programs and contaminants.
- Invite and engage with Indigenous Knowledge-holders to discuss their knowledge on caribou and caribou habitat.
- Develop and promote a respectful harvest protocol for your community/communities.
- Encourage plans for forest management that includes maintaining high-quality barren-ground caribou winter range.
- 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 and fund community initiatives and educational programs directed at reducing effects of human activities on caribou.
- Implement BQCMB vulnerability assessment recommendations and encourage others to do the same.

Respecting the Caribou: What We Can Do

- Share respectful hunting information on social media and with peers.
- Develop Indigenous-led caribou stewardship plans and/or support them.
- Fund youth and Elder programs to assist communities in educating their young people about respectful harvest.

Respecting the Land: What We Can Do

- Not propose and/or oppose developments proposed on calving grounds, post-calving ranges, spring migration range, and important water crossings.
- Work with industry and/or governments to develop mitigation methods and best practices to reduce the negative effects of human activities on caribou habitat and recommend these actions to regulatory agencies, project proponents, communities, and others.
- Assess land use activities proposed on the caribou ranges for their potential effects and cumulative effects on key caribou habitats.
- Collaborate on initiatives and educational programs directed at reducing effects of human activities on caribou 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.

- Fund, promote, and/or apply for On-The-Land camp funding to educate youth about traditional knowledge.
- Continue to provide scholarships for students doing research to learn about barren-ground caribou and their habitat.
- Incorporate Indigenous Knowledge (IK) into caribou management plans, strategic plans, wildlife monitoring and management plans, operational and mitigation planning, and others as appropriate.
- Use proper protocols for using Indigenous Knowledge and recognize intellectual property rights.