



News Release

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On February 11 and 12, 2015 the Porcupine Caribou Management Board (PCMB) hosted the **Public Information and Comment Meeting** of the fifth Annual Harvest Meeting in Inuvik, Northwest Territories.

The *Harvest Management Plan for the Porcupine Caribou Herd in Canada* (HMP) was signed by all eight Parties in 2010. The HMP coordinates harvest management across the Canadian range of the herd and provides a system to guide management under different herd sizes (colour zones).

Since the signing of the HMP and its Implementation Plan, the Parties have been working on the tasks necessary to implement the HMP. The PCMB is very pleased that all Parties have compiled and reported Porcupine Caribou harvest data.

On the first day of the annual meeting, Parties to the *Porcupine Caribou Management Agreement* and the public shared information and ideas on the status of the Porcupine Caribou Herd and management actions. Presentations were made by most of the Parties and comments were also provided by other stakeholders. Key points raised included improvements to harvest data collection efforts, colour zone recommendations, and continued cooperative implementation of the HMP. A summary of the Annual Harvest Meeting public session will be made available in the coming weeks.

Following the public session, a closed session was held for the PCMB and Parties to collectively review the assessment of the status of the herd and harvest management actions, and discuss other related information.

On the second day, the PCMB held a closed session for the Board to deliberate on information presented and develop harvest management recommendations for the upcoming fiscal year. According to the Implementation Plan, the PCMB provides its report to the Parties within 30 days, which will recommend the harvest management (colour) zone and associated management actions and the rationale for those determinations. The Parties then have 30 days to respond to the Board's recommendations. After 15 days of releasing the recommendations to the Parties the recommendations will be made available to the public.

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