

Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board

Board Members

Vice-Chair

Daryll Hedman +

Members and Representatives:

Representing the communities of northern Manitoba:

Albert Thorassie, Tadoule Lake ^

Geoff Bussidor (as alternate), Tadoule Lake ^

Joe Dantouze, Lac Brochet ^

Adam Nalge (as alternate), Lac Brochet ^

Representing the Government of Manitoba:

Daryll Hedman, Thompson +

Alternate is Vicki Trim, Thompson +

+ Civil Servant

^ Government Appointment

Mandate:

The Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Caribou Management Board (BQCMB) is established under the authority of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq Barren Ground Caribou Management Agreement signed by the governments of Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, the Northwest Territories and Nunavut on April 1, 2002. The Agreement terminates on March 31, 2012 (Note – The first 10-year BQBGCM Agreement was signed in 1982 and was renewed for a second 10-year term in 1992, making the BQCMB the longest continuous running co-management Board in Canada). The BQCMB's mandate is to coordinate the management of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq barren ground caribou herds in the interest of traditional users while recognizing the interest of all Canadians in the survival of this resource; to establish a process of shared responsibility for the monitoring of the herds and for the development of management programs between the parties; and to ensure communication amongst and between traditional uses and governments on matters related to the conservation, management and protection of caribou and caribou habitat.

Responsibilities:

To develop and make recommendations to governments and to groups of traditional users for the conservation and management of the Beverly and Qamanirjuaq herds of barren ground caribou and their habitat in order to maintain the herds, as far as reasonably possible, at a size and quality which will sustain the requirements of the traditional users.

Membership:

Up to 15 members shall be appointed to the Board that includes government officials and representatives from organizations outside of government. The Minister of Conservation, Government of Manitoba, shall appoint one senior official from the department and two residents from the communities in Northern Manitoba for a total of three members from Manitoba. The Governments of Nunavut, Northwest Territories and Saskatchewan will also appoint one senior official and two residents from its communities and the Federal government (INAC) one senior official.

Length of Term:

Board members are appointed for a term of 5 years.

Desirable Expertise:

Government officials representing the parties to the Agreement are expected to have knowledge and experience working with the traditional users of the resource and their communities, with the biology, ecology and management of barren-ground caribou and with the management policies, programs and strategies in place within their jurisdictions. Resident representatives on the Board must be from a community that has traditionally used and depended on the caribou resource and who are known and respected members of that community, as it is these individuals who must convey Board information to the Chief and Council and the community at large. The government and user representatives all require good communication and interpersonal skills to both work as a team and be effective in communicating Board matters and messages to Manitoba Conservation and to the traditional users.

Time Commitment:

All members are expected to attend Board meetings. There are additional time commitments related to the preparation for and follow-up from the Board meetings, attendance at other meetings, workshops and conferences on behalf of the Board, and participation in conference calls to address specific Board matters which vary between Board members. Manitoba Conservation's representative on the Board is normally very involved with Board-related activities between meetings.

Meetings:

The board holds formal meetings (normally three days) twice yearly or more often as necessary at the call of the Board Chair. The fall/winter meeting is normally in Winnipeg; the spring/summer meeting in one of the other jurisdictions.

Remuneration:

Honorarium of \$127.00 per day is paid to all Board members who are not civil servants for travel and meeting days.