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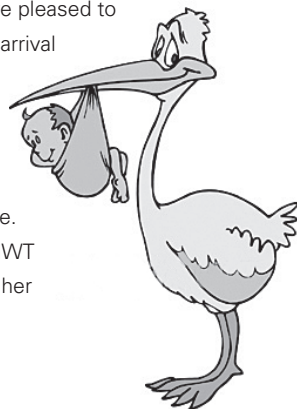
Karley Ziegler has joined the CPAWS-NWT family to replace Jen Morin during her maternity leave. She will be working primarily with the Protected Area Strategy team and the community of Wrigley to advance the Pehdzeh Ki Ndeh Area of Interest through the PAS.

Karley holds a B.A. in International Development Studies from McGill University, and has applied this training in rural communities in Guatemala, Cuba, and Nova Scotia. She has also enjoyed many years of working in the Canadian outdoors doing silviculture and forest firefighting with the B.C. Ministry of Forests. She developed a love for the north while growing up in the Yukon, and is happy to be again enjoying an active northern lifestyle.

COMING AND GOING:

Karin Clegg, who was hired as the joint CPAWS-NWT and WWF office administrator in March, will be leaving in July. An unexpected opportunity in her field of Library Technology has come up and she has accepted a full-time position with the GNWT. She was a great addition to the CPAWS-NWT team and we are sorry to see her go but wish her all the best in her new position. We hope that Karin will continue to be involved in our work as a volunteer.

Jennifer Morin and her partner Sean Kollee are pleased to announce the arrival of their little boy early July. Jen is currently on maternity leave. The CPAWS-NWT family wishes her all the best.



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CPAWS NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

The Northwest Territories Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS-NWT) is part of a national non-profit conservation organization dedicated to protecting Canada's wilderness.



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Governor General Visits Nahanni

Her Excellency the Right Honourable Michaëlle Jean, Governor General of Canada, and His Excellency Jean-Daniel Lafond visited the South Nahanni River as a part of their official tour to the Northwest Territories this summer. They enjoyed lunch at Virginia Falls

with Deh Cho Grand Chief Herb Norwegian and learned about the importance of protecting the entire South Nahanni watershed.

Following their brief tour, the Governor General and her husband were presented with a mounted Nahanni poster by Daryl Sexsmith, Executive Director of CPAWS-NWT.

The Governor General said she was impressed by what she saw and said that the Nahanni deserves protection.



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ten years ago, a small group of northerners who shared a vision for conservation came together to create the Northwest Territories Chapter of the Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society.

Today, CPAWS-NWT is respected throughout the north and has a reputation for working collaboratively with a variety of stakeholders including Aboriginal peoples, government and other environmental organizations.

Successful organizations do not form by accident and our Chapter is where it is today because its membership has upheld and practiced some common values. Together we have respected the people, the cultures and the land of the Northwest Territories. We have based our work on traditional and scientific knowledge, and we have participated in open and transparent planning and regulatory processes.

The achievements of the first ten years have been the result of the careful planning and hard work of numerous volunteers and staff. Future successes will be built on the foundation they laid.

The next ten years promise to be exciting ones for CPAWS-NWT as current projects wrap up and work in the Mackenzie Valley and Mackenzie Mountains moves to new locations. Conservation efforts will likely increase in the Great Bear Lake and Great Slave Lake watersheds and in their marine environments. Hopefully, there will be a new generation of conservationists in the territory due in part to a CPAWS-NWT educational program.



PHOTOS; ABOVE LEFT & CENTRE STEVE MOORE, RIGHT ANNE JANE GRIEVE

My prediction for the next ten years is that CPAWS-NWT will play a leading role in achieving the following conservation gains:

- The Protected Areas Strategy will complete its work in the Mackenzie Valley and begin protecting sites in the other 26 ecoregions in the Northwest Territories outside the Mackenzie Valley.
- An expanded National Park Reserve will be completed on the East Arm of Great Slave Lake.
- The first territorial wilderness conservation parks will be established under a new mandate that allows for the protection and management of large wilderness areas as territorial parks.
- A new model will be established that allows for conservation areas to be protected and managed under the jurisdiction of Aboriginal governments.

In addition, I am predicting that in ten years time, CPAWS-NWT will need to start monitoring the management of ecological integrity in our parks and protected areas.

The next ten years promise to be exciting for CPAWS-NWT as we continue to take a key leadership role in protecting the cultural and ecological values of the north. Thank you for being a part of our work as donors, members and volunteers.

– Daryl Sexsmith, Executive Director



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PROTECTED AREA BRIEFS

Jennifer Morin, Senior Conservation Coordinator

Sahoyúé - Ɂehdacho (S-E): The S-E Working Group is in the final stages of completing the assessment and writing the report with recommendations. Parks Canada has secured short-term funding for 2006-07 to discuss management options with the community. Status: Nearing completion of Step 5 of NWT PAS.

Edajila (Caribou Point): Initial renewable resource and ecological assessment work has been completed and cultural value work has been initiated. An initial resolution of regional support from the Sahtu Secretariat Incorporated has been secured. Status: Step 2 of NWT PAS.

Tulita Conservation Initiative: Several meetings have been held to continue defining the boundaries for these areas. A proposal will be submitted in the fall to obtain regional support. Status: Step 1 of NWT PAS.

Pehdzeh Ki Ndeh (PKN) or Rock Place Land: A portion (35%) of PKN will soon be withdrawn from development as part of the Pipeline Settlement Agreement. Resolutions were passed by the community to: a) reserve a corridor along the Mackenzie Highway for forestry potential within PKN and b) advance protection efforts with only the Dehcho portion of PKN. Status: Seeking to complete Step 3 of NWT PAS.

Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation (Kakisa): The community has decided to formally enter the area around Tahtlina Lake into the NWT PAS. A resolution confirming regional support will be passed in the fall. Status: Step 2 of NWT PAS is imminent.

Tsodehniline and Tuyat'ah (Ramparts): An application has been submitted to the federal government for an interim land withdrawal, with Canadian Wildlife Service acting as sponsoring agency. Assessment work continues, and will be completed when the Order In Council is received for withdrawal of the land. Status: Seeking to complete Step 5 of NWT PAS.

Nahanni Headwaters: This area is included in Parks Canada's area of interest for expansion of the Nahanni National Park Reserve. Public consultations were held in communities throughout the Dehcho in July to determine public support for expansion, and discussions continue with Tulita organizations. Status: Seeking to complete Step 2 of NWT PAS.

Edézhzié: Most assessment work has been completed (cultural, ecological, renewable and non-renewable resource). A draft framework on the Management Plan has been formulated, and Canadian Wildlife Service and communities have decided to seek an extension to the interim land withdrawal. Current expiry date is October 2007. Status: Step 5 of NWT PAS.

Sambaa K'e (Trout Lake): There is extensive support for protection of the area around Trout Lake. Cultural assessment work has been done in the area, and an application submitted to the Canadian Wildlife Service to act as Sponsoring Agency. Status: Step 3 of NWT PAS.



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NOTES FROM THE NATIONAL BOARD MEETING

Leslie Wakelyn, NWT Chapter Representative, CPAWS National Board of Trustees

The spring 2006 meeting of the CPAWS National Board of Trustees was held from June 9-11 in Ottawa, Ontario.

Notable recent developments at the national level include the following:

- Jacques Gerin joined CPAWS in April as the new National Executive Director (Interim). Jacques is a very senior, experienced leader who is well known and respected in the conservation community and has a long history working on conservation issues. By all accounts he is doing a fantastic job of managing the organization while the search for a new National Executive Director proceeds. In addition, Donna Baxter joined CPAWS in mid-May as the new National Director of Finance and Administration.
- A very successful conservation meeting in March confirmed the CPAWS National Conservation Strategy as the focus for CPAWS operations across the country, and provided the basis for developing a comprehensive business plan.
- A draft business plan has been developed that outlines the framework for all aspects of the organization's work, including conservation, communications and marketing, development, and finance and administration.

Much of the board meeting was organized around the 2006/07 Business Plan. Reports from each of the national program directors outlined objectives, priorities, and resource requirements for each program: Implementing the Conservation Vision – Gillian McEachern, National Conservation Manager; Communications and Marketing Program - Ellen Adelberg,

National Director of Communications and Marketing; and Development Program - David Jeffery, National Director of Development.

The meeting also included a ½-day workshop on governance reform, which presented an opportunity for preliminary discussions of various options and provided direction to the governance committee for proceeding with planning. A full-day workshop on governance reform will be included in the fall 2006 national board meeting.

Approval was provided for CPAWS Edmonton chapter to change its name to "CPAWS Northern Alberta", which they believe reflects their campaign areas and membership base more closely. Two new national trustees were also appointed to the national board. These new trustees will stand for election at the 2006 AGM with three previously elected national trustees.

Following the board meeting, a very interesting presentation was provided by Stephen Woodley of Parks Canada on current ecological integrity issues in national parks across the country. He presented several case studies and options for addressing issues, illustrating that these are very complex problems that can't be solved with simple solutions. He urged CPAWS to get engaged in these issues, preferably during policy development rather than on a case-by-case basis.

The next National Board Meeting and Annual General Meeting will be held October 20-22 2006 in Calgary. Attendees will also be participating in CPAWS Calgary/Banff chapter's annual Wild Gala, which is sure to be a memorable event.



HAVE AN INTERESTING PHOTO?

Submit your photo for an opportunity to be featured in the next CPAWS-NWT newsletter.

Herring Gull Chicks taken mid-July at Sub Islands off Yellowknife Bay taken by CPAWS-NWT newsletter reader Jason MacNeill.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



Will be held on September 26, 2006. Location in Yellowknife to be announced. Stay tuned for details about the anniversary party with speakers, dancers and musicians.

Update on the Cathy Stephenson Memorial Fund

Leslie Wakelyn, CPAWS-NWT Board Member

During the first year of Cathy's Memorial Fund, CPAWSNWT received almost \$4,000 in donations from her friends and co-workers. Many thanks to those who have donated or who plan to contribute to the fund in the future.

We initially planned to use this fund "to further conservation work in the Northwest Territories". However, we want to make sure that the donations are used in a way that will honour Cathy's memory and her love and appreciation of Nature and wilderness. Therefore we have come up with several ideas for using the funds collected during this first year:

- 1) Supplement existing funding received from foundations or other sources for ongoing work toward protecting Sahoyue-?ehdacho, and use them where needed. (see www.cpawsnwt.org for details on this project).
- 2) As for Option 1, but use the funds specifically for producing communications materials to promote the conservation values of these areas.
- 3) Host presentations about conservation issues relevant to CPAWS, and use memorial funds to pay for event promotion, venue rental fees and refreshments, and travel costs and accommodations.

- 4) Promote conservation education in the NWT by providing posters on conservation issues (such as Nahanni grizzly or bat research) to schools or by hiring a local specialist to give talks in schools.

For options 3 and 4, the funding received to date could be used as "seed money" to generate additional funds by submitting proposals to potential funders. This would be necessary to provide sufficient funds for the higher cost activities, such as bringing speakers from outside the NWT (for option 3) or hiring contractors (for option 4).

We need your input to help us select one of these options. Other ideas are also welcome!

Please send your thoughts to daryl@cpaws.org by September 1st. We will announce the chosen option at our AGM in Yellowknife on 26th September.

Donations may be sent to:
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Thanks for your support of conservation work in the NWT.



IVY STONE / Volunteer Profile

Kathryn Gardner, CPAWS-NWT Volunteer

Hailing from Newfoundland and Labrador, Ivy Stone followed a circuitous path across the country before settling in Yellowknife about two years ago. "What makes living north of 60 so rewarding is the easy access to wilderness and relative ease of getting out and doing things with so many like-minded people," says Ivy who loves to hike, kayak, sail and run dogs. She has four Siberian huskies, a black Lab and a cat. For Ivy, running dogs is a nice way to get out in the wintertime.

CPAWS was fortunate to have Ivy join the board of directors just over a year ago and although she describes herself as a newbie to CPAWS, her skill in chairing meetings have been a great asset to the board. After attaining an Honours BA and Bachelor of Education, Ivy went on to study Applied Ecology at Lethbridge Community College which in turn lead to a Masters in Wildlife and Habitat Management at the University of Quebec. Her passion for the outdoors has lead her through a myriad of work experiences including doing rangeland assessments in southern Alberta, working as Project Lead for ecological research in Northern Maine, and establishing a working microbiology lab in Iqaluit for Environment Canada.

Ivy has enjoyed watching the local chapter of CPAWS progress towards its conservation goals. The north offers such an expanse of untouched areas that it is possible to protect entire ecosystems and it is important to find a good balance between protection and development. She believes that it takes the commitment of very dedicated staff and volunteers to achieve these goals. "When you volunteer, everyone benefits," says Ivy, "the person volunteering, the organization and the community."

The CPAWS Store

There are lots of fun ways to support CPAWS. Show off with an embroidered CPAWS T-shirt or high quality water bottle, or browse your favorite store for posters, clothing, outdoor gear, books and more! A perfect place to find a gift for the nature lover in your life while helping us protect wilderness.

<http://www.cpaws.org/support/shoptravel.php>



D'ARCY MOSES /Community Coordinator Profile

Jennifer Morin, Senior Conservation Coordinator



Based in Wrigley, D'Arcy J. Moses is Pehdzeh Ki First Nation's Protected Areas Strategy (PAS) Community Coordinator. His position is focused on working to protect Pehdzeh Ki Ndeh and Edézhfíe. D'Arcy returned to the community of his birth to spend some time with his family, learn more about and get involved in community issues, and to take a break from his other work. I would argue that D'Arcy is the most creative Community Coordinator ever employed by the PAS. He brings a wealth of experience to the position as he has spent many dedicated years in the fashion industry. This experience includes designing, sewing, runway shows, international travel, and operating and managing northern garment stores.

One of his biggest challenges when he first started working for the Band was to inform and engage community members on the protection process. It is improving and D'Arcy has worked on several innovative projects to capture and refresh community interest in protection issues, including slideshows, video projects and home visits. A highlight of living in Wrigley and working as the Community Coordinator has been D'Arcy's increased connection with the land. He has spent time out at Blackwater Lake, Fish Lake, Jones' Landing, and many of the mountain rivers on the west side of the Mackenzie. Having this time out on the land has only intensified D'Arcy's passion to protect the region and part of the traditional way of life. He recognizes that the area around Wrigley is truly unique as there are very few places like it left in the world. While D'Arcy still has a fire in his belly for fashion and continues to design and produce garments, he is enjoying his time and work in Wrigley.



ECOTOURISM AND CONSERVATION

Sheena Tremblay, CPAWS-NWT volunteer

I am a Yellowknifer in my third year of the Applied Bachelor of Ecotourism and Outdoor Leadership Degree Program at Mount Royal College in Calgary.

Through my program I have learned a lot about conservation and tourism. The program emphasizes the study of ecotourism from a community development perspective coupled with an understanding of the sustainability of our natural resources. The program also recognizes the major role that the environment plays, and will continue to play, in the development of the tourism industry in Canada.

Ecotourism is defined by The International Ecotourism Society as “responsible travel to natural areas that conserves the environment and improves the well-being of local people.” Ecotourism is basically tourism that is nature-based, educational and sustainable: environmentally, economically and culturally. When people visit or stay at an ecotourism operation they realize how things can be done to protect and conserve the land, whether through a leave-no-trace ethos or through general environmental practices. Ecotourism gives people the opportunity to enjoy nature’s beauty while protecting it at the same time. As such, it compliments the goals of CPAWS-NWT, which aims at conserving the natural and cultural values of the wilderness of the NWT.

Growing up in Yellowknife, the outdoors played a big role in my life and I hope that tourists can appreciate the land and become as excited about protecting it as I am.

NAHANNI CONSULTATIONS

Karley Ziegler, Conservation Coordinator



PHOTOS BY KARLEY ZIEGLER. CHUCK BLYTHE, PARKS CANADA.

Parks Canada’s first round of public consultations on the proposed expansion of Nahanni National Park Reserve kicked off June 27-29 at the Dehcho Assembly in Kakisa. The consultation consisted of an information booth and presentation by Parks Canada staff. Sessions were also conducted July 4 in Nahanni Butte, July 6 in Fort Simpson, July 7 in Fort Liard, July 10 in Wrigley, and July 12 in Yellowknife.

Subsequent rounds of consultations in the fall will travel to the Yukon and southern Canadian cities.

Public opinion is very important in the process of establishing boundaries of the Nahanni National Park Reserve. If you were unable to attend one of these sessions but would like to make your voice heard, send an email to nahanni.expansion@pc.gc.ca

For more information including a map of the South Nahanni Watershed, visit www.cpawsnwt.org or contact the CPAWS-NWT office.

CAN A BALANCE BE STRUCK? CPAWS and the Mackenzie Gas Project

Erica Janes, Senior Conservation Coordinator

The idea of a Mackenzie Valley pipeline has loomed on the horizon of our territory for decades. Its latest incarnation, the proposed Mackenzie Gas Project, is in the middle of a lengthy and complex environmental review that we can only hope does justice to the incredible scope and scale of the proposed project.

On the eve of CPAWS’ 10th anniversary in the NWT, the impacts of the proposed MGP on our work are already apparent, as industrial development closes in on our pristine landscapes. In order to make sure conservationist voices are heard during the complex environmental review of the MGP, we decided that CPAWS-NWT would intervene in the Joint Review Panel (JRP) process. This set of hearings is evaluating the impacts of the proposed MGP on the people and environment of the NWT. Conservation staff have taken on the daunting task of reading not only the proponents’ Environmental Impact Statement but scores of other documents, getting up to speed on information requests, coordinating with and keeping track of other interveners, preparing submissions and presentations, and actually presenting at hearings.

Our first effort was focused on the May JRP hearing on conservation in Fort Simpson, for which we prepared a written

submission and made a presentation to the JRP. The focus of our intervention was to explain the importance of balancing conservation and development, to formally introduce the JRP to the NWT Protected Areas Strategy and Action Plan, and to make the case that we have the tools to achieve conservation goals, namely the PAS and land use planning. We asserted that these tools need to be used before it’s too late. We argued that the environmental assessment of the proposed MGP is not occurring on a scale appropriate to the project. In conclusion, we made two recommendations to the JRP: first, that steps be taken to protect areas already in the NWT PAS process, before the proposed MGP is approved, and second, that the NWT PAS and Action Plan should be implemented as part of a fully functional environmental management framework.

Staff are now ramping up for another intervention at the August 18 General Open JRP hearing in Yellowknife. CPAWS members and members of the public are encouraged to attend this hearing. The location is still to be determined. Further information is available at www.jointreviewpanel.ca or from the CPAWS-NWT office at 873-9893.



JENNIFER MORIN AND ERICA JANES AT THE JOINT REVIEW PANEL HEARING IN FORT SIMPSON, MAY 2006



PHOTOS BY ROGER TURENNE, CPAWS MANITOBA

CPAWS-NWT EARLY DAYS

Gillian McKee, a founding member and first Conservation Director, CPAWS-NWT

In August 1996 the CPAWS National Board traveled to Yellowknife to attend a conference on protected areas, organized by the Government of the Northwest Territories. Robin Reilly, who organized the conference, was also on the CPAWS National Board. He invited them north, and also to his cottage on Tibbitt Lake for their meeting following the conference. After a weekend of much intense discussion and shenanigans under the midnight sun, they met once again back in Yellowknife, inviting local Yellowknifers interested in protected areas and CPAWS to come and talk about northern issues. By this time in the NWT, the BHP diamond mine proposal was starting to move ahead, and local Yellowknifers could see the need to focus on protected areas for the NWT. The Yellowstone to Yukon initiative was gaining momentum and CPAWS National Board members could see the need to draw the NWT into discussions of connected networks of protected areas.

This informal meeting between Board members and Yellowknifers led to the question of whether a CPAWS-NWT Chapter would be viable. Some of us in the room looked at each other, raised our eyebrows, and agreed – sure, we’ll give it a shot!

That initial meeting led to more meetings held mostly at the Visitor Centre, where we discussed various issues and gradually began to coalesce into a chapter. Gillian McKee, Karen Hamre, Leslie Wakelyn, and Alex Borowiecka were the initial core members. As volunteers, we organized the meetings and also attended national Board meetings, becoming more familiar with CPAWS’ mandate and vision.

By 1997, the GNWT was pursuing a protected areas strategy for the NWT and CPAWS-NWT began to focus on that work. We worked co-operatively with the other NWT non-governmental organizations – World Wildlife Fund-Canada, Canadian Arctic Resources Committee, and the long standing local conservation organization, Ecology North. CPAWS-NWT worked on filling a grassroots role to fill the protected areas niche. From the beginning, we recognized the need to work on a grassroots level with First Nation communities, and we started to build on contacts with them as the NWT Protected Areas Strategy work progressed. In March, we presented a paper outlining our interests at the GNWT Protected Areas Strategy Conference in Inuvik.

In fall 1997, eleven northern delegates including some CPAWS-NWT members attended the first Yellowstone to Yukon (Y2Y) Conference in Waterton National Park, Alberta. The interaction with other like-minded people, and the informed and inspiring speakers provided a massive infusion of commitment and energy to our small, budding Chapter. Those who attended remember Karsten Haeuer getting up on the final day in a room of probably 200 people, talking about this plan he had to head out and walk the Y2Y mountain spine. We all cheered enthusiastically at such a simple and ambitious idea. A roomful of CPAWS people gave George Smith and Wayne Sawchuk a lengthy standing ovation for their work toward achieving protection for the Muskwa- Kechika region in northern B.C. Many times throughout the week we were inspired by the energy and commitment shown by everyone present.

We built on the ideas of Y2Y to work together with the Dehcho First Nations to put on two gatherings in 1998 in Fort Simpson. The first in March, was the Dehcho Gathering on protected areas, where Dehcho Elders came together with CPAWS, representatives of other environmental non-government organizations (ENGO) and government scientists to exchange knowledge and visions for protecting the land. A drum dance led by 20 drummers in the school gym celebrated the understanding and cooperation we achieved. In September 1998, we expanded the discussion in a Y2Y North Workshop, which First Nations from throughout the Mackenzie Mountains in both the Yukon and NWT attended. We began to focus on the Nahanni watershed as an area of prime importance in the ecological integrity of the region.

Even as CPAWS-NWT was working on these projects of national and international scope, we also wanted to focus our efforts closer to home. As members of a grassroots organization, we always felt that to build the

community support for these broader initiatives, we had to educate and engage people in our own communities too. Throughout 1999, Gillian McKee led a community mapping project for the Tin Can Hill/Rat Lake area of Yellowknife. We used a variety of creative and innovative mapping exercises to document and raise awareness of this natural area. The information was presented to Yellowknife City Council in early 2000. Karen Hamre organized two celebrations that tapped into the creative and emotional connections we have to the land. The first was “From Treeline to Tundra – A Circle of Celebration” – an evening of dance, music, poetry, art, and song that played in the Northern Arts and Cultural Centre to a sold out house and a standing ovation. The next was “Stories of the Land” – a full weekend at the Trapper’s Lake Lodge where a diverse group of ENGO members, artists, singers, environmental educators, and filmmakers came together to explore and express their notions of land and our relationship to it. A film documenting the diversity of perspectives was made.

These early years of CPAWS-NWT built on the volunteer commitment of a few individuals, a supportive local ENGO community, the national strength of CPAWS as a grassroots organization, and the recognition that the northern approach was to work in cooperation with other NGOs, with First Nations, and to learn from the expertise and experience of others. By 2000, this small Chapter had worked together with CPAWS-Yukon on receiving major funding from the Pew Charitable Trusts to further our work. We were able to hire a Conservation Director in Yellowknife, a Protected Areas Coordinator in Fort Simpson, open an office, and most importantly, become fully engaged in our first major campaign - to protect the Greater Nahanni Ecosystem.

Ten years after that first meeting on a Yellowknife summer evening, this work is still ongoing and the Chapter has become an established member of the ENGO and Yellowknife community, and is still celebrating the land.

In spite of the idyllic surroundings, the Yellowknife meeting was extremely stressful because the very future of CPAWS was at stake, and sharply divergent views were being expressed. So there was a need for comic relief. What better than a mudbath? Most of us just went for a refreshing swim, but the more enterprising souls lathered themselves with mud from the bottom of the lake, and enjoyed the tingling sensation of it drying on their skin in the sun. The therapy must have worked because CPAWS emerged strengthened and reinvigorated, ready to take on new conservation challenges. Roger Turenne, CPAWS Manitoba