

1. Barren Ground Caribou:

A number of factors are contributing to the decline of barren ground caribou populations across the north. One recovery action that could be championed by the GNWT is to approve a policy that protects caribou calving habitat from the negative impacts of human land use activities.

It would be necessary that the scope of this policy would oppose development on caribou calving grounds in all political jurisdictions because most NWT caribou herds are shared with other jurisdictions including most calving habitat. Although the GNWT has no mandate beyond our borders, the government makes recommendations to other jurisdictions (such as Alaska and Nunavut) in cases where environmental reviews and land use planning processes involve calving habitat of NWT caribou herds.

Would you support a GNWT policy that directs the territorial government to oppose the construction of infrastructure corridors (including roads) or any other industrial developments on caribou calving grounds?

Yes, I would support this: No

No, I would not:

Comments:

While I do not support development within sensitive calving ground areas, I believe it is important we work together with other governments, scientists, regulators, and stakeholders to develop management plans and protocols to protect and support the various caribou populations' herds. The GNWT should not implement a policy that speaks to directing other jurisdictions. It is important the GNWT respects the autonomy and authority of other territorial, state, and Indigenous governments, all of which are connected to Barren Ground Caribou and the other caribou populations which travel across multiple borders, including those of the NWT. Currently, the NWT-NU have worked together on the Management Plan for the Dolphin and Union Caribou and the Bathurst Caribou Range plan. In addition, co-management processes for barren-ground caribou are established under the land claim agreements, and the community of Deline has developed its own caribou conservation plan which aids the co-management of the herd in the Sahtu with the SRRB and GNWT.

2. Candidate Protected Areas:

Over the past two decades a number of NWT communities have identified lands and waters of significant cultural and ecological value for nomination as candidate protected areas. The GNWT now has a legislative tool to sponsor this work through the NWT Protected Areas Act which provides an opportunity for the GNWT to enter into innovative Nation to Nation partnerships for co-managing and governing protected areas. Two proposals - Ts'ude niline Tu'eyeta (Ramparts) and Dinàgà

Wek'èhodi (North Arm) could be ready for establishment early in the upcoming 19th Assembly, others could move forward within the term.

If elected will you support the establishment of the previously nominated candidate protected areas?

Yes: Yes

No:

Comments: The NWT is home to beautiful, one-of-a-kind sights that should be preserved. A lot of collaborative effort goes into determining candidate protected areas in the NWT through the workings group created for each of these individual candidate sites. While all of these are currently at different stages, when they eventually reach final decision by their respective working groups, I would respect the multi-stakeholder approach and steps forward.

3. Planning Ahead - Investing in Local Environmental Stewardship Capacity:

There are a number of innovative and exciting land based programs evolving in regions of the NWT, for example "Guardians" which have objectives related to environmental stewardship and could include training for participation in the many facets of land, water and resource management.

3 Do you support that the GNWT should have a focus on collaborating, promoting and contributing to proposals that bring new investment into innovative programs that increase the local capacity of Indigenous Governments and regional land and resource management departments?

Yes: Yes

No:

Comments : We need innovative and collaborative thinking like the Guardians program. I am supportive of ideas and thinking like this that .