

Preface

Over 200 people attended the 11th North American Caribou Workshop which was held in Jasper, Alberta, Canada. Participants came from Canada, the United States, Sweden, Norway and Greenland. Almost 80 papers and posters were presented and over 30% are published in these proceedings.

The conference theme was “*Managing Caribou Populations that are at Risk*” and many of the presentations examined all aspects of this challenge including predator/prey dynamics, habitat, human interactions, mitigation, techniques, population dynamics, genetics and even enhancing survival through temporary captivity. One of the highlights of the workshop was a presentation by Dr. Tom Bergerud reflecting on his career-long synthesis of wolf/caribou interactions throughout their range in North America.

In addition to the poster and oral papers, there was a panel discussion on Canada’s woodland caribou recovery plan and an information session on the Circumarctic *Rangifer* monitoring and assessment network.

One of the principle goals of the North American Caribou Workshop is to provide the opportunity for researchers, managers, First Nations peoples, students and the general public to interact, trade ideas and make or renew contacts with others interested in the conservation and management of *Rangifer*. The 11th North American Workshop provided this opportunity in the spectacular setting of Jasper National Park.

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