



New hope for CARIBOU!

There was good news for caribou late last fall, when the federal government finally released its long-overdue **Boreal Woodland Caribou Recovery Strategy**, required under the **Species at Risk Act**. This has been the focus of our **Caribou & You** campaign for the last five years, and it paid off! CPAWS and supporters like you played a vital role in shaping the final strategy, and many of our key recommendations were reflected in it. The core of the strategy defines the need to protect vast areas of critical boreal forest habitat for all boreal woodland caribou herds in Canada. But, mixed in with the good news, the strategy only requires enough habitat protection to give caribou a 60% chance of long-term survival, which leaves a significant risk that the caribou populations will continue to decline.

We're now turning our attention to the provinces and territories to develop and implement caribou action plans required by the federal strategy over the next few years. We're pressing for government plans guided by science that will maximize chances of long-term survival. We'll keep you posted as plans develop and how you can continue to make your voice heard on behalf of the threatened caribou.

We're also still hard at work with industry and other groups on implementing the Canadian Boreal Forest Agreement to conserve caribou habitat over 72 million hectares of Boreal forest.

And, with rumours swirling of changes, we're also inviting people to voice their support for keeping the federal Species at Risk Act strong. At time of writing, more than 3,500 CPAWS supporters had submitted letters or signed a petition to the federal government. Photo: Ted Simonett

This newsletter is replacing the Spring edition of *Canadian Wilderness*. Stay tuned for the special 50th Anniversary edition of *Canadian Wilderness* this fall!



Photo: Duane Fuerter

Oceans protection still under par

In light of a recent report from the Auditor General's office that found that Canada is lagging far behind in protecting our oceans, our ocean conservation work is now more important than ever. According to the report, if progress continues at the current rate, it will take decades to establish a fully functioning network of MPAs – and that's too long.

CPAWS continues to work with governments to speed up the progress of marine conservation, and to create networks of marine protected areas in all of our oceans.

Since launching our Dare to be Deep campaign in 2011, more than 16,000 people signed on to support the establishment of 12 new marine protected areas in Canada by the end of 2012. In our final progress report released earlier this year, we noted significant progress on four of the sites, no progress on another four, and only some progress on the remaining four. Of the 12 sites we identified, not one had received final legal protection. The struggle continues!



CPAWS is joined by some "fishy" friends on Parliament Hill in March to present the names of more than 16,000 people who called on governments to establish 12 new marine protected areas by the end of 2012 to the Minister of Environment and Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

Protecting our wilderness



Canadian Olympic heroine Clara Hughes learns how to ice fish during a visit to the village of Lutsel K'e at the east arm of Great Slave Lake in April as part of CPAWS' campaign in support of permanently protecting Thaidene Nene, Canada's newest proposed national park in the NWT. Photo: Amos Scott



Better protection for Manitoba's parks

2013 is shaping up to be a great year for Manitoba's wilderness! So far, the province has announced the proposed protected area expansion of Whiteshell and Camp Morton provincial parks, released a provincial parks strategy that prioritizes "maintaining ecosystems" in our parks, and banned peat mining in their provincial parks forever. CPAWS worked hard to achieve these significant conservation gains, which we couldn't have done without the dedication and support of people like you! Photo: Ron Thiessen



Home run for Nova Scotia!

Nova Scotia has taken a huge step towards protecting its wilderness with a proposal to add nearly 250,000 hectares of land to the provincial protected areas system in February. Most of these lands were sites specifically recommended for protection by CPAWS, covering large intact forests, remote coastal wilderness, species at risk habitat, entire watersheds, old-growth Acadian forest, important wetlands, and significant waterways. This is the largest commitment to protecting the province's wilderness in over a decade, and is cause for celebration! Photo: Andrew Chow

A graphic logo for "Love Canada's Parks?". The text "Love Canada's Parks?" is written in a stylized, cursive font. Below it, the phrase "ACT NOW TO SCORE BIG" is written in a bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text are stylized icons of a green tree, a brown tree, and a red tree. At the bottom, the text "Show you care for Canada's parks by signing on at www.iloveparks.ca" is written in a purple font. The entire graphic is enclosed in a rounded rectangular border.

Why I became a monthly donor...

For years, my wife Marie and I had made an annual donation to several NGOs and when it was time to discuss which NGO we'd support this year, we decided to involve our girls, 7-year-old Kristine and 5-year-old Ingrid. Kristine suggested that we use our money to help the caribou this year. The first organization that came to our minds was CPAWS.



Éric Hébert-Daly, CPAWS National Executive Director, had visited Kristine's school to talk about the caribou and CPAWS. Knowing the reputation of CPAWS for being an effective voice for Canada's natural environment, we all agreed there was no need to look at any other option. We knew that our donation would be put to good use.

As a family, we had discussed the work that CPAWS does to protect Canadian wilderness areas. Kristine and Ingrid are now quite well informed about the threats to the Boreal forest and the plight of the caribou and wolf populations in northern Alberta. In fact, Kristine wrote a petition to save the caribou and the boreal forest, collected signatures in her school and together with her class presented it to her MP (who later tabled it in the House of Commons).

The decision to become a monthly donor was simple. It occurred to me that there really is no additional commitment in monthly giving – it's just spreading the annual commitment over the course of the year. And frankly, I thought it would be easier for us to budget a smaller monthly donation rather than a larger annual donation – the amount contributed would be the same but the impact on our bank account would be smaller but more consistent. We knew that CPAWS would prefer it as well. It was a win-win decision! — Dan Fredrick

Helping to save Canada's caribou: Dan Fredrick, his wife Marie and their daughters Kristine and Ingrid

2013 AGM Notice

The CPAWS Annual General Meeting will be held via conference call at 8:00 PM (ET) on September 23, 2013. For more information, please contact us at info@cpaws.org or 1-800-333-9453

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