

BRITISH COLUMBIA FIRST NATIONS CARIBOU RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION FUND (FNCRIF)

Request for Expressions of Interest for Advisory Committee Nominees

The BC First Nations Caribou Recovery Implementation Fund (FNCRIF) secretariat (Fraser Basin Council) is requesting expressions of interest from potential candidates to be considered for the FNCRIF Advisory Committee. The purpose of the FNCRIF Advisory Committee is to review proposals for potential funding. Further information is outlined on the webpage (fraserbasin.bc.ca/Caribou.html).

Candidates are invited to express interest directly or be recommended by a third party. All responses and recommendations will be kept confidential. The secretariat will review all submitted expressions of interest and may also identify suitable candidates for open positions.

The following positions are open (4):

- One (1) member representing First Nations in the B.C. Northern Interior,
- One (1) member representing First Nations in the B.C. Central Interior,
- One (1) member representing First Nations in the B.C. Southern interior, and
- One (1) member with scientific expertise in caribou biology.

The regional representations are aligned with identified priority herd areas. A map of priority herds can be [viewed here](#).

Ideally, Advisory Committee members:

- Will contribute to the review of proposals based on whether the project is likely to realize conservation goals and herd population increases, and
- Will strive to integrate aspects of traditional knowledge, reconciliation, and engagement in relation to wildlife stewardship.

The Advisory Committee will meet twice (2) per year (virtually and/or in person) to review project proposals, and to receive project reports. The time commitment may vary, however it is expected to be approximately 5-6 days per year. The FNCRIF Advisory Committee members will receive an honorarium of \$600 per day inclusive of meeting and travel time. Virtual meetings may also be held between in-person meetings.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Interested members should provide a resume/curriculum vitae and a letter outlining their area of interest as it relates to caribou population recovery in BC, as well as their interest in participating in the FNCRIF Advisory Committee. These can be emailed to caribou@fraserbasin.ca.

Any questions or inquiries about the fund, the Advisory Committee or anything related to this call for expressions of interest may contact Fraser Basin Council (caribou@fraserbasin.ca).

BACKGROUND

A \$1.4M BC First Nations Caribou Recovery Implementation Fund (FNCRIF) has been established to develop new, and embolden existing, collaborations with First Nations in BC seeking to participate and lead caribou recovery efforts in a way that aligns with their traditional practices. FNCRIF provides an additional means for First Nations communities and organizations to advance recovery efforts for threatened caribou herds in British Columbia. The fund is envisioned to generate new collaborative First Nations-led caribou recovery actions rooted in traditional knowledge and scientific understanding.

FNCRIF is focused on projects that support and promote the recovery of caribou listed as “threatened” under the federal Species and Risk Act (SARA) and includes the following herds: Boreal, Southern Mountain-Northern Group, Southern Mountain – Central Group, and Southern Mountain – Southern Group. Details on eligible herds can be found in the [Application Guide](#).

This fund is administrated by the Fraser Basin Council with funding determinations ultimately decided by the FNCRIF Advisory Committee, an independent decision-making body comprised of First Nations leaders and caribou experts. Eligible projects will support Traditional Knowledge aspects and preparedness to recover caribou and will not include restoration, large capital projects or equipment.

