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# BC Caribou Recovery

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## Agenda

- Caribou Program Information
- Why We Are Here
- Herds in Your Boundaries
- Management Action Available for Recovery
- Herd Plans
- Herd Planning Engagement Process



## BC Caribou Recovery Program

- A comprehensive new plan to restore and conserve identified herds
- The program will consider ways to reduce threats to caribou, while balancing the needs of all British Columbians, including Indigenous communities, industry and recreation enthusiasts.
- Caribou have declined from between 30,000 and 40,000 in B.C. at the turn of the last century to approximately 19,000 caribou today. In the past three decades, many B.C. caribou herds have become threatened.



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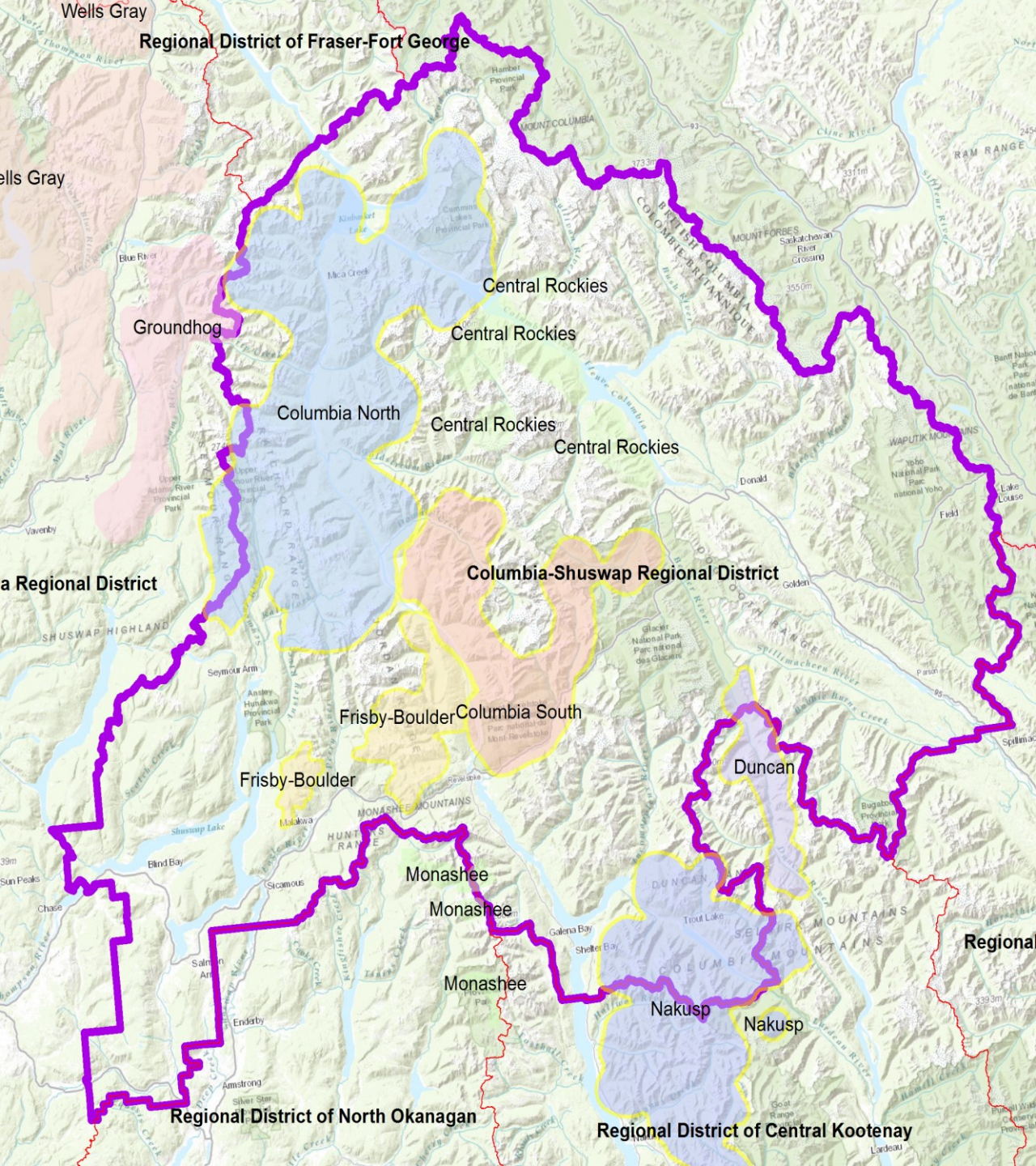
- The federal government is initiating conservation efforts for caribou under the authority of the federal *Species at Risk Act (SARA)*.
- The province is expected to reduce threats to caribou herds and their critical habitat.
- The province is negotiating an agreement, section 11 (with a focus on the central group herds) with the federal government to prevent the possibility of a SARA Section 80 protection order.
- At the same time, we must try to balance sustainable stewardship of the herds with the needs and interests of British Columbians.



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## Herds In the District

Herd	Population	Trend	Status
Columbia North	147	Stable	Threatened
Columbia South	34	Decline	Threatened
Frisby-Boulder	11	Decline	Threatened
Central Rockies	0	Extirpated	Threatened
Central Selkirks	29	Decline	Threatened



## Management Actions – Tools in the Toolbox

- Population Monitoring
- Habitat Protection
- Habitat Restoration
- Recreation Management
- Maternal Penning
- Supplemental Feeding
- Predator Management/Primary Prey Management
- Captive Breeding/Augmentation



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## Herd Plans

- The Province is using a consistent approach for all herds - Herd Plans, currently in draft, hold currently known science, threats, and information on the herd.
- The herd plan will be updated with new information as it comes available. ie new population surveys, management actions and engagement etc.
- The herd plan will be used to drive engagement and collaboration on the herds.



## Engagement

- The Province is going to be working with local governments, First Nations, industry and stakeholders to collaboratively develop recommended management actions for each herd.
- Local knowledge and traditional ecological knowledge will be requested to form part of the herd plan and help inform the recommendations of management actions.
- The timeline for the engagement process will be January 2020 – March 2020



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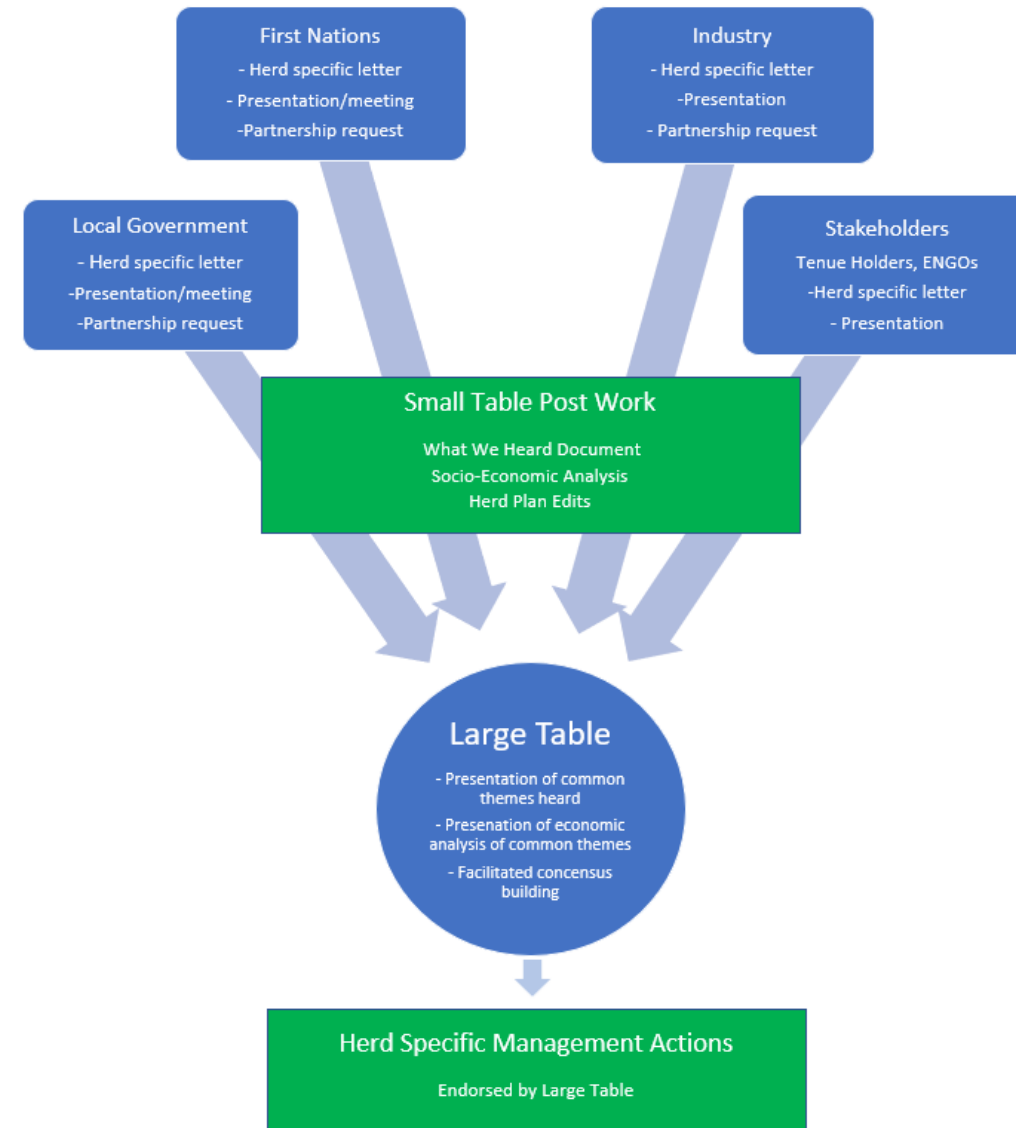


## Engagement

- Currently sharing information about the process
- Looking to book the first small table with you for February.
- Expect 1 ½ day session to start.
- Will be providing a pre-engagement information package prior to the session.



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# Questions?

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