



## **Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board**

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### **GRRB Research Priorities**

The Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board (GRRB) was established under the Gwich'in Comprehensive Land Claim Agreement (GCLCA) to be the main instrument of wildlife, fish and forestry management within the Gwich'in Settlement Area (GSA). Project proposals are reviewed in accordance with the GRRB Research Priority setting process which guides decisions for providing support for proposed research. Support provided may be in the form of letters of support, in-kind support, or financial support through the Wildlife Studies Fund. Priority for project support will be given to projects that involve communities, youth, and have substantial co-funding from other partners. All proposals seeking GRRB support that meet the GRRB mandate are additionally evaluated against the following criteria:

1. **GRRB Research Priorities:** represent the 5 year research needs of the Board and are directly linked to the GRRB mandate. These are reviewed and updated every five years at a Research Priority Workshop.
2. **GRRB Emerging Priorities:** represent new or emerging research needs of the Board and are directly linked to the GRRB mandate
3. **GSA Research Interests:** represent community interests that may relate to the GRRB mandate, but not necessarily, and;
4. **Engagement:** the degree to which the researcher engages the GRRB and communities affected by the proposed research and activities.

The 5 Year and Emerging Research Priorities listed below were adopted in-principle by the Board as guidelines for decisions for whether to support projects. The Board may also choose to provide support for new or emerging research priorities not listed. Ultimately; however, decisions for project support lies with the Board. More information on the research priority-setting process and the criteria can be found in the Research Priority Workshop Final Report (2012) and on the GRRB website:

[www.grrb.nt.ca](http://www.grrb.nt.ca)

## 5 Year Research Priorities



DURATION: 2013-2018

- P1. Bluenose Caribou: implement management plan actions
- P2. Grizzly Bear population and habitat studies: obtain baseline data
- P3. Dolly Varden Char: stock and habitat assessment
- P4. Gwich'in Harvest Study: data analysis, assist with community monitoring program
- P5. Lake Trout: impact of development study of Lake Trout at Airport Lake
- P6. Forest Management: implement management plan actions.

## Emerging Research Priorities

- E1. Moose population studies
- E2. Porcupine Caribou studies
- E3. Otter population studies
- E4. Muskox survey
- E5. Gather Traditional Knowledge (TK) of Species at Risk
- E6. Standardized fisheries protocols and assessments
- E7. Muskrat research
- E8. Youth training