

Western Arctic Caribou Herd Technical Committee

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Marriott Anchorage Downtown

820 West 7th Ave.

Anchorage, AK 99501

- 1:30 Call to Order**
Welcome & Introductions
Review and Approve Agenda
- 1:35 Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH) – Herd population status, other metrics (55 min)** Alex Hansen, AK Department of Fish & Game (ADFG)
- 2:30 National Park Service Caribou Monitoring (30 mins)** - Kyle Joly, National Park Service (NPS)
- 3:00 Technical Committee Recommendation to WACH Working Group regarding herd status and management level¹** – Key points to address in recommendation to Working Group (30 min)
- 3:30 Break (15 mins)**
- 3:45 Research Presentation – Rain on Snow Research Project (30 min)** – Stine Pedersen, Ph.D., Cooperative Institute for Research in the Atmosphere (CIRA), Colorado State University and the Department of Biological Sciences, UAA
- 4:15 Research Paper Presentation** – Behavioral responses of migratory caribou to semi-permeable roads in Arctic Alaska (20 min) – Tim Fullman, The Wilderness Society
- 4:35 Bering Land Bridge Northern Seward Peninsula Caribou Collar-TEK Project** – (20 min) Letty Hughes, National Park Service
- 4:35 Technical Committee Assignments**
- Ongoing Management & Research – HOMEWORK task. Review and update attached 2024 list of on-going management and research activities for web posting. Comments to Holly Spoth-Torres at holly@huddleak.com by January 31, 2026.
 - WACH Bibliography – HOMEWORK task. Review and update attached 2023 WACH bibliography for web posting. Comments to Holly Spoth-Torres at holly@huddleak.com by January 31, 2026.
- 4:45 Final Thoughts**
- 5:00 Adjourn Technical Committee Meeting**

¹ The 2019 WACH Cooperative Management Plan requires that “agency biologists will evaluate the status of the herd in the Technical Committee meeting and develop recommendations on herd management level for the Working Group. Population size, trends in adult mortality and calf survival, sex and age composition, range condition, caribou body condition and health, and other factors determined by the Technical Committee will provide the basis for evaluating the herd condition and management level that is reported to the Working Group”.