Western Arctic Caribou Herd Technical Committee

Tuesday, December 8, 2026

1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Captain Cook Hotel
939 W 5th Ave Anchorage, AK 99501

1:30 **Call to Order** (10 min)
Welcome & Introductions
Review and Approve Agenda

1:40 **Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH) – Herd population status, other metrics** (45 min) Alex Hansen, AK Department of Fish & Game (ADFG)

2:25 **National Park Service Caribou Monitoring** (30 min) - Kyle Joly, National Park Service (NPS)

2:55 **Technical Committee Recommendation to WACH Working Group regarding herd status and management level**[1] – Key points to address in recommendation to Working Group (30 min)

3:25 **Break** (20 mins)

3:45 **Research Presentation –** Analysis of camera collar footage related to estimating calving (20 min) – Matt Cameron, National Park Service (NPS)

4:05 **Anaktuvuk Pass CUA Assessment-** Review of the Anaktuvuk Pass Controlled Use Area (CUA) Assessment related to caribou usage (25 min) – AK Department of Fish & Game (ADFG)

4:30 **Technical Committee Assignments**

- Ongoing Management & Research – HOMEWORK task. Review and update attached 2025 list of on-going management and research activities for web posting. Comments to Renée Eddy Harvey at renee@huddleak.com by January 31, 2027.
- WACH Bibliography – HOMEWORK task. Review and update attached 2025 WACH bibliography for web posting. Comments to Renée Eddy Harvey at renee@huddleak.com by January 31, 2027.

4:45 **Final Thoughts**

5:00 **Adjourn Technical Committee Meeting**

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[1] *The 2019 WAH 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".*