



## **GRRB 2013-2018 Research Priorities**

The GRRB collects research interests year-round from Gwich'in communities. The list may be extensive but management obligations often dictate which research projects may be supported each year. The GRRB delivered a Research Priority workshop in 2012 with the purpose of creating a research and monitoring process to provide the GRRB and staff guidance when assessing research opportunities. Research priorities were developed for 2013 - 2018 based on a set of criteria established at the workshop. Criteria include GRRB mandate, research interests of the communities and co-management partners, analysis of species management plans, staff work plans and availability of resources. A key objective is to distinguish between management plan commitments and research priorities.

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)

### **Primary Research Priorities – 2013**

The following priorities were approved and provide a focus for the GRRB's operations for the next 3 to 5 years, followed by another research priority workshop and comprehensive review. However, emergency situations and extenuating circumstances may alter this focus.

- 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.

### **Secondary Research Priorities – 2013**

The Gwich'in Renewable Resources Board is interested in the outcomes of research that reflect the interests of communities in the Gwich'in Settlement Area and will consider support of such projects. Support may be provided through letters of support, or referral of work to external agencies and co-management partners. Requests for in-kind support may be approved subject to operational requirements, available funding or partnership opportunities.

Currently, the GRRB is actively promoting research in the following areas:

- S1. Moose population studies
- S2. Porcupine caribou studies
- S3. Otter population studies