



Boreal Leadership Council Action Plan (2007-08) World Wildlife Fund

Forest Stewardship Council (FSC)

1. Provide technical and mapping support to companies completing FSC certifications (Tembec in northeast BC, Domtar as needed, Stora Enso in NS), especially regarding HCVF analysis.
2. Take a second cut and refinement to regional landscape planning in northeastern Ontario, building on existing work by companies (Domtar, Tembec, Abitibi), First Nations and The Nature Conservancy, with possible extension to northwestern Quebec, i.e. all the clay belt.
3. Continue to press provincial governments (ON, BC, AB) to move on AT LEAST ONE deferral area identified in association with FSC certifications to official candidate status with interim protection.

Caribou

4. Contribute to satisfactory definition of critical habitat for Woodland Caribou, resulting from the expert workshop, as part of the SARA process for this boreal flagship species.
5. Co-author with WCS-Canada a landmark book on Barren-ground, Woodland and Mountain caribou, including a threats analysis and blueprint for conservation action in the boreal.
6. Fund high quality recovery projects for woodland caribou and other boreal species at risk through WWF's Endangered Species Recovery Fund.
7. Obtain a commitment from at least one mining and oil and gas company to voluntarily forego all industrial development (including exploration) in Barren-ground caribou calving areas.

Mackenzie River Basin

8. Continue to support implementation of the NWT Protected Areas Strategy and Mackenzie Valley Action Plan, as well as First Nations' Land use Plans, with special priority to interim withdrawal of the Ramparts and proposed Akaitcho territory, totalling over 10 million ha.

Freshwater

9. Jointly publish, in concert with others (Gordon Water Group), a blueprint for federal water strategy, including such boreal issues as watershed planning and management, source water protection, conservation through demand management, aboriginal water access, and inter-basin and international water transfers.
10. Help answer the question "How much water does Nature need?" and thereby contribute to rationalizing highly-allocated freshwater, by focussing on the water-stressed oil sands region of the southern Mackenzie River Basin, likely through an instream flow assessment for the Athabasca River.