

Meeting 15 Minutes

Recorded by: Ginger Elliott

Date of meeting: February 27th, 2023 3:30pm EST

Who attended the meeting? What CAZA institute are they from?

1. Ginger Elliott, Canadian Species Initiative
2. Stephen Peterson, Assiniboine
3. Jim Facette, CAZA
4. Catherine Shier, Edmonton Valley Zoo
5. Jeff Mitchell, Saskatchewan Forestry Farm Park & Zoo
 - a. Brenna
6. Emiko Wong, Montreal Biodome
7. Janel Kuska, African Lion Safari
 - a. Shreya S
8. Cheryl Sheridan, Little Rays Reptile Zoo
9. Matt Dixon, Riverview Park and Zoo
 - a. Sharolyn Herringa
10. Patrick Pare, Zoo de Granby
 - a. Chantelle Routhier
11. David Page, Zoo Sauvage de Saint-Fel
12. Menita Prasad, Greater Vancouver Zoo
 - a. Jonah Miller
13. Jake Paleczny - Yukon Wildlife Preserve

Meeting resources:

COSEWIC Updates: EMAIL: cosewic-cosepac@ec.gc.ca Subject: add to distribution list

COSEWIC Candidate Wildlife Species: <https://www.cosewic.ca/index.php/en-ca/reports/candidate-wildlife-species.html>

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Meeting summary:

3:30pm Welcome & Introductions.

Review of last meetings poll: CAZA Species Nominations

Next steps to think about...

3:45 COSEWIC - Stephen Peterson, Assiniboine

COSEWIC - arms length from government: just looking at candidate **listing, prioritization and assessment**

Using best available information(includes ATK aboriginal traditional knowledge)

COSEWIC membership and chairs have a term limit, often adding new members. There are REGULAR calls for new members (volunteer position). However, the smaller committees tend to hold on to people longer. Expenses for committee meetings (travel, hotel) are paid for. Co-chairs receive honorarium.

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Call for bids, call for co-chairs and members, news from COSEWIC

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Re-assessment: is the status likely to change? Increases chance of being reassessed. ESPECIALLY if going from lower risk to higher risk status in situ. All assessed species are SUPPOSED to be assessed every 10 years.

3:55 pm Opportunities for CAZA

Monitoring

- iNat, ebird, etc
- Standardized surveys
- At risk "DATA Deficient: spp that fall through the cracks

Membership

- If you have expertise APPLY!

Status Reports

- If you have expertise bid on reports - Stephen "really enjoy it, get to hang out with Taxa specific nerds
- If you have expertise you may be asked to participate in IU

Catherine Shier - Citizen Science: finding info on Data Deficient species. How can we engage our guests to assist in monitoring and is there a Data Deficient Discussion we should have? What sort of photos should guests take for iNat!

Helping meet the assessment criteria - COSEWIC needs specific data to form report

COSEWIC Pressures:

- Having trouble getting members, recruiting chairs
- Increasing diversity in the membership
- Reassessment backlog
- ### of un-assessed species!
- Incorporating TEK

COSEWIC will take unsolicited reports if they fit the format (i.e. St. Lawrence Beluga)

Criteria of COSEWIC assessment follow IUCN Red List

3:55pm The Listing Process and Recovery Stage

We (CAZA) have a lot of opportunities here!

Will depend on whether or not EX SITU is identified in the Recovery Strategy

Consultation phase WE need to chime in about ex situ. Making an effort to include ourselves in consultation of recovery documents!

4:08pm Current Recovery Pressures

Too many species, not enough funding, staff, resources....

Need to incorporate Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Need to respect time but also move things along... The 'pace' of government

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4:12pm Discussion

ADJOURNMENT: 4:20pm

Next Meeting Date: Monday March 27th 2023