

## **Become an Active Partner in the Alberta Caribou Committee**

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Your company has working interests and is active in woodland caribou range in the province of Alberta. To become informed of the caribou conservation strategy and to better understand new methods for limiting industrial footprint while operating in caribou range, we invite you to join the Alberta Caribou Committee (ACC).

### ***Why should your company participate in and support the Alberta Caribou Committee Program? What are the benefits?***

- The ACC programs provided information to assist companies in addressing the principles and meeting the requirements outlined in Alberta Department of Energy's Information Letter 91-17 "Procedural Guide For Petroleum and Natural Gas Activity On Caribou Range".
- The ACC will provide information to assist companies addressing the implementation of the newly Recovery Plan, through the Landscape Teams'
- Supporting and maintaining a strong Alberta organization that provides a collaborative forum for industry and government to discuss issues and find solutions that will meet the needs of companies and addresses conservation of caribou provides long-term benefits to all stakeholders.
- ACC programs are proactive, out in front and are developed to address issues and find practical solutions.
- Members participate in the General Meetings, work on sub-committees and contribute to the decision making process.
- The Alberta Caribou Committee has a 15+ year direct and indirect track record of successfully working with industry and government in a collaborative process that continues to develop guidelines, management practices and plans that support stakeholders.
- A nationally renowned research programs at the Universities of Alberta and Calgary supports science based planning and decision-making.
- Research dollars provided by ACC members are leveraged at a 1:1 or greater ratio through the University NSERC program.
- Conducting research in a well-managed university graduate program is cost effective.
- Sharing the cost of the ACC programs through a consortium funding model provides a good return on investment to members (over 20 companies and 3 government and non government agencies provide donations and grants to the ACC annually).
- The ACC communication program has developed a new website which provides up to date information and member support (photo library, research report summaries, newsletters).
- The legal status of woodland caribou in Alberta is "a threatened species" both federally and provincially. The consequences of doing nothing could have meant a legal status of "endangered species" which carries a much higher cost profile "to 'save'".
- Participating in the ACC demonstrates that your company is committed to developing resources in an environmentally sustainable manner
- All donations submitted to the Alberta Caribou Committee under the Alberta Conservation Association agreement are eligible for a tax benefit as a "contribution to a charitable organization".

### ***What is the Alberta Caribou Committee?***

- The Alberta Caribou Committee is a proactive, “*Made in Alberta Organization*”, wholly supported by and under the direction of members from the oil and gas industry, the forestry industry, government and non-government organizations. Additional funding is achieved by forging partnership agreements with the Universities of Alberta and Calgary and NSERC.
- The major goal of the ACC is to integrate industrial activity with the management and conservation of woodland caribou and caribou habitat.
- The process is collaborative, and facilitated by ACC member committees who work together and share the responsibility for:
  - ✓ maintaining a woodland caribou population monitoring program in northern Alberta,
  - ✓ directing a focused research program to address issues and find solutions,
  - ✓ developing operational guidelines and best practices for oil and gas, seismic and forestry industries and governments working in caribou range,
  - ✓ building detailed range plans for specific caribou ranges to help co-ordinate industry activities while maintaining stable caribou populations,
  - ✓ maintaining an up to date communication program (new members website ) providing information and support to members.
- The ACC continues to fund and manage research and population monitoring programs on woodland caribou ranges throughout northern Alberta to support science-based decision-making and planning that considers caribou conservation and industry needs.
- Over twenty-two companies from the oil and gas, forestry, and pipeline sectors support and participate in the decision making process within the Alberta Caribou Committee.

### ***How your company/agency can contribute.***

- Please contact Pat Cabezas, ACC Program Manager, to learn how you can be a contributing partner to the ACC:

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Some companies choose to make “direct payments” by paying ACC invoices directly (e.g. aircraft flights). However, direct payment contributions are not considered a “charitable donation” and do not initiate the same tax benefits as “cash donations”.

### ***How much should my company/agency contribute?***

- The ACC has no set membership fee.
  - Contribution of any amount are welcomed and appreciated.
  - Generally, smaller companies donate in the range of: \$10,000 - 15,000
  - Mid-size companies generally contribute between: \$15,000 – 25,000
  - Large companies donate in the range of: \$20,000 – 45,000
  - Government grants and contributions from consortium groups: \$60,000 – 100,000
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- Over 20 companies & agencies contributed to ACC programs in 2005-2006