

May 29, 2023

# Notice of Proceeding

File EA#1213-02 Mackenzie Valley Highway, GNWT-Infrastructure

RE: Retention of expert advisor John Nishi, EcoBorealis Consulting Inc.

# Retention of expert advisor(s)

The Review Board (the Board) plans to retain an expert advisor<sup>1</sup> for the Mackenzie Valley Highway environmental assessment (EA). The expert advisor is John Nishi of EcoBorealis Consulting Inc. His area of expertise is in wildlife, with a focus on ungulates (hooved mammals).

# Scope of participation in the proceeding

The expert advisor will help the Review Board to evaluate and analyze evidence and other specific activities as required throughout the Analysis phase of the environmental assessment. He may also help with further phases of the EA at the Review Board's discretion. Please see the expert advisor's curriculum vitae (attached) for more information about his qualifications and expertise.

# Addressing concerns about conflict of interest or apprehension of bias

Review Board staff have exercised due diligence to ensure that the expert advisor is free from potential bias and conflict(s) of interest with respect to the proposed development considered by the Board in this proceeding. This includes requiring that the expert advisor disclose any relationships (either personal, corporate or through a subsidiary) with the developer and other interested parties involved in a proceeding.

If any party has questions or concerns about the qualifications of the expert, or the potential for conflict(s) of interest or apprehension of bias, please let Review Board staff know by June

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Expert advisor is used in this Notice of Proceeding in place of a "specialist", as referred to in Rule 16 of the Review Board's 2005 *Rules of Procedure*.



12, 2023. The Board will consider any comments before making a final decision on retaining John Nishi as an expert advisor.

# **Contact Information**

If you have any comments, questions, or need more information, please contact Catherine Fairbairn, Senior Environmental Advisor at 867-766-7054 or <a href="mailto:cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca">cfairbairn@reviewboard.ca</a>.

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### **EDUCATION**

1993 Master of Science (M.Sc) – University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

- Department of Zoology
- Thesis: "Range ecology of an introduced population of reindeer on the Belcher Islands, Northwest Territories"

1990 Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) – University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.

- Department of Agriculture and Forestry
- Graduated with Distinction

### PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION

- Professional Biologist (P.Biol.), Alberta Society of Professional Biologists
- Professional Agrologist (P.Ag.), Alberta Institute of Agrologists
- Alberta Trappers' Association (Standard Trapper Education Course & Wolf Workshop, Dec 2018)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**2007-Present** President - EcoBorealis Consulting Inc.

After leaving the public sector, I established EcoBorealis Consulting Inc. to work in the private sector and provide technical services to government, private industry, and aboriginal clients on a broad array of wildlife and natural resource management issues. I have completed work independently and through collaborations with larger consulting companies. Projects have included design and execution of field research projects and aerial wildlife surveys, wildlife co-management planning, caribou range planning, land-use planning, reviews of environmental impact assessments, and serving as a subject-matter expert at public hearings and court cases. Recent wildlife-focussed projects are highlighted below.

Client	Selected Current & Recent Project(s): 2015 to present	Date
Silvacom Ltd., Edmonton, AB	Assist in the development of fur-bearing species	2023
	habitat models as required by a forest-timber	
	harvesting project in northern Alberta	
Moccasin Flower Consulting Inc., an	Develop draft recommendations for the Caribou,	2021 – present
Endeavour Scientific Inc., Edmonton, AB., on	Multi-species & Conservation Working Group in the	
behalf of Athabasca Region First Nations	Wandering River Sub-regional Planning Area process	
(ARFN) – Athabasca Chipewyan,	https://www.alberta.ca/caribou-sub-regional-task-	
Chipewyan Prairie Dene, Fort McKay, and	<u>forces.aspx</u>	
Mikisew Cree First Nations		
Compass Resource Management Ltd.,	Consultation, engagement, and initial drafting of	2021-present
Vancouver, BC,, and Ministry of Forests,	Kootenay Elk Stewardship Plan with BC	
Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural	Government staff	
Development, Cranbrook, B.C.		
HeadWater Group, ALCES Group,	Cumulative effects modelling and assessment of four	2019 - 2023
Wek'eezhii Renewable Resources Board &	barren-ground caribou herds (Bluenose-East,	
Department of Environment and Natural	Bluenose-West, Cape Bathurst, and Tuktoyaktu	
	Peninsula)	



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Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NT		
Department of Culture and Lands Protection,	Wolf Management Technical Feasibility Assessment	2016 – present
Tłycho Government, Behchoko, NT., and	& Management Strategy Implementation	2010 – present
Department of Environment and Natural	ce management strategy imprementation	
Resources, Government of the Northwest		
Territories, Yellowknife, NT		
Department of Culture and Lands Protection,	Wildlife co-management (Joint Management	2009 – present
Tłıcho Government, Behchoko, NT.	Proposals; Barren-ground Caribou Technical	-
	Working Group; Ekwô Nàxoède K'è Monitoring	
	Project, Wek'èezhii Boreal Caribou Range Planning,	
	Mackenzie Wood Bison Working Group, Predator	
	feasibility assessment, Wolf Management,	
	Environmental assessment and review – Gahcho Kue	
	Diamond Mine, Fortune Minerals, Tłıcho All Season Road, Ekati Point Lake Project	
Mackenzie Valley Environmental Impact	Provide expertise on scoping phase of Pine Point	2021
Review Board	Mine Project environmental assessment. Technical	2021
Tevrew Board	advisor to assist with assessing impacts of the	
	proposed activities to boreal caribou and other	
	ungulate wildlife at the proposed Pine Point mine.	
Compass Resource Management Ltd.,	Engagement of Ktunaxa Nation Council	2020 - 2021
Vancouver, BC, Ktunaxa Nation Council, and	representatives on Ki‡qa#i (Elk) Stewardship Plan	
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource		
Operations and Rural Development,		
Cranbrook, B.,	D -:1 -1: 4 44 4: 1 4:	2020 2021
Silvacom Ltd., Edmonton, AB., and Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC) Timber Ltd.,	Provide subject matter expertise and commentary in relation to caribou habitat and alternative forest	2020 - 2021
Whitecourt, AB.	management strategies for the W15 Forest	
Wintecourt, AB.	Management Unit FMU within the Little Smoky and	
	A la Peche caribou ranges in Alberta.	
ALCES Group & ?ehdzo Got'ınę Gots'é	Exploring population dynamics of the northern	2019 – 2020
Nákedı (Sahtú Renewable Resources Board)	shúhtazepe (Rangifer tarandus caribou) in the	
Tulít'a, NT.	Mackenzie Mountains	
Department of Environment, Yukon	Review of mining project impacts & mitigations for	2018 - 2020
Government, Whitehorse, YK.	thinhorn sheep	
Compass Resource Management Ltd.,	Boreal Caribou Range Planning (Wek'èezhìi and	2019 - 2020
Vancouver, BC & Government of the	Southern NWT ranges)	
Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NT.  Firelight Group, Edmonton, AB.	Develop prioritized list of recovery actions for	2019
i nengin Group, Eumomon, AB.	Ronald Lake Bison Herd as per the Section 11	2017
	Conservation Agreement between Alberta and	
	Canada	
Department of Environment and Natural	Bluenose-East and Bathurst Caribou Calving Ground	2018 – 2019
Resources, Government of the Northwest	Surveys (design, field execution and final reports)	
Territories, Yellowknife, NT.		
Golder Associates Ltd., Calgary, AB.	Ronald Lake Bison Population Viability Modelling &	2018
	Technical Review of Consultant Report	2015 2010
Compass Resource Management Ltd.,	Bathurst Caribou Range Planning and stakeholder	2015 - 2019
Vancouver, BC & Government of the	workshops	
Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, NT. Government of Canada, Vancouver, BC.	Expert Witness – Bison-Vehicle Collisions	2015 – 2018
TECK Resources Ltd, Calgary, AB.	Contribute to development of Ronald Lake Bison	2013 – 2018
12-11 Resources Eta, Cargary, AD.	Management Strategy	2010 2017
ConocoPhillips Corporation, and Canada's Oil	Boreal Caribou Recovery Pilot Project (management	2016 – 2017
Sands Innovation Alliance (COSIA), Calgary,	planning guides and Aboriginal engagement	
AB.	workshops for caribou rearing facility)	



Salmo Consulting Inc. (Silvacom Ltd. &	Chinchaga Boreal Caribou Range Planning (range	2016 – 2017
Daishowa-Marubeni International Ltd),	characterization & modeling framework)	
Calgary, AB		
Alberta Conservation Association and Alberta	Status of the American Bison (Bison bison) in	2016 - 2017
Environment and Parks, Sherwood Park and	Alberta (provincial status report)	
Edmonton, AB.		
Salmo Consulting Inc. (Canada's Oil Sands	Caribou Fencing Pilot Project	2015 - 2016
Innovation Alliance), Calgary, AB.		
Ktunaxa Nation Council, Cranbrook, BC.	Workshop and Independent Review of Southern	2015
	Mountain Caribou Management Strategies	
Salmo Consulting Inc. (Canadian Boreal	Methodological Framework for Boreal Caribou	2015
Forest Agreement - CBFA), Calgary, AB.	Action Planning	
S. Francis Consulting Inc. (Yukon	Klaza Caribou & Carcross Caribou Herd Range	2014 - 2015
Environment), Drumheller, AB.	Assessments	

#### 2007-2014 Wildlife and Landscape Biologist, ALCES Group - Associate

My focus was on the application of ALCES<sup>TM</sup> and its integration with other modelling tools to address land use and wildlife management issues in northern Canada. I have worked with ALCES Group members on several projects that are focused on cumulative effects of boreal caribou in northern Alberta (Athabasca Landscape Team) and the southern Northwest Territories, as well as migratory barren-ground caribou in the Canadian arctic. Additional projects included technical writing and modelling support for the Alberta Land-Use Framework Lower Athabasca Regional Plan (LARP), and conducting a cumulative effects assessment in the traditional territory of Fort McKay First Nation.

**2006-2007** Senior Wildlife Biologist, Department of Environment & Natural Resources, Government of the Northwest Territories (GNWT)

My focus was on completing a variety of bison project files through data analysis and report write-up. I also assisted other GNWT biologists with projects on barren-ground caribou surveys as well as cumulative effects modelling on boreal caribou.

1998-2006 Bison Ecologist, South Slave Region, Department of Environment & Natural Resources, GNWT I worked with communities and First Nations in the Dehcho, Akaitcho, and North and South Slave Regions on issues concerning northern bison and disease management (*i.e.*, wild herds endemic with bovine tuberculosis, brucellosis, and anthrax). Through collaboration with aboriginal communities, University researchers and other federal/provincial/territorial government agencies, my GNWT colleagues and I used a team approach to help understand and develop options for sustainable use and conservation of wood bison including development of disease eradication and genetic salvage techniques, and genetic conservation strategies. We established and operated a long-term wood bison genetic salvage and captive-breeding project. I also served on numerous territorial, national and international bison technical committees.

Regional Wildlife Biologist, Kitikmeot Region, Department of Renewable Resources, GNWT I started my career in the central arctic and worked on various species including caribou (Peary and barren-ground herds – Dolphin and Union, Bluenose East, Bathurst, and Ahiak), muskoxen, grizzly bear, wolverine, polar bear, gyrfalcon, and peregrine falcon. I collaborated with community Hunters and Trappers' Committees / Associations / Organizations, GNWT biologists, and University researchers on wildlife research and management projects, environmental impact assessments, land-use planning, community consultation and conservation education. I also liaised with co-management groups including Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB), and Wildlife Management Advisory Council (WMAC-NWT).

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#### PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### **GRADUATE STUDENT – EXAMINATION COMMITTEES**

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Kutz, S.J. 1999. The biology of *Umingmakstrongylus pallikuukensis*, a lung nematode of muskoxen in the Canadian Arctic: field and laboratory studies. PhD Dissertation. University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, SK.

### **WORKSHOP FACILITATION (2010 – PRESENT)**

- Collaborated with P. Jacobsen, Tłącho Government. 2019 and 2022. Assist with delivery of 3-day training workshops for monitors and researchers of Ekwo Naxoedee K'è (Boots On The Ground) Monitoring Program, 18-20 June 2019 and 22-24 June 2022, Yellowknife, NT
- Collaborated with L. Schaldemose (Schaldemose and Associates Inc.), R. Harding (REDES Inc.), and S. Grindal (Conoco-Phillips Canada, COSIA). 2016-1017. Engagement with nine Aboriginal communities, as both rights-holders and stakeholders, through three multi-party workshops (15-16 Mar, 24-25 May, and 4-5 Oct 2017, Fort McMurray, AB.) to facilitate a collaborative, interest-based approach for bringing communities and other interested parties together to ensure a common understanding and allow for identification of common ground for action and promote innovative, collaboratively developed solutions



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- Collaborated with T.M. Antoniuk (Salmo Consulting Inc.) on "Caribou Fencing Pilot Project Working Group Meetings" 21 Sep 2015, and 4 Nov 2015, University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB.
- Collaborated with K. Garner (Ktunaxa Nation Council) on "South Selkirk Mountain Caribou: Maternal Penning Workshop", 30-31 March 2015. Cranbrook, BC.
- Collaborated with M. Pyper (Fuse Consulting Ltd.) and L. McNeil (McNeil Consulting) on "COSIA Land EPA Caribou Habitat Linear Disturbance Restoration Workshop, 27 August 2014, Calgary, AB.
- Collaborated with T.M. Antoniuk (Salmo Consulting Inc.) and L. McNeil (McNeil Consulting) on "Oil Sands Leadership Initiative - Caribou Protection & Recovery Program Workshop, 16-17 May 2012, Banff, AB
- Collaborated with J. Adamczewski (GNWT) on "Workshop on Counting Caribou," in conjunction with 13<sup>th</sup> Arctic Ungulate Conference, 25 August 2011. Yellowknife, NT.
- Collaborated with K. Garner (Tlicho Government) on "Tlicho Ekwo Working Group Orientation Workshop," 13-15 December 2010, Yellowknife,NT.

#### **COMMITTEES**

- International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Species Survival Commission (SSC) Bison Specialist Group North America (2001 present)
- Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Wildlife Care Committee member (2004 2006)
- National Recovery Team for Wood Bison (1998 2007) and Chair of Genetic Management Recovery Implementation Group (2000 2007)
- Government of the Northwest Territories, Department of Transportation, Bison-Vehicle Committee (2003 2005)
- Bison Interim Measures Technical Working Group (2002 2004)
- Research Advisory Committee, Wood Buffalo National Park Bison Research and Containment Program (1998 2001)

#### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

• Galloway, C. (Director). 2023. "KQK'ETÌ: WALKING WITH CARIBOU" [Film: Documentary on Ekwo Nàxoèhdee K'è Caribou Monitoring Program, Thcho Government] Trail Films; Candela Collective Inc. Online [URL]: <a href="https://www.trailfilms.ca/portfolio/koketi">https://www.trailfilms.ca/portfolio/koketi</a>

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Alberta Institute of Agrologists, Professional Agrologist, P.Ag.
- Alberta Society of Professional Biologists, Professional Biologist, P.Biol.
- Alberta Chapter of the Wildlife Society
- Alberta Trappers' Association

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Alberta Drivers Licence (Class 3)
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