

The Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (EMRWB) will undertake, during the summer 2016, a consultation tour among the Cree coastal communities to obtain feedback regarding its research priorities.

The EMRWB is an entity created under the Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement (EMRLCA). Its mandate is to act as the main instrument of wildlife management within the Eeyou Marine Region. To support its research functions, the Wildlife Board also manages a Research Fund of \$5, 000, 000.



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The EMRWB started its operation in 2013. It is an institution of public government, meaning that it is independent from the Grand Council of the Crees of Eeyou Istchee, as well as from all levels of government.

In order to assess future research priorities, the EMRWB has held a «Symposium on Sciences and Traditional Knowledge» in March 2014. A year later, a broad consultation with major stakeholders has been carried out with the goals of pinpointing future research topics, and set the basis of potential funding partnerships.

A preliminary screening of the various research proposals has been achieved. The current step is to validate the research topics with the Crees of Eeyou Istchee.

The Chairperson of the EMRWB, Roderick Pachano, along with some members of the board and staff will hold public assemblies within the communities to discuss research priorities. All Crees of Eeyou Istchee are invited to provide comments on the content of the research program.

Once the consultation process will be completed, the Wildlife Board will develop Traditional Knowledge and Science Protocols on the research topics to be carried out, respecting the rights of the EMRLCA beneficiaries.

The EMRWB, along with the Planning Commission and the Impact Review Board, two others entities created under the EMRLCA have established their head office in Waskaganish.

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