



Meeting Report Template

ECCC, CWS and PPML Whooping Crane Discussion – June 12, 2025

Main Issue: Whooping Crane

Attendees (names, roles and organizations):

Myra Robertson, Manager Wildlife and Habitat Assessment and Regulatory Affairs, ECCC-CWS

Marie Fast, Head Regulatory Affairs, ECCC-CWS

Jeremy Freeman, Senior Environmental Assessment Coordinator, ECCC-CWS

Liv Langille, Environmental Assessment Student, ECCC-CWS

Mark Bidwell, Senior Wildlife Biologist (and WHCR Specialist), ECCC-CWS

John Conkin, Wildlife Biologist (and WHCR Recovery Strategy Lead), ECCC-CWS

Eva Walker, Head EA North, ECCC-EPOD

Jennifer Sabourin, Environmental Assessment Coordinator, ECCC-EPOD

Nicolas Comerford, Ecologist Team Lead and EA Contact at WBNP, Parks Canada

Ashley McLaren, Manager Wildlife Research and Monitoring (incl SAR), GNWT

Christopher Shapka, Biologist Environmental Assessment, GNWT

William Liu, Environment and Permitting Manager, PPML

Daniel Principalli, EA Project Manager, WSP/PPML

Veronica Chisholm, Sustainability Manager, PPML

Lynnette Dagenais, Senior Wildlife Ecologist, WSP/PPML

Regrets/Could Not Attend:

Daniel Coulton, Senior Wildlife Biologist, WSP/PPML

Russell Wykes, Senior Environmental Assessment Coordinator, ECCC-EPOD

Summary of discussion:

Government Regulators, including the Government of Northwest Territories, Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS), Parks Canada Agency, Environmental Protections Operations Directorate (EPOD) and Pine Point Mining Ltd (PPML, or the developer) met to discuss concerns over Whooping Crane nests and habitat near/within the proposed Pine Point Mine footprint. CWS provided a presentation on Whooping Crane ecology, and conservation efforts. The meeting also discussed the possibility of a Data sharing agreement between PPML and CWS on the latest sensitive data related to known whooping crane locations. The developer also presented on their draft/proposed Local and Regional Study Areas (LSA, RSA) for Whooping Crane.

Due to the sensitive nature of the Whooping Crane location and habitat data, no specific details will be provided for public release.

Results of discussion including commitments:

Commitment to follow up on Data Sharing Agreement regarding Pine Point Mine and surrounding area. PPML commitment to review data layers. PPML and ECCC-CWS to schedule follow-up meeting after Data Sharing Agreement in place and PPML has had time to further review material.

Action Items:

- ECCC-CWS to set up Data Sharing Agreement, send to PPML for agreement/review and signature
- PPML to review and sign Data Sharing Agreement
- ECCC-CWS to send data to PPML in a useful format applicable to potential impacts of their proposed project and at an appropriate resolution, given sensitive data
- ECCC-CWS to send book chapter to PPML on WHCR expansion of range over time (<https://www.sciencedirect.com/book/monograph/9780128035559/whooping-cranes-biology-and-conservation>)

Next Steps/Follow up: