

Second Report of NWT Biodiversity Action Plan Released

Yellowknife (May 19, 2006) - Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Minister Michael Miltenberger released the second report of the NWT Biodiversity Action Plan today, linking efforts in the Northwest Territories to International Biodiversity Day, May 22nd.

The report makes recommendations on how to close gaps and improve cooperation on biodiversity actions undertaken in the Northwest Territories.

“Biodiversity can be described as the web of life. All life is interconnected, like a spider’s web and this work is critical to ensuring the quality of our air, land, water, wildlife and forests are protected,” said Miltenberger.

This work is the second report developed by the NWT Biodiversity Team, which includes representation from federal and territorial government departments, and many other organizations and groups. It complements a first report, published in 2004, which listed all biodiversity actions underway in the NWT. With the help of the NWT Biodiversity Team, ENR assumed the task of coordinating an analysis of gaps and overlaps in NWT actions and recommended strategies to improve The Government of the Northwest Territories’ efforts over the next decade.

“I extend my congratulations to the NWT Biodiversity Team for developing this strategic report,” said Miltenberger.

The Team will continue to develop tools and help groups working on all aspects of biodiversity in the NWT. “Working with partner groups will improve efficiency, increase cooperation and initiate new actions to fill gaps in the Government of the Northwest Territories’ commitments under the Canadian Biodiversity Strategy,” he added.

Copies of Report 2 of the NWT Biodiversity Action Plan are available from regional ENR offices or on the Internet at: www.enr.gov.nt.ca.

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