

Caribou Policy

1 Purpose and Scope

Caribou are a major element of the subsistence culture of the Region. As a visitor to this region, Red Dog Operations will follow this procedure to ensure that its activities do not affect the herd migration and that our activities do not have an adverse effect on the caribou health or on caribou movement, ability to graze and normally reproduce. At all times caribou near the DMTS Port road or crossing the road have the right-of-way.

2 Health and Safety

During hunting season hunters may be driving on the DMTS Port road or crossing the road. Exercise caution when driving near these hunters. See section 3.3 for Emergency traffic procedures.

3 Procedure

The following sections describe actions employees and contractors should take to minimize disturbance to caribou.

3.1 Migration

Caribou migration thru the Port Road corridor is most likely to occur in September and October during the fall migration. Rarely do the spring and summer movements of the herd cross the DMTS Port Road corridor. When migrating, every effort will be made to ensure that caribou are not disturbed in their efforts to cross the DMTS Port Road.

When the location of migrating animals is observed by any person on the Port Road, that person shall notify the Port Hopper Crew and all road traffic of the migrating animals' location. The Port Hopper Crew will notify the Surface Crew Supervisor and Nana/Lynden Supervisor of the location of the crossing. The Surface Crew Supervisor will make further notifications as detailed in the [Road Procedures – Port Road Traffic SOP](#).

When migrating caribou are on or approaching the road, all traffic must come to a stop when in sight of the crossing locations. Traffic shall not proceed until the group of animals has crossed and continued at least 300 feet from the road, or, have withdrawn from the road to a distance of over 300 feet away and are showing no signs of trying to cross.

Employees and contractors are asked to fill out a [Port Road Caribou Card](#) whenever vehicles are stopped for more than 15 minutes on the Port Road due to caribou crossing the road. The first vehicle that stops for the caribou crossing fills out the card. Cards are available in Qualtrax and when completed should be returned to the Environmental Department.

3.2 Grazing

For the majority of the year, caribou in the vicinity of the Port Road will be grazing, not migrating. When dispersed non-migrating caribou are grazing next to the road, vehicle traffic shall stop until the caribou naturally move a safe distance from the road. When the animals are within 300 feet of the road, vehicle speed will be reduced to a level that does not frighten or

otherwise affect the animals. If a slow or creeping vehicle does affect the animals, the vehicle shall stop until the animals move more than 300 feet away on their own volition.

3.3 Emergency Traffic

Emergency traffic during migration will be limited to officially designated ERT and EMT response trips on the DMTS Port Road. The General Manager, or designee, must designate these official trips. This designation must be obtained prior to the trip. An incident report will be completed and reviewed after each designation of an emergency trip.

Emergency traffic during grazing, which would result in the disturbance of the caribou, must be authorized by the General Manager, or designee. An incident report will be completed and reviewed after each designation of an emergency trip.

4 Key Responsibilities

All Employees and contractors – driving on the DMTS Port Road should be familiar with this policy.

The Surface Crew Supervisor – makes the call on road closure and reopening.

5 Departure from Procedure

This SOP was written to permit the unimpeded movement of caribou. Failure to follow this procedure could result in stress to caribou or delays in the migration of caribou. Departure from procedure may result in adverse effects on corporate performance and reputation.

6 Definitions

DMTS – Delong Mountain Transportation System

7 General Requirements

ISO 14001 – 4.4.6 Operational Control

Teck EHSC Standards – Standard 20 Documents and Records

8 Key Documents/Tools/References

[Road Procedures – Port Road Traffic SOP](#)

[Port Road Caribou Card](#)