



Canadian Wildlife Service Species at Risk Program Update To the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

For Information

September 2016

1. Proposed Action Plan for the Porsild's Bryum in Canada - Update

On May 14, 2016, Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) sent the proposed Action Plan for the Porsild's Bryum in Canada to the Government of Nunavut and the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board (NWMB) for review. The Government of Nunavut provided comments on the action plan as well as support to post the document on the Species at Risk Public Registry for the 60-day public comment period.

2. Recovery Strategy for the Porsild's Bryum in Canada - Update

On July 6, 2016, ECCC posted the final Recovery Strategy for the Porsild's Bryum in Canada to the Species at Risk Public Registry. NWMB provided approval of the proposed final document in a letter to the Minister of Environment and Climate Change on December 23, 2013.

3. Management Plan for Barren-ground Caribou (Dolphin and Union population) in Canada – Development Update

Barren-ground caribou (Dolphin and Union population) was listed as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act* in 2011 and CWS is working cooperatively with all co-management partners in Nunavut and the NWT to develop the management plan.

A draft management plan was sent for First Jurisdictional Technical Review to organizations such as the NWMB on June 3, 2016. The comment period ended on July 8, 2016, and ECCC has not received comments from NWMB to date. The Second Jurisdictional Technical Review will occur in the fall of 2016 where the NWMB will have another opportunity to provide comments on the proposed document. The management plan is due to be posted as proposed on the federal Species at Risk Registry by March 2017 for the 60-day public comment period. Once comments

from the public comment period have been considered and incorporated, ECCC and the Government of Nunavut will present the proposed final document to NWMB in the fall of 2017 with a request for a final approval decision as per the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement s. 5.2.34.

Once completed, the collaboratively developed management plan will be adopted by Environment Canada with any additional components added or exemptions in order to make it compliant with the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

4. Recovery Strategy for Peary Caribou in Canada – Development Update

Work is continuing on the collaborative development of the Peary caribou recovery strategy. The draft recovery was sent to the NWMB and other organizations for the First Jurisdictional Technical Review on May 27, 2016. The final deadline for the review period was extended to August 30, 2016. ECCC will review and incorporate the comments provided, and send the document to the NWMB and other organizations for the Second Jurisdictional Technical Review in the fall/winter of 2016. The recovery strategy is due to be posted as proposed on the federal Species at Risk Registry by March 2017 for the 60-day public comment period. Once comments from the public comment period have been considered and incorporated, ECCC will present the proposed final document to NWMB in the fall of 2017 with a request for a final approval decision as per the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement s. 5.2.34.

5. Proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA)

On June 18, a proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act (SARA) was published in Canada Gazette I. The proposal is to add 11 terrestrial species to Schedule 1 of SARA and to reclassify seven terrestrial species already listed on Schedule 1 that have been assessed as at risk by the committee on the status of endangered wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). Two species that occur in Nunavut are included in this proposal: Buff-breasted Sandpiper and Horned Grebe (Western population). The proposal can be seen at:

http://www.registrelep.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2947.

This proposal follows consultations on the proposed listings that took place in 2009-2010 for Horned Grebe, and in 2012 for Buff-breasted sandpiper.

Appendix 1: Listed and COSEWIC assessed species and recovery document status for Nunavut species.

SARA Status	Taxon	Common Name	Last COSEWIC Assessment Date and Change	SARA Listing Date	Recovery Document Type	Recovery Document Status	Recovery Document Due (Legislated)	Recovery Document Target Year	Comment
Endangered	Mammals (terrestrial)	Peary Caribou	May 2004 (Reassigned)	2011-02-04	Recovery Strategy	Drafting	2014-02-04	2016-2017	
Endangered	Birds	Eskimo Curlew	November 2009 (No Change)	2003-06-05	Recovery Strategy	Final	---		Historic range
Endangered	Birds	Ivory Gull	April 2006 (In a higher risk category)	2003-06-05	Recovery Strategy	Final	---		
Endangered	Birds	Red Knot rufa subspecies	April 2007 (New)	2012-06-20	Recovery Strategy	Proposed on registry	2013-06-20	2015-2016	
Threatened	Birds	Ross's Gull	April 2007 (No Change)	2003-06-05	Recovery Strategy	Final	---		
Threatened	Mosses	Porsild's Bryum	November 2003 (New)	2011-02-04	Recovery Strategy	Final (Posted 2016-07-06)	---		
Special Concern	Birds	Harlequin Duck (Eastern population)	November 2013 (No Change)	2003-06-05	Management Plan	Final	---		
Special Concern	Mammals (terrestrial)	Polar Bear	April 2008 (No Change)	2011-10-27	Management Plan	Drafting	2014-10-27	2015-2016	
Special Concern	Vascular Plants	Felt-leaf Willow	May 2000 (New)	2003-06-05	Management Plan	Final	---		
Special Concern	Mammals (terrestrial)	Barren-ground Caribou (Dolphin and Union population)	May 2004 (Reassigned)	2011-02-04	Management Plan	Drafting	2016-02-04	2016-2017	
Special Concern	Birds	Short-eared Owl	April 2008 (No Change)	2012-06-20	Management Plan	Proposed on registry	2017-06-20	2015-2016	
Special Concern	Birds	Red Knot islandica subspecies	April 2007 (New)	2012-06-20	Management Plan	Proposed on registry	2015-06-20	2015-2016	
Special Concern	Birds	Peregrine Falcon anatum/tundrius	April 2007 (Reassigned)	2003-06-05	Management Plan	Proposed on registry (NWMB approved proposed final)	2015-06-20	2015-2016	
Special Concern	Birds	Rusty Blackbird	April 2006 (New)	2009-03-05	Management Plan	Final (Posted 2015-07-31)			

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No Status	Birds	Horned Grebe (Western population)	April 2009 (New - Special Concern)						
No Status	Mammals (terrestrial)	Grizzly Bear (Western population)	May 2012 (Reassigned - Special Concern)						
No Status	Birds	Buff-breasted Sandpiper	May 2012 (New - Special Concern)						
No Status	Mammals (terrestrial)	Wolverine	May 2014 (Reassigned - Special Concern)						
No Status	Birds	Red-necked Phalarope	Nov 2014 (New - Special Concern)						

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