

Next Steps:

This briefing is the notification of COSEWIC's status assessment of Buff-breasted Sandpiper as a species of Special Concern at their May 2012 meeting.

Once COSEWIC has finalized its status and assessment report, which is due in the fall, it will provide this to the Minister of Environment.

Environment Canada's proposed method of consultation will be to send out information packages to Nunavut communities within the range of the Buff-breasted Sandpiper to provide information about the assessment and give them an opportunity to provide information/ask questions in advance of working with them to decide whether in person meetings will also be required.

A list of the communities that will be contacted is attached. Copies of the consultation materials will be provided once they are completed (letter, hard copy and CD of powerpoint presentation).

CWS will provide an update to the Board on the final COSEWIC assessment and status report if there are any changes from the information presented in September.

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