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December 20, 2022

Hon. Steven Guilbeault
Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
Government of Canada

Dear Steven Guilbeault:

Re: NWMB decision on the proposed amendments to the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act*

NWMB Decision

At the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board's (NWMB or Board) Regular Meeting (RM004-2022) on November 30, 2022, Environment and Climate Change Canada requested an NWMB decision on the proposed amendments to the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). The NWMB considered this request at its In-Camera Meeting (IC004-2022) on November 30, 2022, where the Board made the following decisions:

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(f) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approves the downlisting of Barn Swallow from Threatened to Special Concern under the Federal Species at Risk Act.

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(f) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approves the listing of Lesser Yellowlegs as Threatened under the Federal Species at Risk Act.

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(f) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approves the downlisting of Red Knot *rufa* (Northeastern South America wintering population) from Threatened to Special Concern under the Federal Species at Risk Act.

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(f) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approves the uplisting of Red Knot *rufa* (Southeastern USA/Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean wintering population) from Threatened to Endangered under the Federal Species at Risk Act.



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RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(f) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approves the uplisting of Ross's Gull from Threatened to Endangered under the Federal Species at Risk Act.

RESOLVED that, pursuant to Section 5.2.34(f) of the Nunavut Agreement, the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board approves the uplisting of Short-eared Owl from Special Concern to Threatened under the Federal Species at Risk Act.

Recommendation: The Board recommends that Environment and Climate Change Canada increase monitoring effort for migratory birds in Nunavut and sponsor an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit study of migratory birds in Nunavut. Given the limited monitoring of migratory birds across Nunavut and the wealth of knowledge held by Inuit, the Board considers that it would be valuable for Environment and Climate Change Canada to sponsor an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit study of migratory birds in Nunavut. Such a study would help define species distributions, changes in abundance and distribution over time, and provide other information that could be useful to future assessment and management of migratory birds in Nunavut.

Reasons for NWMB Decision

In reaching its decisions to approve the proposed changes in status under SARA, the Board considered each species separately and took into account the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (Committee) assessment and status report (Committee Report) for each species, the threats faced by each species, and recent trends in abundance.

The Board also considered the consultations conducted by Environment and Climate Change Canada with affected hunters and trappers organizations and other co-management partners from January to October 2022 and responses to Environment and Climate Change Canada's consultations by co-management partners. The Board noted that the Whale Cove Hunters and Trappers Organization reported seeing red knot and short-eared owls in their area. The hunters and trappers organization stated that the recovery of red knot and short-eared owls would be a good thing but did not explicitly provide a position on the proposed listings. The Government of Nunavut provided detailed responses to each proposed change in status. They indicated that they supported the delisting of red knot *islandica*, had no position on the downlisting of barn swallow, and did not support the other five status changes.



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The Board noted that generally very few Nunavut hunters and trappers organizations respond to consultations about species listing. The Board recommends that consultation materials sent to hunters and trappers organizations should be easy to understand. Most hunters and trappers organizations have limited capacity and it may require some persistence and patience to receive a response from them. Detailed information on the species including Inuktitut names should be provided and attempts should be made to reach out to harvesters in affected communities, who typically have the most up-to-date information.

Barn swallow

The Board approved the downlisting of barn swallow from threatened to special concern based on the Committee Report, which indicated that their abundance has been stable in Canada over the last three generations. However, they still face threats from declining populations of insect prey, increasing frequency of severe temperature fluctuations during spring migration and the breeding season, and loss of suitable nesting sites in some regions. Although Nunavut is outside the typical breeding range for barn swallow, they have been documented in the same areas year after year and as far north as Bathurst Island.

Lesser yellowlegs

The Board approved the listing of lesser yellowlegs as threatened based on the COSEWIC report that indicated there have been long-term declines, continuing threats, and uncertainty in the estimates of trends of abundance. Substantial long-term declines in abundance are congruent with the Board members' lived experience, where they have observed declines in the abundance of lesser yellowlegs. Lesser yellowlegs also face threats that are likely to become more pervasive or unlikely to cease, including loss of wetland and intertidal habitat used on migration and in winter range, increased risk of drought in breeding areas, coastal flooding and greater severity of hurricanes during fall migration due to climate change, and hunting for sport and subsistence in South America.



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Red knot *islandica*

The Board approved Environment and Climate Change Canada's proposal to remove red knot *islandica* from the species at risk list because the population appears to be stable after the main threat caused by shellfish harvesting in Europe has been reduced.

Red knot *rufa* (Northeastern South America wintering population)

The Board approved the downlisting of the red knot *rufa* Northeastern South America wintering population from threatened to special concern, based on the Committee Report, which indicated they have been stable over the last three generations and did not meet the criteria for threatened status. However, there are ongoing threats that justify the population being listed as special concern. These threats include harvesting of horseshoe crab, whose eggs are relied on for food during migration, disturbance and predation from recovering falcon populations, disturbance from recreational activities, and risks from exposure to storms and severe weather during long migratory flights, which may increase with climate change.

The Board would like to raise to your attention that the Government of Nunavut does not support the decision of the Committee to place red knot *rufa* in separate designatable units. In response to the consultation, they stated that red knot *rufa* does not meet the Committee's standard, requiring designatable units to be both evolutionarily distinct and evolutionarily significant. However, debating designatable units is beyond the scope of the current proposal. The Committee meetings are the most appropriate avenue for such discussions.

Red knot *rufa* (Southeastern USA/Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean wintering population)

The Board approved the uplisting of the Southeastern USA/Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean wintering population red knot *rufa* from threatened to special concern due to a steep decline in abundance of 33–84% over the last three generations and ongoing threats as indicated by the Committee Report.



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Ross's gull

The Board approved the uplisting of Ross's gull from threatened to endangered due to evidence provided in the Committee Report that showed they have a small distribution with very few known breeding locations in Canada, a very small number of known mature individuals, and the fact that immigration from the Russian breeding population is unlikely to occur.

Short-eared owl

The Government of Nunavut raised concern about the study methods used to monitor Short-eared Owls. They also highlighted that monitoring in the north is insufficient. While the Board agreed that monitoring for short-eared owls needs to be improved, especially in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories, the Committee Report indicated there have been observed declines in all provinces in Canada and states in the United States where there is sufficient data to assess trends. The Board therefore approved the uplisting from special concern to threatened due to an estimated decline of greater than 30% over the past three generations and continuing threats to their habitat due to agricultural intensification, urbanization, invasive plant species, and increased abundance of shrubs in the low Arctic, which may reduce foraging efficiency and nesting site availability.

Conclusion

As per Section 5.3.17 of the *Nunavut Agreement*, the NWMB is hereby forwarding its decisions approving the proposed amendments to the List of Species under the Species-at-Risk Act.

Should you or your officials have any questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact the NWMB.

Sincerely,

Daniel Shewchuk
Chairperson
Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

cc: Michael Svoboda, Canadian Wildlife Service

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Dear Mr. Shewchuk:

Thank you for your letter of December 20, 2022, in which you present the decisions of the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board on the listing proposals of seven wildlife species of birds under Schedule 1 (the List) to the *Species at Risk Act*. These decisions support the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada's assessments, and are as follows:

- Downlisting of Barn Swallow from threatened to special concern;
- Listing of Lesser Yellowlegs as threatened;
- Downlisting of the Red Knot *rufa* Northeastern South America wintering population from threatened to special concern;
- Uplisting of Red Knot *rufa* Southeastern USA/Gulf of Mexico/Caribbean wintering population from threatened to endangered;
- Uplisting of Ross's Gull from threatened to endangered;
- Uplisting of the Short-eared Owl from special concern to threatened; and
- Delisting of Red Knot *islandica* from the List.

I appreciate the time and care with which the Board considered the situations of these wildlife species, arriving at the decisions to accept these proposals. I am pleased to accept the Board's decisions. I acknowledge that the Board also considered the proposal of downlisting the Canada Warbler from threatened to special concern, electing not to make a decision for this species.

This completes the decision-making process under Article 5 of the Nunavut Land Claims Agreement. Over the coming months, I will take steps to implement the proposed status changes in my recommendations to the Governor in Council.

I note the Board recommendations regarding an Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit study of migratory birds in Nunavut, and for their improved monitoring. I also note the Board's recommendation regarding Environment and Climate Change Canada's approach to consultation with hunters and trappers organizations. I have shared these with the appropriate departmental officials for their consideration.

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I read with interest the observations of Board members regarding the long-term declines in the abundance of Lesser Yellowlegs.

Should the Governor in Council accept my recommendations and decide to make some or all of the changes to the List, Environment and Climate Change Canada officials will work collaboratively with the Board to develop recovery strategies for the Lesser Yellowlegs and the Short-eared Owl as well as management plans for the Barn Swallow, and the Red Knot *rufa* Northeastern South America wintering population.

Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Guilbeault".

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault, P.C., M.P. (il/lui/he/him)