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**RE: Species at Risk Act Consultation on Proposed Listing of the Horned Grebe**

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) reviewed the status of the Horned Grebe (Western Population) in April 2009. COSEWIC recommended that the Federal Minister of Environment list the Horned Grebe as a species of Special Concern in Canada under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).

Before the Federal Government decides whether to add the Horned Grebe to the SARA list, we need to consult with you. The «Organization» HTO is being consulted because the breeding range of the Horned Grebe includes the very southern part of Nunavut. Your observations and comments on the potential impacts of the listing of the Horned Grebe are important to us. All responses will be reviewed, assessed and weighed for the recommendation as to whether or not the Horned Grebe should be added to the SARA list.

If the Horned Grebe is listed as Special Concern, there would not be any prohibitions or designation of critical habitat, but a national management plan would be prepared for the species. Communities would be consulted on the management plan.

**Purpose of this package is to:**

- Provide the HTO with general information about the *Species at Risk Act* in Nunavut
- Provide the HTO with general information on the Horned Grebe and on the reasons that COSEWIC recommended it to be listed as Special Concern
- Ask the HTO for their position (support, do not support or indifferent) on the proposed listing of Horned Grebe as Special Concern
- Ask the HTO for any other comments, concerns, or information about the proposed listing or about the species that should be considered by the NWMB or the Minister of Environment when deciding whether to list the Horned Grebe under the *Species at Risk Act*



## What is included in this package?

- Two CDs with PowerPoint presentations. These have sound so you will need speakers or headphones to listen to them.
  - CD 1: *Species at Risk Act* general information (English and Inuktitut)
  - CD 2: Horned Grebe Species at Risk Proposed Listing (English and Inuktitut)
- Paper copies of these two presentations (English and Inuktitut)
- Summary of the COSEWIC Status Report on the Horned Grebe (English and Inuktitut)
- **Response Form (English and Inuktitut) – Please fill out this form and fax it back to 867-975-4645.**

We hope the «Organization» HTO Directors will review the information in this package. If the HTO feels it has enough information, please respond in writing to the Canadian Wildlife Service telling us your position on the proposed listing of the Horned Grebe as a species of Special Concern. You can either send us a letter or you can fill in the attached response form and fax it to us.

In your letter or on the response form, please tell us your formal position on the proposed listing of Horned Grebe as Special Concern (i.e. oppose, support or are indifferent) and any other comments, concerns or information that you feel should be considered by the NWMB or the Minister of Environment. It would be appreciated if you would also tell us whether you have seen Horned Grebe around «Community» and whether there is an Inuktitut name for this species.

We request your response by **November 27, 2009** so that we can report your feedback to the NWMB and to the Minister of Environment.

Please call me if you have any questions or need more information. I look forward to hearing from you.

Thank you,

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by November 27, 2009  
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# Horned Grebe

## Proposed Listing as a Species of Special Concern

Do you have enough information to make a decision on your position/opinion on the proposed listing of Horned Grebe as Special Concern?  Yes  No

*If you need more information, someone will contact you to see how best to provide this information.*

**What is the HTO's position/opinion on the proposed listing of Horned Grebe as Special Concern?**

- The «Organization» HTO Directors support the listing of Horned Grebe as Special Concern
- The «Organization» HTO Directors do not support the listing of Horned Grebe as Special Concern
- The «Organization» HTO Directors are indifferent to the listing of Horned Grebe as Special Concern

**What are your reasons for this position?**

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**Have you seen Horned Grebe? If so, where?**

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**Do you know of an Inuktitut name for the Horned Grebe? If not, can you suggest one?**

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If you wish your HTO's views to be reported verbatim, you are also recommended to draft a letter telling us your formal position and any other comments or concerns.

If you did not include a letter with this form, will you be sending one?  Yes  No

When can we expect to receive it? \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_