



Harris's Sparrow

Proposed listing as Special Concern

The following questions are intended to assist you in providing comments. They are not limiting and any other comments you may have are welcome. We also encourage you to share descriptions and estimates of costs and benefits where possible.

Questionnaire filled out by:

Jimmy Oleekatlik - Manager
(Print name / title)

Organization:

Spence Bay Hunters and Trappers Association

Date questionnaire completed:

May 22, 2018

Have you seen Harris's Sparrow in your area?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you have enough information to make a decision on your position/opinion on the proposed listing of Harris's Sparrow as Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act*?

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

What is your organization's position/opinion on the proposed listing of Harris's Sparrow as Special Concern?

- ☒ Support the proposed listing of Harris's Sparrow as Special Concern
☐ Do not support the proposed listing of Harris's Sparrow as Special Concern
☐ Indifferent to the proposed listing of Harris's Sparrow as Special Concern

What are your reasons for this position?

We support wildlife as we rely on the ego system.





Do you have any additional comments?

Some points to consider:

- How does Harris's Sparrow benefit you or the environment? (this can include economic, cultural, spiritual, and environmental benefits)
- Do any of your current or planned activities have the potential to kill, harm or harass Harris's Sparrow?
- What are you currently doing or what could you do to avoid killing, harming or harassing Harris's Sparrow?
- What impact do you think that listing Harris's Sparrow as a wildlife species at risk would have on your activities?
- What impact do you think that listing Harris's Sparrow as a wildlife species at risk would have on the species?
- Do you have any other information or concerns that the federal Minister of the Environment should consider before making a decision on the listing of the species?

We seem to have no real impact with Harris's Sparrow being considered to the special species concern. We seem to have plenty and we don't harm them.





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Questionnaire filled out by:

Kyle Ritchie

(Print name / title)

Organization:

Nunavut Wildlife Management Board - Wildlife staff

Date questionnaire completed:

March 13, 2018

Have you seen Harris's Sparrow in your area?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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What are your reasons for this position?

The species has a large distribution and population size (~2,000,000).

Immediate and acute threats have not been identified.

While a 59% decline is a steep long-term decline, over the past decade the decline is closer to 16%.

Inuit harvesting rights and land use will not be affected by the listing of Harris's sparrow as special concern.





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Please note that these comments are based solely on staff level review of the document and do not indicate endorsement of this document by the Board.

