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Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

For

Information:

Decision: X

Issue: Consultation plan for the proposed downlisting of Common Nighthawk and Olive-sided Flycatcher to Special Concern under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA)



Common Nighthawk



Olive-sided Flycatcher

Canada

- Common Nighthawk and Olive-sided Flycatcher are both small birds that are currently listed under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) as Threatened species.
- The range of these species in Nunavut is minimal. They are both present on islands in James Bay during the breeding season.
- Both bird species were reassessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as Special Concern (a lower category of risk) in April 2018.
- The rate of decline of these two species has slowed over the past decade.

Request of the NWMB:

That the NWMB considers whether it wishes to be consulted on the proposed downlisting of Common Nighthawk and Olive-sided flycatcher and subsequently make a decision on approving the downlistings under the federal *Species at Risk Act*, or if the NWMB will choose to not perform its decision making function under section 5.2.34(f) of the *Nunavut Land Claims Agreement* with respect to Common Nighthawk and Olive-sided Flycatcher.

That if the NWMB decides to exercise its decision making function on Common Nighthawk and Olive-sided Flycatcher that the NWMB considers whether or not community consultations should occur in Nunavut, and if so which communities ECCC should contact.

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