



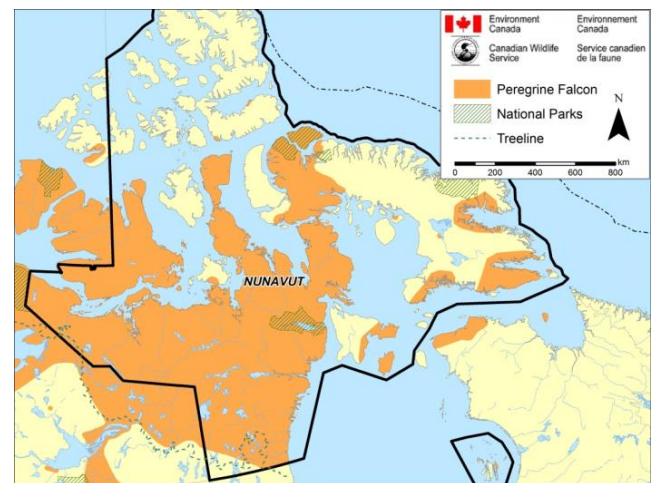
Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

For

Information:

Decision: X

Issue: Consultation plan for the proposed change in status of Peregrine Falcon from Special Concern to Not at Risk under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA)



Background:

- Peregrine Falcon is a medium to large sized falcon that is found in large parts of Nunavut during the breeding season.
- Peregrine Falcon *anatum/tundrius* is currently listed under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) as a species of Special Concern. A management plan for Peregrine Falcon was published in 2017.
- Peregrine Falcon was reassessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as Not at Risk in November 2017.
- The population of this species has rebounded significantly over the past few decades with continued increases in many parts of Canada since the previous status report in 2007.
- Increases in the population of Peregrine Falcon result from reintroductions across much of southern Canada and a ban of organochlorine pesticides like DDT.

Consultation Plan:

- It is expected that consultations on the proposed removal of Peregrine Falcon from the list of Species at Risk in Canada will be held between January and May 2019. Organizations such as hunters and trappers organizations (HTOs) and regional wildlife boards will be asked to provide their formal position on the

proposed listing (i.e. oppose, support or are indifferent) and with any other comments, concerns or information that they feel should be considered.

- CWS plans to consult with hunter and trapper organizations in 25 Nunavut communities: Arctic Bay, Arviat, Baker Lake, Bathurst Inlet, Cambridge Bay, Cape Dorset, Chesterfield Inlet, Coral Harbour, Gjoa Haven, Grise Fiord, Hall Beach, Igloolik, Iqaluit, Kimmirut, Kugaaruk, Kugluktuk, Pangnirtung, Pond Inlet, Rankin Inlet, Repulse Bay, Resolute Bay, Sanikiluaq, Taloyoak, Umingmaktok (Bay Chimo), and Whale Cove.
- Consultation packages, in Inuktitut and English, will be sent by mail and email. Packages will include: a letter, a PowerPoint presentation, and a questionnaire. The full COSEWIC Assessment and Status Report will be provided in digital format in English only.
- To support consultations, CWS will extend an offer to provide more information, if requested, in the best means possible. A reminder email will be made to seek input from as many organizations as possible.
- Following consultations, CWS will summarize the consultation results and present them to the Board at the next quarterly meeting following the consultation period and seek NWMB's decision on the proposed listing of the species.

Request of the NWMB:

- That the NWMB provide Environment and Climate Change Canada with feedback on the proposed consultation process for the proposed change in status of Peregrine Falcon *anatum/tundrius* from Special Concern to Not at Risk under the federal *Species at Risk Act*.

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