



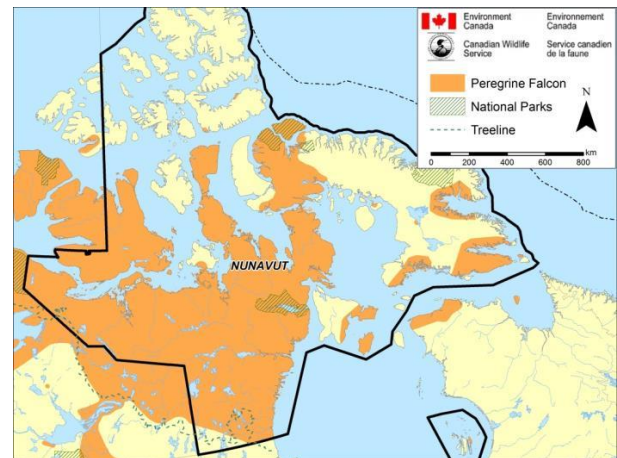
Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

For

Information:

Decision: X

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



Background:

Description

Peregrine Falcon is a medium to large sized falcon that is found in large parts of Nunavut during the breeding season.

Assessment & Threats

Peregrine Falcon *anatum/tundrius* is currently listed under SARA as a species of Special Concern. A management plan for Peregrine Falcon was published in 2017. In November 2017, Peregrine Falcon was reassessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) as Not at Risk. 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.

Implications of proposed down-listing

If down-listed, Peregrine Falcon will no longer be listed under SARA. The Government of Canada will no longer implement the conservation measures identified in the management plan for Peregrine Falcon.

Consultation on the proposed down-listing

Community consultation on the proposed down-listing were conducted in April to July 2019. Consultation packages were sent by email and mail to all 25 communities in April 2019. The packages included a letter, factsheet, and a questionnaire in English and Inuktitut. Organizations such as hunters and trappers organizations (HTOs) and regional wildlife boards were asked to provide their formal position on the proposed down-listing (i.e. oppose, support or are indifferent) and any other comments, concerns or information that they felt should be considered. Follow-up phone calls were made in June 2019 to ask if the organisations had any questions or required more information. The Government of Nunavut was the only organisation to provide a formal position on the down-listing (support).

Next Steps:

We are requesting a decision from the NWMB on the proposed down-listing of Peregrine Falcon from Special Concern to Not at Risk under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) as per the Nunavut Agreement s.5.2.34(f) and 5.3.16-5.3.23.

Following the Board's decision, the Minister will make a recommendation to the Governor in Council that takes into account the COSEWIC assessment, consultations with wildlife management boards authorized for that species by a lands claims agreement (including the NWMB), and the regulatory impact analysis statement. The final decision or final decision as varied, as arrived at through 5.3.16 of the Nunavut Agreement, must be respected in the Minister's recommendation to the Governor in Council.

As part of the federal regulatory process, a 30-day comment period follows the publication of the proposed decision in Canada Gazette, Part 1. The final step in the process is for the Governor in Council to make a final listing decision. If the Governor in Council decides to list a species, it is at this point that it becomes legally included on Schedule 1. The decision and the regulatory impact analysis statement will be published in the next edition of the Canada Gazette, Part II.