

Fact Sheet: Response Statements

Where species are endangered or threatened, governments have an obligation to help them recover. Recovery is a challenging process that requires the full support of all levels of government, the scientific community and most importantly the people who use the land and waters where species are found. By using the best available scientific, community and Aboriginal traditional knowledge, and by engaging the cooperation of landowners and stakeholders, it is possible to help species recover.

Response statements are a means of kick-starting the national recovery process for species that have been newly designated as *threatened*, *endangered* or *extirpated* (no longer present in Canada, but found elsewhere) by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). They represent a new step in the national recovery process developed under the *Accord for the Protection of Species at Risk in Canada*. The *Accord*, agreed to by the federal government, the provinces and the territories, lays out a number of joint commitments to protect species at risk.

Response statements are designed to show the immediate action that governments propose to take to protect and recover *endangered* and *threatened* species found within their jurisdiction. They are also prepared for species designated by COSEWIC as *extirpated*.

Response statements include a description of immediate conservation and protection measures, and preliminary recovery information including the recovery approach. They also identify the lead and other responsible jurisdictions for each species.

Soon after the designation of new species by COSEWIC, relevant jurisdictions work collaboratively, aided by the Recovery Secretariat at Environment Canada, to identify the lead and other responsible jurisdictions that will be involved in the development of the response statements.

Response statements have been released for the following 32 species designated as *endangered*, *threatened* or *extirpated* by COSEWIC at its meetings in May 2001 and November 2001.

Species	Category of Risk	Responsible Jurisdictions
Amphibians		
Tiger Salamander (Great Lakes population)	Extirpated	Ontario
Tiger Salamander (Southern Mountain population)	Endangered	BC, EC-CWS
Allegheny Mountain Dusky Salamander	Threatened	Quebec
Great Basin Spadefoot	Threatened	BC, EC-CWS
Birds		
Piping Plover <i>circumcinctus</i> subspecies	Endangered	EC-CWS, AB, SK, MB, ON
Piping Plover <i>melodus</i> subspecies	Endangered	EC-CWS, QC, NB, NS, NF, PE, PCA
Least Bittern	Threatened	EC-CWS, MB, ON, QC, NB, PCA
Ross's Gull	Threatened	EC-CWS, MB, NU
Fish		
Atlantic Salmon (Inner Bay of Fundy populations)	Endangered	DFO, NB, NS, PCA
Lake Chubsucker	Threatened	DFO, Ontario
Northern Wolffish	Threatened	DFO
Rosyface Shiner (Manitoba population)	Threatened	DFO, Manitoba
Spotted Wolffish	Threatened	DFO
Western Silvery Minnow	Threatened	DFO, AB
Mammals		
Killer-whale (Northeast Pacific southern resident population). Statement also includes two threatened populations, below	Endangered	DFO, BC
Killer-whale (Northeast Pacific northern resident population)	Threatened	DFO, BC, PCA
Killer-whale (Northeast Pacific transient population)	Threatened	DFO, British Columbia
Molluscs		
Mudpuppy Mussel	Endangered	DFO, Ontario
Snuffbox	Endangered	DFO, Ontario
Mosses		
Poor Pocket Moss	Endangered	British Columbia
Haller's Apple Moss	Threatened	PCA, BC
Plants		
Barrens Willow	Endangered	NF
Bear's-foot Sanicle	Endangered	British Columbia
Tall Bugbane	Endangered	British Columbia
Tall Woolly-heads (Pacific population)	Endangered	British Columbia
Buffalograss	Threatened	EC-CWS, SK, MB
Lyall's Mariposa Lily	Threatened	British Columbia
Purple Sanicle	Threatened	BC, EC-CWS
Scouler's Corydalis	Threatened	British Columbia

Reptiles		
Night Snake	Endangered	British Columbia
Butler's Gartersnake	Threatened	ON, EC-CWS
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	Threatened	ON, PCA

Responsible Jurisdictions

AB - Alberta	NU - Nunavut
BC - British Columbia	ON - Ontario
EC-CWS - Environment Canada - Canadian Wildlife Service	PCA - Parks Canada Agency
DFO - Fisheries and Oceans Canada	PE - Prince Edward Island
MB - Manitoba	QC - Quebec
NB - New Brunswick	SK - Saskatchewan
NF - Newfoundland and Labrador	NS - Nova Scotia

Response statements and additional information on species at risk can be found at:

<http://www.speciesatrisk.gc.ca/sar/efforts/index.htm>.

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