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**Subject:** Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the Species at Risk Act

Hello,

Environment and Climate Change Canada is launching public consultations on amending Schedule 1 (the List of Wildlife Species at Risk) of the *Species at Risk Act*. Further information about this consultation is outlined in the attached letter and online at:

[www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=9953B034-1](http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=9953B034-1).

Please note that eight of the species included in this consultation are found in British Columbia (see table below). Two of these species, Limber Pine and Black Swift, are proposed for listing as Endangered on SARA Schedule 1. Species listed as Endangered and Threatened may have critical habitat identified in the future.

<b>Limber Pine</b> – a tree found in the south-eastern part of B.C.	New listing: Endangered
<b>Black Swift</b> – a bird found throughout most of southern, central, and western B.C.	New listing: Endangered
<b>Tiny Tassel</b> – a moss found in southern central B.C.	New listing: Special Concern
<b>Vivid Dancer</b> – an insect found in the southern interior of B.C.	New listing: Special Concern
<b>Yellow-banded Bumble Bee</b> – a bee found throughout much of B.C.	New listing: Special Concern
<b>Cassin's Auklet</b> – a bird found along the coast of B.C.	New listing: Special Concern
<b>Red-necked Phalarope</b> – a bird found throughout much of B.C.	New listing: Special Concern
<b>Phantom Orchid</b> – a flower found in southwestern B.C.	Up-listing: From Threatened to Endangered

Should you have any comments or questions please contact us at:

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On October 6, 2015, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) submitted 55 assessments of species at risk to the federal Minister of the Environment.

On December 23, 2015, the Government of Canada posted the Ministerial Response Statements for these species on the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) Public Registry. The Government is now launching public consultations on the potential amendment of Schedule 1, the List of Wildlife Species at Risk under SARA. The complete set of statements and the consultation path (normal or extended) for each species are available at: [www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=9953B034-1](http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=En&n=9953B034-1).

Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking comments on the proposed amendment of Schedule 1 resulting from assessments of 25 terrestrial species. Nineteen of these are eligible to be added to Schedule 1, while four are being considered for up-listing to a higher risk status and two are being considered for down-listing to a lower risk status. Twenty additional terrestrial species at risk have had their current Schedule 1 status confirmed. These are not included in this consultation process, as no regulatory amendment is required.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is conducting separate consultations for four aquatic species eligible for an addition to the list or a reclassification. An additional four aquatic species are status confirmations, one was assessed as Not at risk and one is a reclassification. These latter six species have no potential regulatory impact, and thus public consultations are not required.

Additional information on the listing and consultation processes for terrestrial species, as well as the possibility to amending Schedule 1 by adding or reclassifying species, are available in "Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* -Terrestrial Species: January 2016". This document also includes a questionnaire that provides you guidance on the types of information and comments Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking. It is posted on the SARA Public Registry at: [http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default\\_e.cfm?documentID=2749](http://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=2749).

You are invited to submit comments on the potential impacts of amending the List of Wildlife Species at Risk according to these COSEWIC status assessments. Your comments will be considered and will inform the Minister's recommendation to Cabinet. Please provide remarks by **May 4, 2016** for species under a normal consultation process. Three terrestrial species, namely the Caribou (Newfoundland population), the Eastern Wolf and the Red-necked Phalarope, will follow an extended consultation process. Please provide remarks by **October 4, 2016** for species following an extended consultation path. There will also be an opportunity to provide comments during the 30-day public consultation period associated with pre-publication in Canada Gazette Part I. More detailed information on individual species is included in the COSEWIC status reports, which are available on the SARA Public Registry. The Public Registry also provides more general information about SARA.

Yours sincerely,

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