



On October 15, 2018, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) submitted 88 assessments of species at risk to the federal Minister of the Environment. On January 11, 2019, 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: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-act-accord-funding/listing-process/minister-environment-response-assessments-october-2018.html>

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. We ask to receive your comments by **May 13, 2019** for species under a normal consultation process or by **October 14, 2019** for species following an extended consultation path (the Common Nighthawk, the Olive-sided Flycatcher, and the Peregrine Falcon *anatum/tundrius*). 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.

Five of the species included in this national consultation are found in British Columbia. These include:

- Acuteleaf Small Limestone Moss: New listing as Endangered
  - A moss found in a few locations on Vancouver Island.
- Smoker's Lung Lichen: New listing as Threatened
  - A lichen occurring in three subpopulations in the Coastal Mountain Ranges and Interior Mountain Ranges of British Columbia. The majority of individuals are found in the Northwestern region (Kispiox and Skeena valleys).
- Olive-sided Flycatcher: Reclassification from Threatened to Special Concern
  - A forest songbird that breeds throughout forested Canada.
- Common Nighthawk: Reclassification from Threatened to Special Concern



- A medium-sized bird found across southern and boreal Canada. It occurs throughout British Columbia, including Vancouver Island, but is not found in the Coast Mountains or Haida Gwaii.
- Peregrine Falcon: Reclassification from Special Concern to Not at Risk
  - A bird of prey that breeds in southern parts of British Columbia.

Please note that Fisheries and Oceans Canada is conducting separate consultations on proposed amendments to SARA Schedule 1 resulting from COSEWIC's assessments of aquatic species.

Additional information on the listing and consultation processes is available in "Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* -Terrestrial Species: January 2019". 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: [https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/species-risk-registry/document/default\\_e.cfm?documentID=3378](https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/species-risk-registry/document/default_e.cfm?documentID=3378).

We encourage you to submit your comments through the SARA Public Registry. You are also welcome to contact our regional office with any questions:

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Respectfully,

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