

Species at Risk Recovery Documents: Notification of Public Registry Posting

Fisheries and Oceans Canada is responsible for the protection and recovery of aquatic species at risk listed under the *Species at Risk Act*. The Species at Risk Public Registry is the central location where the Government of Canada provides information to Canadians regarding species at risk in Canada. Fisheries and Oceans Canada wishes to advise you that the following federal *Species at Risk Act* recovery documents will be posted on the [Species at Risk Public Registry](#) in the coming days, and invites comments from your organisation on documents posted to the Registry as proposed.

Proposed Documents Pending Posting:

- Action Plan for the Northern and Southern Resident Killer Whale (*Orcinus orca*) in Canada [Proposed]
- Partial Action Plan for Blue, Fin, Sei and North Pacific Right Whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*, *B. physalus*, *B. borealis*, and *Eubalaena japonica*) in Canadian Pacific Waters [Proposed]

Recovery Strategies and Action Plans

Once a species is listed as Endangered, Threatened or Extirpated under the *Species at Risk Act*, the Minister must use the best available information to develop a **Recovery Strategy**, which is a strategic document that describes the species and its needs, outlines the threats to the species, sets objectives for its population and distribution, identifies its critical habitat (to the extent possible) and sets out broad strategies to support the species' survival and recovery. **Action Plans** are developed following the finalization of a species' Recovery Strategy; they set out concrete, detailed measures necessary to be undertaken to implement a Recovery Strategy (to mitigate threats to a species thus facilitating its survival and recovery).

All federal *Species at Risk Act* recovery documents are prepared in cooperation or consultation with directly affected parties including provinces and territories, other federal departments, Wildlife Management Boards, Indigenous organizations, and in some cases landowners. In particular, Action Plans are developed following extensive consultation or collaboration with partners to ensure that appropriate measures are identified. Partners, such as your organisation, who may be willing to lead or contribute to the implementation of identified measures, are important participants in the recovery of species at risk.

Public Comment Period

The **proposed** recovery documents listed above will be posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry and will remain open for comment for 60 days after posting. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans invites interested Canadians to submit comments on these **proposed** recovery documents.

Following the 60-day public comment period, **final** recovery documents are posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry.