

Terrestrial Species At Risk

Consultation, Cooperation, and Accommodation

A New Conversation

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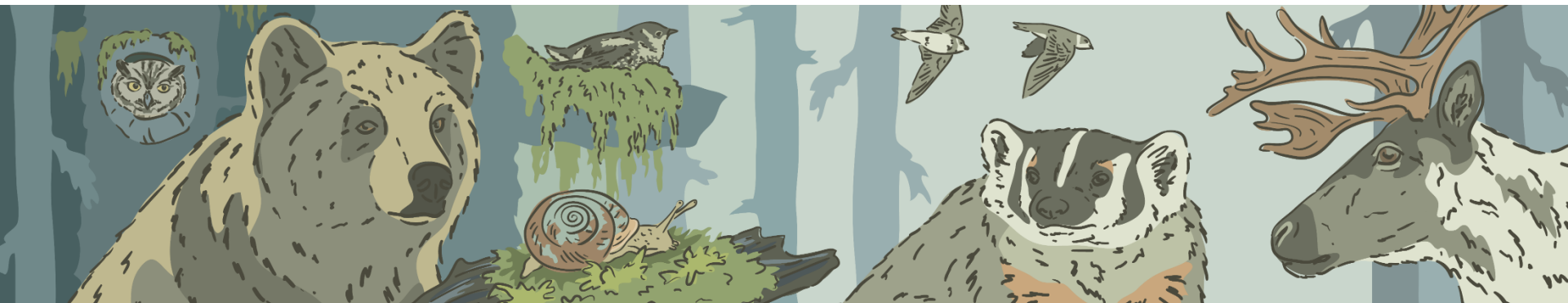
WHAT WE HAVE HEARD FROM INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS



- Species at Risk are very important and protection of these species, and all wildlife, is an **inherent responsibility**
- There is a lot of **information and knowledge** that could be shared. What, how and when it is shared, and how it is used are critically important
- Species at Risk are one of many **priorities** and more capacity is needed to **meaningfully engage** with federal departments
- Relationship, **partnership**, co-development, and **leadership** are fundamental

A NEW CONVERSATION

- This is a **first step** in both improving **SARA Consultation, Cooperation and Accommodation** overall for terrestrial species and specifically **for seven species**
- This project will help us **work together** to meaningfully address **what we've heard**
- **Sharing ideas** throughout this project can move a new conversation to a better **conversation that continues to grow**



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and Feb 2
three repeat
sessions
all 7 SAR

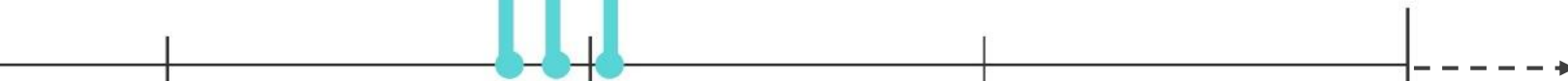
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In-depth sessions

February - March 15

- Caribou - six half day workshops
- Grizzly - in coordination with BC
- Other SAR - as needed

Participant fees
provided by CIER

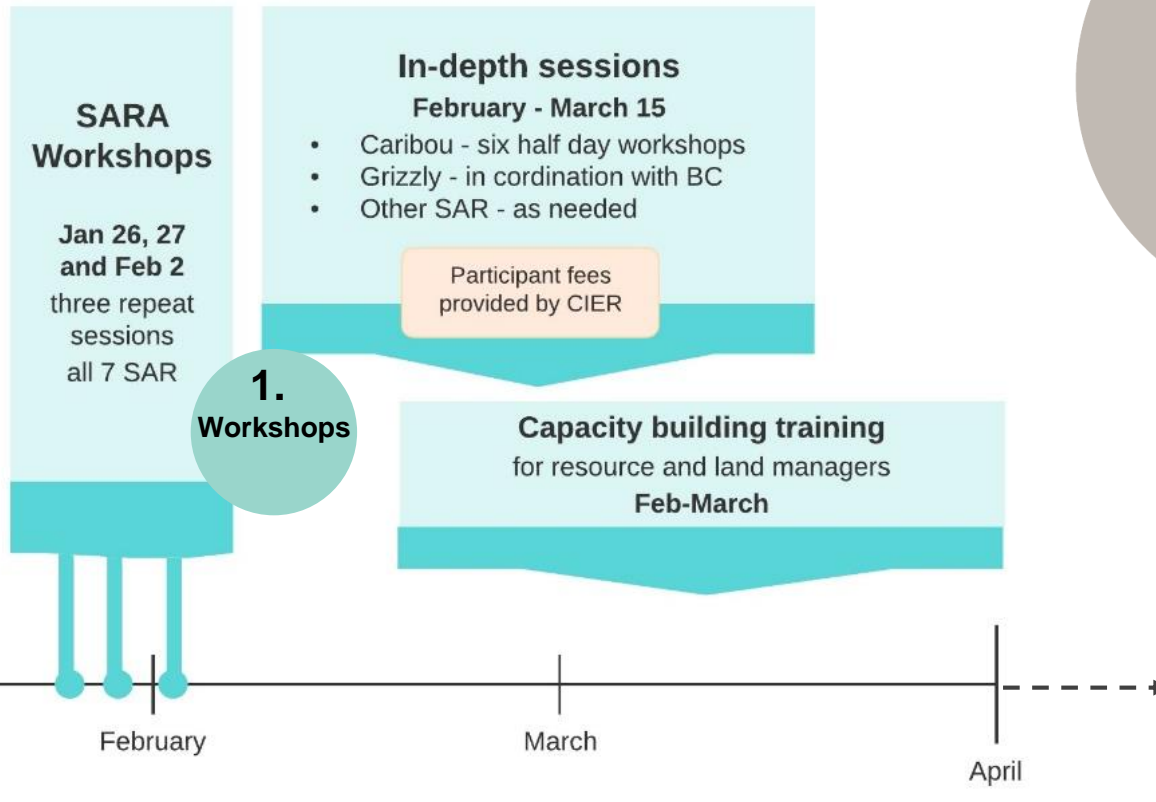
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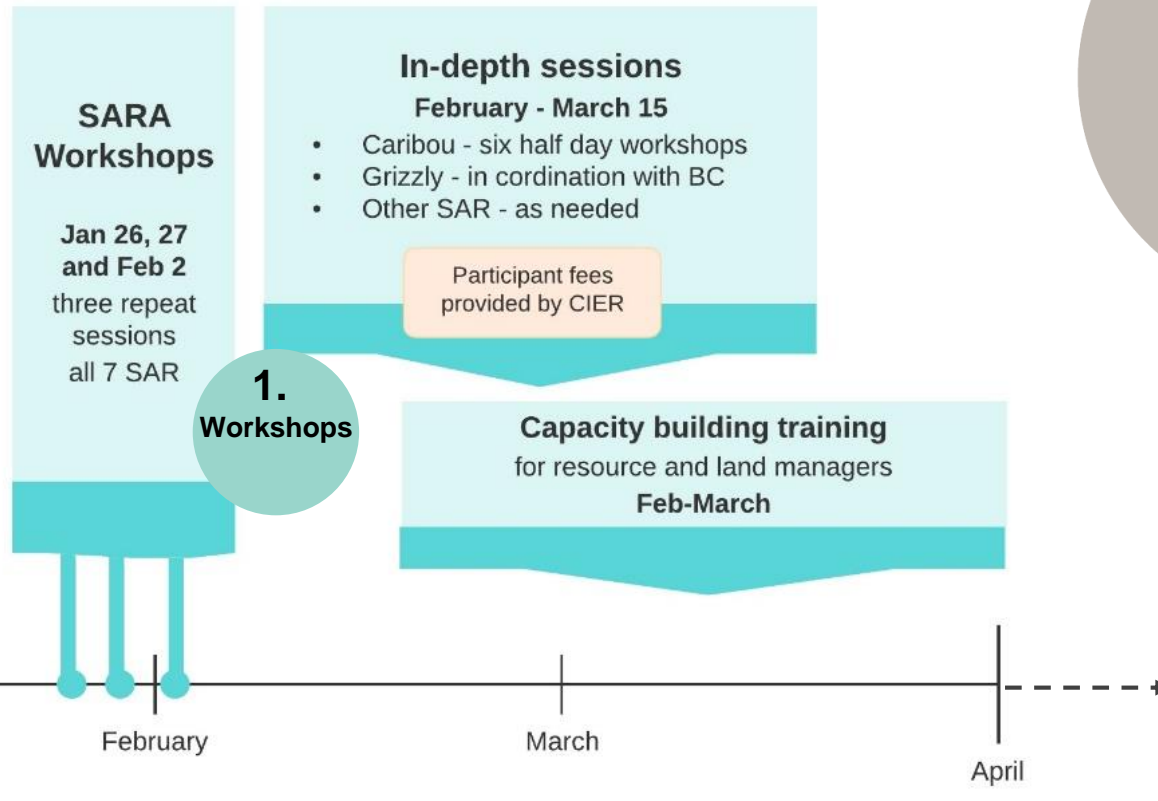
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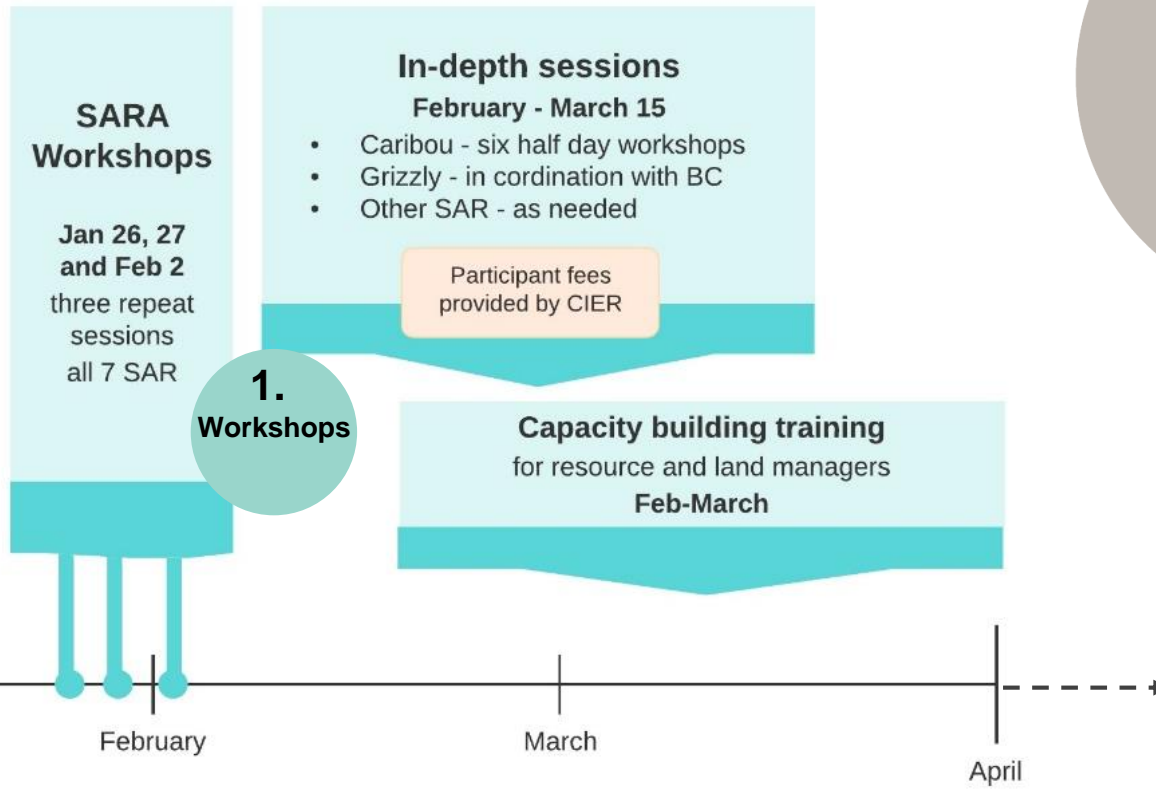
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3. Reporting

Reporting and evaluation

Species at Risk Act: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Species At Risk Act (SARA) aims to:
 Prevent wildlife species from becoming extirpated or extinct,
 Provide for the recovery of extirpated, endangered or threatened wildlife species, and
 Manage "species of special concern" to prevent them from becoming endangered or threatened.



ASSESSMENT

**LISTING
RECOMMENDATION/DECISION**

**RECOVERY
PLANNING**

**VOLUNTARY ACTIONS
& STEWARDSHIP**

**IMPLEMENTATION
& MONITORING**



SPECIES AT RISK CONSERVATION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY IN CANADA

THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
 CANADIAN INLAND AND TERRITORIAL WATERS, MUCH OF NUNAVUT AND THE NORTHWEST TERRITORIES, FEDERAL LANDS, AND ALL AQUATIC SPECIES AND MIGRATORY BIRDS. BUT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A ROLE IN ASSESSING WHETHER SPECIES ARE PROTECTED BY THE PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES.

THE PROVINCES AND TERRITORIES ARE PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE FOR
 THE MAJORITY OF CANADIAN LANDS



THE SPECIES AT RISK - ROLES



Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC)



Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC)



Environment and Climate Change Canada



Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO)



Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Parks Canada Agency (PCA)



Provinces and Territories (P/T)



Wildlife Management Boards (WMBs)

Indigenous Organizations, Communities, and Individuals

THE SPECIES AT RISK ACT (SARA)

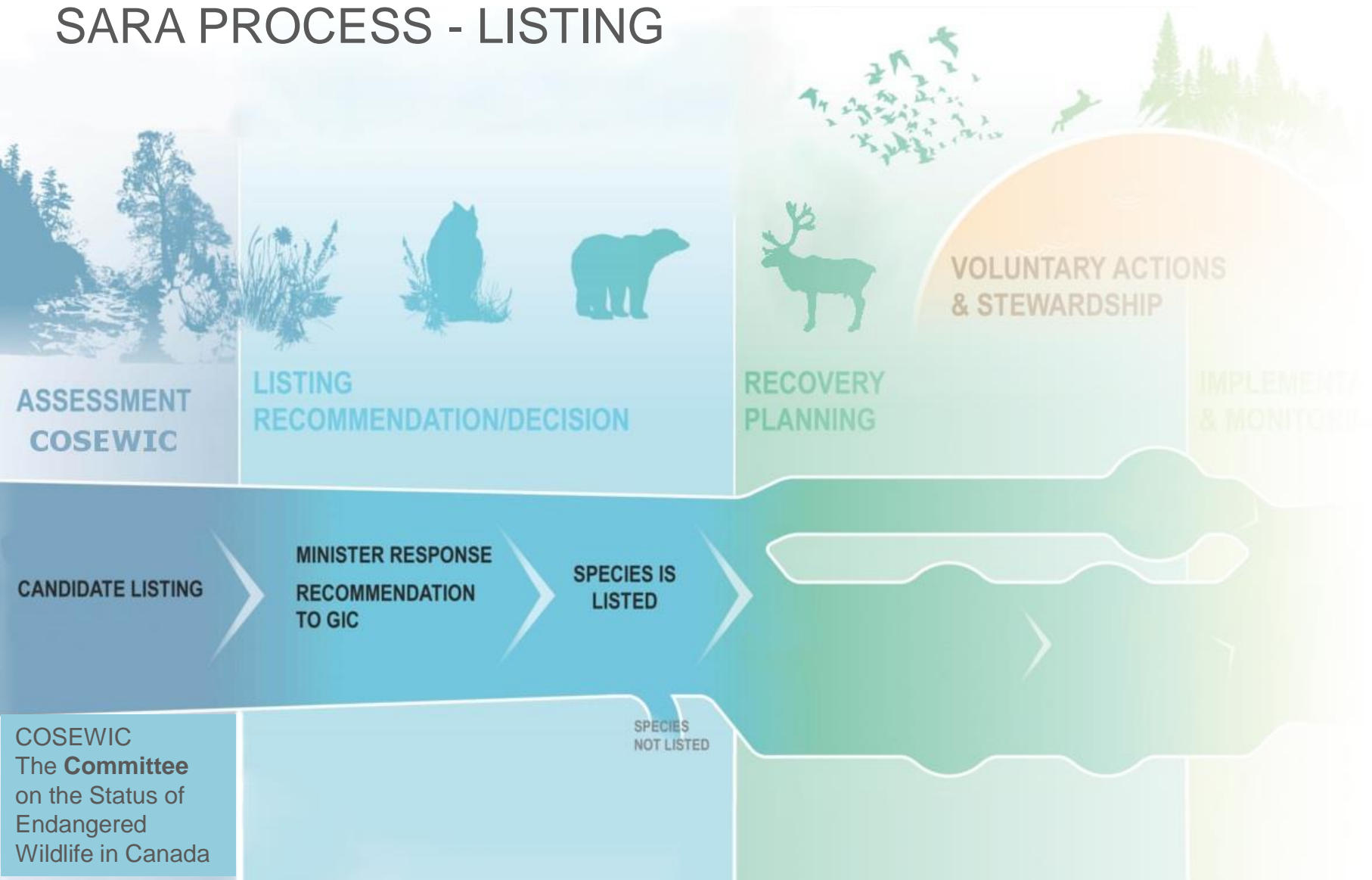


- Purpose:
 - **Prevent** species from becoming **extinct or extirpated** (locally extinct)
 - To **recover** wildlife species that are **extirpated, endangered or threatened**
 - To manage **special concern** species to **prevent** them from becoming further **at risk**
- SARA is a **recovery act**, not a management act
- Conservation in Canada is a **shared** jurisdiction
 - Federal: migratory birds and aquatic species, federal lands
 - Province: everything else ...

SARA PROCESS - ASSESSMENT



SARA PROCESS - LISTING



SARA PROCESS – RECOVERY PLANNING



FEDERAL RECOVERY PLANNING



For *extirpated, endangered and threatened* species, a **recovery strategy** is prepared

- High-level strategic document
- Science-based, includes local and Indigenous knowledge
- Includes identification of Critical Habitat, to the extent possible, based on best available information

For species of *special concern*, a **management plan** is prepared

- Includes measures for the conservation of the species
- No critical habitat is identified



FEDERAL RECOVERY PLANNING CRITICAL HABITAT

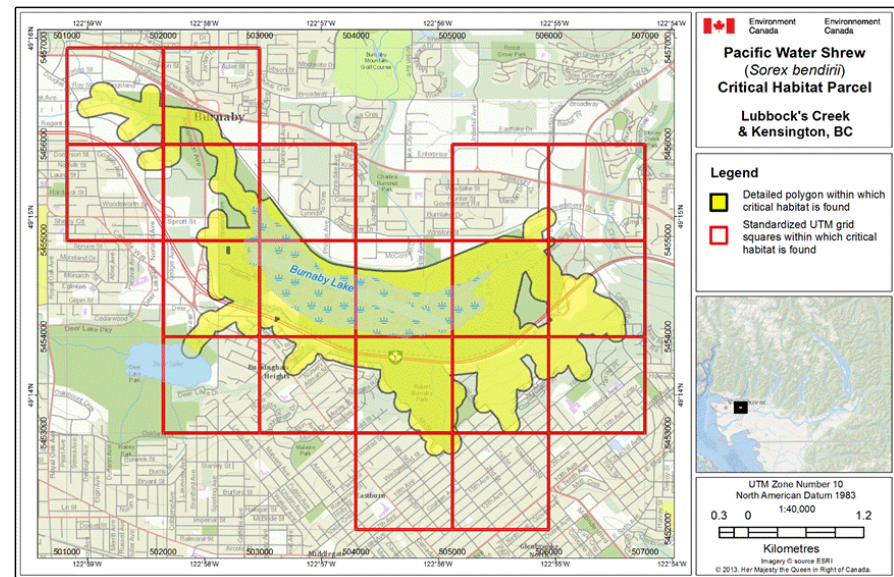


Critical Habitat:

“the habitat that is necessary for the survival or recovery of a listed wildlife species and that is identified ... in the recovery strategy or in an action plan for the species”

Critical Habitat has 3 parts:

1. Map of the boundaries
2. List of biophysical attributes necessary for survival and recovery
3. Examples of activities likely to destroy attributes



FEDERAL CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION ON RECOVERY DOCUMENTS



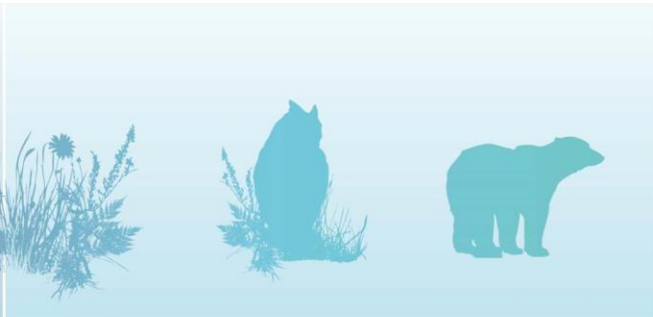
We are looking to include:

- Where the species and its habitat have **been found**
- What the **species needs** to survive and/or recover
- **Threats** (current and historical) and which activities might destroy **their habitat**
- **What approaches** could be taken to recover/manage the species and **what actions** are already underway
- Population and distribution **objectives** for recovery/management
- **Anything else** that may aid in the survival and recovery of the species
- **Indigenous Knowledge that communities would like included**

SARA PROCESS – PROTECTION AND IMPLEMENTATION



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**CANDIDATE LISTING
PRIORITIZATION
ASSESSMENT**

**MINISTER RESPONSE
RECOMMENDATION
TO GIC**

SPECIES IS LISTED

**SPECIES OF
SPECIAL CONCERN**

**MANAGEMENT
PLAN**

**ONGOING
IMPLEMENTATION
ACTIVITIES**

**THREATENED
ENDANGERED
EXTIRPATED**

**RECOVERY
STRATEGY**

**ACTION
PLAN**

**CRITICAL HABITAT
IDENTIFIED**

**SPECIES
NOT LISTED**

PROTECTIONS

**PROHIBITIONS ON
INDIVIDUALS &
RESIDENCES**

**EMERGENCY
MEASURES**

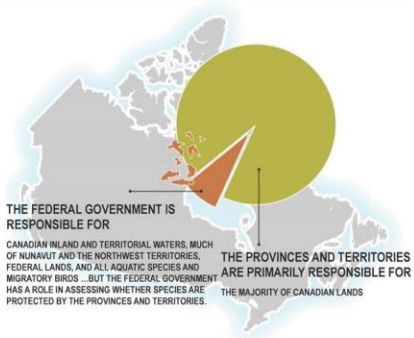
**CRITICAL
HABITAT
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**REGULATIONS
CRITICAL HABITAT PROTECTION
ACTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION
MANAGEMENT PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

EXEMPTIONS

PERMITS

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COVID 19 AND WORKING TOGETHER ON RECOVERY PLANNING

- Species at Risk recovery is a high priority and we will continue working on conservation as much as possible
- We will be as flexible and responsive as possible
- We will take a case-by-case approach
- Consultation and Cooperation are potential causes for delays in SARA timelines
- Please reach out to us with any questions or concerns