

January 30, 2009

VIA EMAIL

Ms. Nicole Spencer
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RE: Selwyn Resources' Mineral Exploration Program and Howard's Pass (EA0708-001) – Species at Risk Act

Dear Ms. Spencer:

The GNWT has reviewed Ms. Testart's January 12, 2009 letter to Environment Canada (EC) fulfilling MVEIRB's duties under s.79(1) of the Species at Risk Act (SARA).

As indicated by EC in their January 23, 2009 response letter, the GNWT provides expert advice and day-to-day management for:

- Peregrine falcon – (subspecies *anatum*) Schedule 1 Threatened.
- Woodland Caribou (Northern Mountain population) – Schedule 1 Special Concern
- Grizzly bear – assessed as Special Concern
- Wolverine – assessed as Special Concern
- Short-eared Owl – assessed as Special Concern
- Rusty Blackbird – assessed as Special Concern

These species have been listed under SARA or been assessed by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC), and may occur in the Selwyn project area.

I have attached for your information the latest version of a useful summary table listing NWT species, their SARA and COSEWIC status as well as information such as lead jurisdictions and NWT regions where the species is found. This table is updated by experts in our Wildlife Division approximately every six months.

In order to gain a greater understanding of the possible effects of the Selwyn Resources Mineral Exploration Program on the above mentioned species (as well as other GNWT interests) the GNWT will also be participating in the Yukon Environmental and Socio-economic Assessment Board (YESAB) screening of the license renewal application for the Yukon portion of the Selwyn project.

If you have any questions please contact me by email (loretta_ransom@gov.nt.ca) or by phone at (867) 920-6593.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Loretta Ransom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "L".

Loretta Ransom
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NWT species and possible deadlines for recovery actions

NWT species and possible deadlines for recovery actions				COSEWIC Assessment		SARA timelines					
Species Common	Species Latin	Population	SARA Schedule ¹	Year	Assessment schedule	Consultation decisions	Current status	Legal Listing ²	Recovery due dates ³	Lead Jurisdiction	NWT region where the species is found
Mammals											
Endangered											
Peary Caribou	<i>Rangifer tarandus pearyi</i>		(formerly 2)	2004	2014	not listed, blocked by NWMB, Jul '05	extended consultation	(?)	Recovery strategy - (1 year after legal listing?)	ENR	Inuvialuit
Threatened											
Wood Bison	<i>Bison bison athabascae</i>		1	2000	2010			June 2004	Recovery strategy - June 2007	ENR	South Slave; Dehcho; North Slave; Tlicho
Woodland Caribou	<i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i>	Boreal populations	1	2002	2012			June 2004	Recovery strategy - June 2007	ENR	South Slave; Dehcho; North Slave; Sahtu; Inuvialuit; Tlicho
Special Concern											
Bowhead Whale	<i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort population	1	2005	2009			May 2007	Management Plan - 2012	DFO	Inuvialuit
Grizzly	<i>Ursus arctos</i>		(formerly 3)	2002	2012	not listed, blocked by NWMB, Jan '05	extended consultation	(?)	Management plan - (5 years after legal listing?)	ENR	South Slave; Dehcho; North Slave; Sahtu; Gwich'in; Inuvialuit; Tlicho
Polar Bear	<i>Ursus maritimus</i>		(formerly 3)	2008	2018		extended consultation	(?)	Management plan - (5 years after legal listing?)	ENR	Inuvialuit
Wolverine	<i>Gulo gulo</i>	Western population	(formerly 3)	2003	2012	not listed, blocked by NWMB, Jan '05	extended consultation	(?)	Management plan - (5 years after legal listing?)	ENR	South Slave; Dehcho; North Slave; Sahtu; Gwich'in; Inuvialuit; Tlicho
Barren-ground Caribou	<i>Rangifer tarandus groenlandicus</i>	Dolphin-Union population	(formerly 2)	2004	2014	not listed, blocked by NWMB, Jul '05	extended consultation	(?)	Management plan - (5 years after legal listing?)	ENR	Inuvialuit
Woodland Caribou	<i>Rangifer tarandus caribou</i>	Northern Mountain populations	1 (formerly backlog)	2002	2012			January 2005	Management plan - January 2008	ENR	Dehcho; Sahtu; Gwich'in; Inuvialuit
Grey Whale	<i>Eschrichtius robustus</i>	Eastern North Pacific population	1 (formerly new)	2004	2014			May 2005	Management plan - May 2008	DFO	Inuvialuit
Birds											
Endangered											
Eskimo Curlew	<i>Numenius borealis</i>		1	2000	2009			June 2004	Recovery strategy - June 2006	CWS	?
Whooping Crane	<i>Grus americana</i>		1	2000	2009			June 2004	Recovery strategy - June 2006	CWS, Parks	South Slave
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>		new	2007	2017		extended consultation	(?)	Recovery Strategy - (2 years after legal listing?)	CWS	Inuvialuit
Ivory Gull	<i>Pagophila eburnea</i>		1	2006	2016			February 2009	Recovery Strategy - February 2010	CWS	Inuvialuit
Threatened											
Common Nighthawk	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>		new	2007	2017		extended consultation	(?)	Recovery Strategy - (2 years after legal listing?)	CWS	South Slave; Dehcho; North Slave; Sahtu; Tlicho

Olive-sided Flycatcher	<i>Cantopus cooperi</i>		new	2007	2017			(?)	Recovery Strategy - (2 years after legal listing?)	CWS	South Slave; Dehcho; Sahtu; Gwich'in; Inuvialuit		
Canada Warbler	<i>Wilsonia canadensis</i>		new	2008	2018			(?)	Recovery Strategy - (2 years after legal listing?)	CWS	Dehcho		
Peregrine Falcon* (see Special Concern)	<i>Falco peregrinus anatum</i>	subspecies anatum	1	2000	n/a			June 2004	Recovery strategy - June 2007	ENR	South Slave; Dehcho; North Slave; Sahtu; Gwich'in; Inuvialuit; Tlicho		
Special Concern													
Peregrine Falcon	<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	anatum-tundrius complex	new	2007	2017		extended consultation	(?)	Management plan - (3 years after legal listing?)	ENR	South Slave; Dehcho; North Slave; Sahtu; Gwich'in; Inuvialuit; Tlicho		
Short-eared Owl	<i>Asio flammeus</i>		3	2008	2018			(?)	Management plan - (3 years after legal listing?)	ENR	South Slave; North Slave; Tlicho; Dehcho		
Yellow Rail	<i>Coturnicops noveboracensis</i>		1	2001	2009			June 2008	Management plan - June 2008	CWS	South Slave; Dehcho		
Red Knot	<i>Calidris canutus islandica</i>		new	2007	2017		extended consultation	(?)	Management plan - (3 years after legal listing?)	CWS	Inuvialuit		
Rusty Blackbird	<i>Euphagus carolinus</i>		1	2006	2016			February 2009	Management plan - February 2012	ENR	Inuvialuit; South Slave; Dehcho; North Slave; Sahtu; Gwich'in, Tlicho		
Fishes													
Threatened													
Shortjaw Cisco	<i>Coregonus zenithicus</i>		(formerly 2)	2003	2009		Under "extended consultation"; Not in P.C. 2004-413 21 April, 2004		"Returned" to COSEWIC, Dec '05	(?)	Recovery Strategy - (2 years after legal listing?)	DFO	North Slave (Great Slave Lake only); Tlicho
Northern Wolffish	<i>Anarhichas denticulatus</i>		1	2001	2011			June 2004	Recovery strategy - June 2007	DFO	Inuvialuit (Marine fish)		
Amphibians													
Special Concern													
Northern Leopard Frog	<i>Rana pipiens</i>	Prairie and western Boreal populations	1 (formerly 3)	2002	2008			January 2005	Management plan - January 2010	ENR	South Slave		
Western Toad	<i>Bufo boreas</i>		1 (formerly backlog)	2002	2010			January 2005	Management plan - January 2008	ENR	Dehcho		

1 **Schedule 1:** Recovery strategy is due within 3 years (E) or 4 years (T); management plan is due in 5 years (SC).

Schedule 2: COSEWIC must assess within 30 days, can use a status report less than 2-year old; an extension can be granted with reasons;

Schedule 3: COSEWIC must assess within 1 year, can use a status report less than 2-year old; an extension can be granted with reasons;

If the assessment of a species in schedules 2 or 3 is not done within required time or extension, the status remains as in Schedule and the species is referred for inclusion in the List; after listing a recovery strategy is due within 3 years (E) or 4 years (T), a management plan is due in 5 years (SC).

Backlog: Species assessed between October 2002 and June 2003 are deemed classified on May 2004. Recovery strategy is due within 1 years (E) or 2 years (T); management plan is due in 3 years (SC) of legal listing.

New: Species assessed by COSEWIC after June 2003. Recovery strategy is due within 1 years (E) or 2 years (T); management plan is due in 3 years (SC) of legal listing.

2 Legal listing usually occurs 9 months after reception by Governor in Council (date on the P.C.). Automatic prohibitions apply on date of legal listing.

3 Definite dates as detailed in the Response Statements in the SARA Registry are in **bold**, calculated estimates are plain font, guesstimates are in parenthesis, wild guesses have a ?.