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**RE: Consultation on amending Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act***

On October 9, 2019, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) submitted 56 assessments of species at risk to the federal Minister of the Environment.

On January 7, 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 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-2019.html>.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is seeking comments on the proposed amendment of Schedule 1 resulting from assessments of 17 terrestrial species. Ten of the species included in this national consultation are found in British Columbia (BC). These are:

**Carey's Small Limestone Moss:** New listing as Endangered

- A moss known from three sites on Haida Gwaii

**Dalton's Moss:** New listing as Endangered

- A moss known from one site on Haida Gwaii

**Drooping-leaved Beard-moss:** New listing as Endangered

- A moss known from four sites on the west coast of Haida Gwaii

**Columbia Quilwort:** New listing as Endangered

- A plant found in extreme southern BC near Castlegar

**Dwarf Hesperochiron:** New listing as Endangered

- A perennial plant found a small area of southeastern BC

**Hairy Paintbrush:** New listing as Endangered

- An annual plant known from a single site between Salmo and Castlegar, in southern BC

**Ute Ladies'-tresses:** New listing as Endangered

- An orchid found from two locations in the south Okanagan Valley, BC

**Hudsonian Godwit:** New listing as Threatened

- A large Arctic-nesting shorebird that breeds in, and migrates through, northern BC

**Yellow Scarab Hunter Wasp:** New listing as Special Concern

- A large wasp found in the south Okanagan and Similkameen valleys of BC

**Cryptic Paw Lichen: Reclassification from Special Concern to Threatened**

- A lichen found in moist, old growth forests at lower elevations in BC

Fisheries and Oceans Canada will conduct consultations for 17 aquatic species eligible for addition to the list. Where authorized by a land claims agreement to perform functions in respect of an aquatic wildlife species, Environment and Climate Change Canada and Fisheries and Oceans Canada will consult the wildlife management board.

Additional information on the listing and consultation processes for terrestrial species is available in "Consultation on Amending the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* -Terrestrial Species". 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://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/documents/3542>.

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 comments by **May 7, 2020** for species under a normal consultation process and by **October 7, 2020** for species following an extended consultation process. Four terrestrial species, including the Hudsonian Godwit and the Cryptic Paw Lichen, will follow an extended consultation process. 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, is available on the SARA Public Registry.

We encourage you to submit your comments to the SARA Public Registry at [ec.registrelep-sararegistry.ec@canada.ca](mailto:ec.registrelep-sararegistry.ec@canada.ca), or by answering the online survey included in Part 2 of the Consultation Document. You are also welcome to contact our regional office with any questions:

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Respectfully,



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