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AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN

The American white pelican is one of the largest of birds in North America. And did you know: the pelicans in the NWT are part of the most northern population in the world!

Pelican numbers in Canada and throughout most of North America are increasing. The birds nest in colonies that are sensitive to human disturbance, flooding, extreme weather and disease. There is only one known colony in the NWT—which means a single threatening event could negatively impact all the pelicans in the NWT.

In April 2023, the NWT Species at Risk Committee (SARC) assessed American white pelicans as a species of **Special Concern** in the NWT.

The **NWT Species at Risk Committee** (SARC) is an independent group of experts who hold Indigenous and community knowledge, and/or scientific knowledge about species and habitat in the NWT. They assess species based on the best available information and objective biological criteria.

Read the assessment report and learn more about American white pelicans:

www.nwtspeciesatrisk.ca

HAVE YOUR SAY!

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Should American white pelican be listed as a species of **SPECIAL CONCERN** in the NWT?

Special Concern means American white pelican could become Threatened or Endangered because of a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.



AMERICAN WHITE PELICAN A SPECIES OF SPECIAL CONCERN?

If American white pelican is legally listed as a species of **Special Concern** in the NWT, a management plan will be required for the species within two years. The management plan recommends objectives and approaches to manage American white pelicans in the NWT.

What will the listing mean to me?

When a species is added to the NWT List of Species at Risk, there are **no automatic changes** to regulations already in place. The listing triggers actions from management partners to ensure threats are managed in a way to prevent American white pelicans from becoming further at risk. The listing will not change rules around pelican viewing or activities allowed in pelican habitat.

How can I have my say?

- **Fill out a survey:**
www.surveymonkey.com/r/7TY6DJJ
- **Send an email to sara@gov.nt.ca**
- **Call us toll free: 1 (855) 783-4301**

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

- Should American white pelican be listed as a species of **Special Concern** on the NWT List of Species at Risk? Why or why not?
- Would listing this species have positive or negative impacts for you and your community? What would they be?
- Is there new or missing information that was not considered in the status report? If so, can you provide it to us or tell us where to find it?

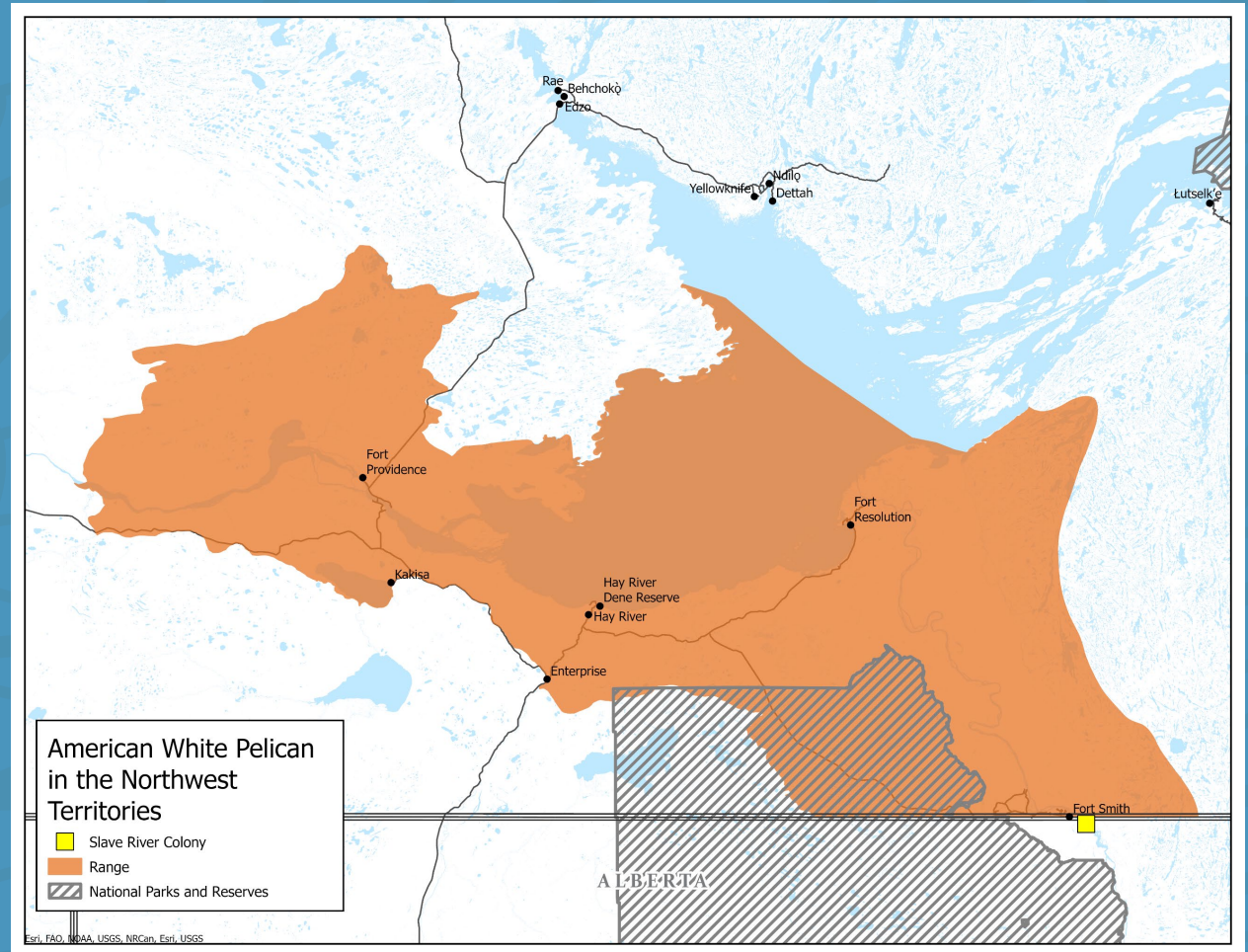


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For more about American white pelican and the NWT List of Species at Risk, visit:

www.nwt-speciesatrisk.ca