



Environment and Natural Resources Annual Report 2020/2021: *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*

MINISTER'S MESSAGE

I am pleased to submit the following 2020/2021 annual report to the Conference of Management Authorities (CMA) as required by the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act*.

Under sections 79(8), 82(3), and 84(8) of the *Species at Risk (NWT) Act* (the Act), the Minister of Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) must provide an annual report to the CMA by July 1 each year respecting:

- Agreements and orders made under Section 79;
- Exemptions made under Section 82(1)(a) and the reasons provided to the Minister under Section 82(2)(a); and,
- Permits issued under Section 84(1), and of those refused, including the reasons for issuing or refusing to issue a permit.

The *ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES Annual Report 2020/2021: Species at Risk (NWT) Act* covers the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021 and will be made available to the public at nwt-species-at-risk.ca.

Respectfully submitted,



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Species at Risk (NWT) Act Section 79

Under Section 79 of the Act, the Minister may enter into an agreement with an owner of private lands for the purpose of conserving the habitat of a pre-listed species or a listed species or the area in which the habitat is located or the surrounding area.

For the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, no agreements with any owners of private lands for the purpose of conserving habitat were made.

Species at Risk (NWT) Act Section 82

Under Section 82 of the Act, Designated Habitat prohibitions (Section 80) and the regulations made under sections 151, 152 and 154 and paragraph 155(b) do not apply to a person in respect of activities by the person that are necessary for the protection of human health, human safety or national security and authorized by or under legislation of the Northwest Territories or Canada. A person who undertakes any such activity shall inform the Minister of the activity and the reasons for undertaking it as soon as is practicable.

For the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, Designated Habitat was not identified under the Act and there were no regulations developed under sections 151, 152, 154, or 155. No exemptions to Designated Habitat prohibitions or regulations for certain activities were made.

Species at Risk (NWT) Act Section 84

Under Section 84 of the Act, the Minister may issue a permit authorizing the recipient to engage in an activity that, except for the permit, would contravene Designated Habitat prohibitions (Section 80) or a regulation made under section 151 (species conservation), 152 (habitat conservation), 154 (Designated Habitat conservation) or 155 (management plans and recovery strategies).

For the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021, Designated Habitat was not identified under the Act and there were no regulations were developed under sections 151, 152, 154, or 155. No permits were issued or refused.

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