



Submission to the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board

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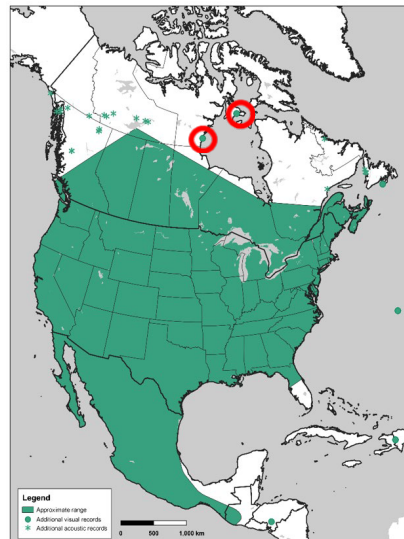
Decision: X

Issue: Request for decision on the proposed amendments to the List of Species under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA)

Background:

- The Eastern Red Bat and the Hoary Bat are under consideration for addition to the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA)
- While each species has been observed in Nunavut, these recordings are rare and well outside their known breeding range
- ECCC has accelerated their normal consultation process in Nunavut due to the steep population declines nationally
- If these species are listed as endangered, they would receive protection on lands under the administration of the ECCC Minister, like migratory bird sanctuaries, meaning they could not be harmed on these lands
- If listed, ECCC would need to prepare a recovery strategy for these species and would do so in collaboration with co-management partners
- Briefly the species under consideration are:

Hoary Bat | ᖃᕈᑎᑦᑭᑦ ᑎᑦᑦᑦᑦ ᑕᑦᑎᑎᑦᑭᑦ
(qinngujaq timmisuuq avinngaujaq)
 Proposed status: Endangered



- No other written comments were received from organizations in Nunavut. ECCC did receive feedback during the KWB AGM that these species are not of interest or concern to the board.

Next Steps:

Following the Board's decision, the Minister will make a recommendation to the Governor in Council that takes into account the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada's assessment, consultations, including those with wildlife management boards authorized for that species by a land claims agreement (including the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board, the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board (EMRWB), and the Nunavik Marine Region Wildlife Board (NMRWB)), and the regulatory impact analysis statement. Section 5.3.16 of the *Nunavut Agreement* will be followed to inform the Minister's recommendation to the Governor in Council.

As part of the federal regulatory process, a 30-day comment period follows the publication of the proposed decision in Canada Gazette, Part 1. The final step in the listing process is for the Governor in Council to make a final listing decision. If the Governor in Council decides to list a species, it is at this point that it becomes legally included on Schedule 1. The decision and the regulatory impact analysis statement will be published in the next edition of the Canada Gazette, Part II.

Decision:

We are requesting a decision from NWMB on the proposed amendments to the List of Wildlife Species under the federal *Species at Risk Act* as per the *Nunavut Agreement* s.5.2.34(f) and 5.3.16-5.3.23.

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