

Species at Risk Act - Emergency vs Regular Listing

Attribute	Emergency Listing	Regular Listing
Initiation	Emergency Assessment process is initiated through public request	Regular Assessment performed as per COSEWIC's assessment schedule, 2x/year
Extent of COSEWIC Assessment	Abbreviated assessment to determine whether there is an imminent threat of extinction (i.e. assessed for Endangered status only)	Full assessment (i.e. assessed for full suite of status outcomes – NAR, SC, TH, EN, Extirpated, Extinct)
Imminent threat determination (under SARA)	Triggered by COSEWIC Emergency Assessment outcome of Endangered. Performed by MECC, in consultation w MFO. Considers only information relevant to imminent threat determination (i.e. biological analysis, management measures in place)	N/A
Listing process	Triggered by determination of imminent threat. Region prepares information for GIC based on <u>abbreviated</u> versions of Science advice (RPA), Management Scenarios, Cost-Benefit Analysis and Public consultations	Triggered by GIC receipt of COSEWIC assessments. Region prepares information for GIC based on <u>full</u> versions of Science advice (RPA), Management Scenarios, Cost-Benefit Analysis and Public consultations
Recommend'n to GiC	If MECC is of opinion that imminent threat is present, she must recommend emergency listing to GiC	MECC recommendation is made in consideration of MFO recommendation. Recommendation considers biological, management, socio-economic, and consultation inputs, and can be to list, not list, or refer back to COSEWIC
Decision by GiC	GiC bases decision on MECC recommendation and can consider other elements such as socio-economic analysis, consultations	GiC bases decision on MECC recommendation and biological, management, socio-economic, and consultation inputs

Acronym Definitions:

GiC	Governor in Council means the Prime Minister and Cabinet.
MECC	Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada
MFO	Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
COSEWIC	Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada as established by Section 14 of the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> .
NAR	Not at Risk
SC	As defined in the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> , a “species of special concern” means a wildlife species that may become a threatened or an endangered species because of a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.
TH	As defined in the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> , a “threatened species” means a wildlife species that is likely to become an endangered species if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to its extirpation or extinction.