

Nova Scotia Department of Lands and Forestry

SPECIES AT RISK PROGRAM RENEWAL

Project Objective

To renew the management system for the Species at Risk program that institutionalizes a collaborative approach to recovery, leverages diverse resources, and uses risk management within a framework of robust and current policy

Project Team Lead

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Experts Involved

Nova Scotia Species at Risk Working Group and Recovery Teams

Key Deliverables

- New and/or updated priority policy and procedures that govern the implementation of the *Endangered Species Act* to form a Species-at-Risk Operations Manual
- Outstanding Provincial Recovery Plans for species solely listed in Nova Scotia, that are not listed under the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), and may include updated Status Reports.
- Recovery Action Forums to engage experts and practitioners for input on a renewed Species at Risk Program

Expected Areas of Stakeholder and/or Public Participation (may not be limited to)

- The project team will engage with external experts (Nova Scotia Species at Risk Working Group, Recovery Teams) and stakeholders for advice and input so issues and aspirations are consistently understood and considered
- Some policies and procedures may require additional consultation with other provincial government departments, NGOs, recovery teams, and federal partners