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To Whom it May Concern,

Re: Engagement regarding the potential listings of Brassy Minnow (Pacific population and Western Arctic population) under the *Species at Risk Act*

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is conducting engagement on the potential listings of Brassy Minnow (Pacific population and Western Arctic population) as special concern under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). Both populations were assessed as special concern by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). Additional information on the Brassy Minnow (Pacific population and Western Arctic population) COSEWIC status report and SARA listing process steps are included in Annex 1.

Actions for species listed as special concern are less extensive than for species listed as threatened or endangered. SARA prohibitions do not apply to species listed as special concern (for example, prohibitions against killing, harming, and capturing) and there are no requirements to identify and protect critical habitat. However, if listed, DFO must develop management plans for the populations and their habitats that include appropriate conservation measures. Regardless of the SARA listing decisions, Brassy Minnow (Pacific population and Western Arctic population) will continue to receive protection under the *Fisheries Act*.

DFO is conducting engagement and consultation with First Nations, Indigenous organizations, Wildlife Management Boards, and stakeholders who may be implicated should Brassy Minnow (Pacific population and Western Arctic population) be listed. We invite you to provide your listing positions for these species: list as assessed, decline for listing, or refer back to COSEWIC if there is new information to consider. We are also interested in hearing your perspectives on measures needed to support conservation and protection of the species under SARA if listed, or the *Fisheries Act* if not.

Engagement period

The 60-day Online Engagement Period is now open from March 15, 2024 to May 14, 2024. We welcome your input using the following survey links:

- **Pacific population:**
<https://questionnaire.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=76f8f8ab-fb42-4f4b-a69d-c1290618b057>
- **Western Arctic population:**
<https://questionnaire.simplesurvey.com/f/s.aspx?s=4447f7bb-5ebc-453a-9e62-9f87fc8ddc1d>



Outcomes from engagement, along with the COSEWIC Status Report and Indigenous Knowledge and Cultural Significance (when shared) will inform the Governor in Council's listing decisions (Annex 1).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the potential listings of these species, please contact the Pacific Region Species at Risk Program at DFO.PACSAR-LEPPAC.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Thank you for your interest and input on these processes. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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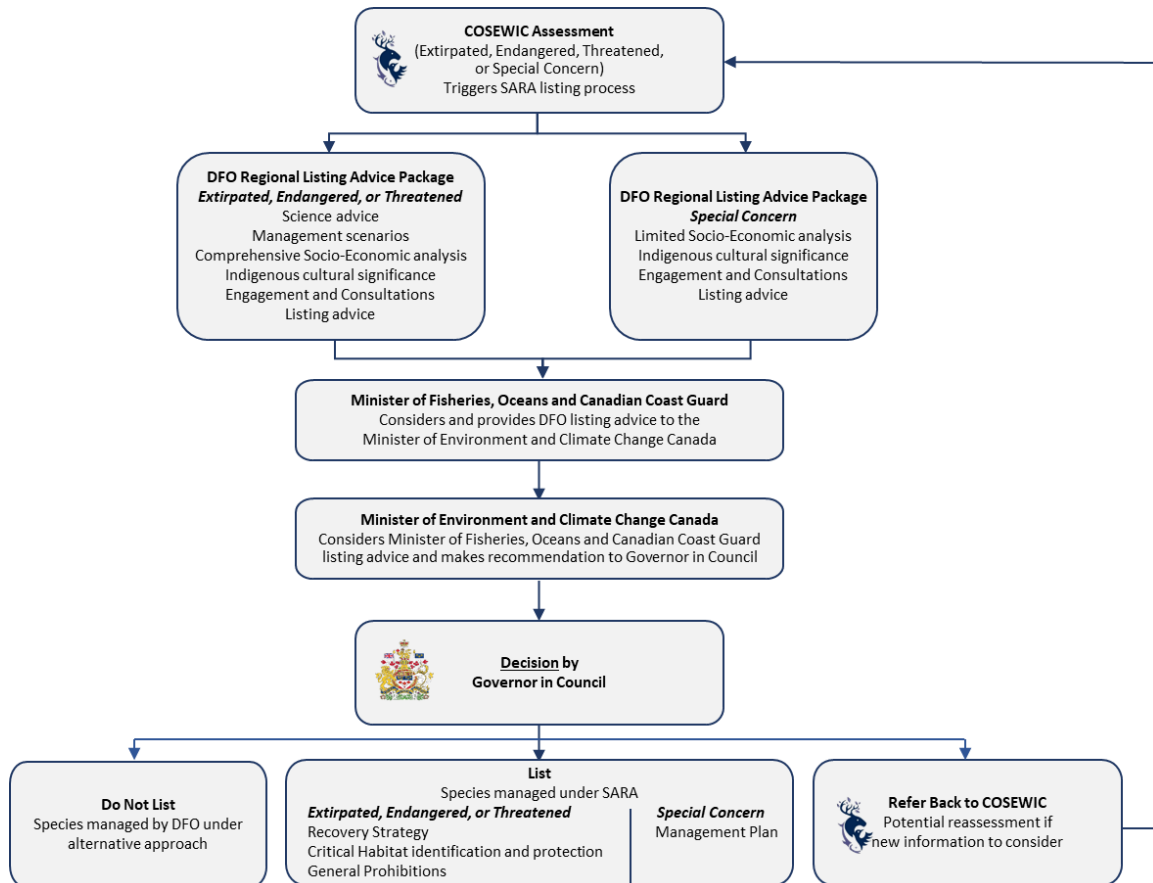
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Annex 1: supporting material

SARA listing decision process steps for aquatic species



For more information on the listing process, please see the “*Fisheries and Oceans Canada Species at Risk Act Listing Policy and Directive for “Do Not List” Advice,*” available online at <https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/documents/1712>.

For further information on SARA and Brassy Minnow (Pacific population and Western Arctic population), please see the species at risk public registry: <https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/species-risk-public-registry.html>.

Supporting material for Brassy Minnow (Pacific population and Western Arctic population)

Information on distribution, abundance, biology, threats and status of Brassy Minnow (Pacific population and Western Arctic population) is available in the following materials:

- DFO Brassy Minnow (Pacific population) Species Page: <https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1531-1101>
- DFO Brassy Minnow (Western Arctic population) Species Page: <https://species-registry.canada.ca/index-en.html#/species/1532-1102>
- COSEWIC Assessment and Status Report: https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/species-risk-registry/virtual_sara/files/cosewic/sr%20Brassy%20Minnow%202022_e.pdf