

# Final Consultation Document on Proposed Species at Risk Legislation Now Available

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YELLOWKNIFE (6 September, 2006) - A final consultation document outlining the major elements proposed for a new Species at Risk Act (SARA) in the Northwest Territories (NWT) is now available.

The document was released this week by Environment and Natural Resources Minister J. Michael Miltenberger.

“Protecting species at risk is a shared responsibility. Effective management, protection and recovery of species at risk in the NWT requires the involvement and cooperation of everyone, including wildlife co-management boards, harvesters, stakeholders, residents, industry and governments,” Minister Miltenberger stated. “I encourage residents to review the document and provide comments on it.”

Consultation has been an important component in developing species at risk legislation for the NWT.

Since 1999, ENR has met with Aboriginal governments and organizations, resident hunters and other stakeholders to ensure their views were considered in developing the proposed legislation.

Most recently, ENR has worked closely with land claim organizations to ensure the approach proposed for species at risk management in the NWT respects and fully integrates the roles and responsibilities of the wildlife co-management boards.

The SARA document is available on the ENR website at: [www.enr.gov.nt.ca](http://www.enr.gov.nt.ca) or from a regional ENR office.

Comments received by September 30, 2006 will be considered as draft legislation is prepared for introduction into the Legislative Assembly early in 2007.

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