

Response Statement - Eastern Wolf

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Common Name: Eastern Wolf

Scientific Name: *Canis sp. cf. lycaon*

Status assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC): Threatened

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: COSEWIC has reassessed the Eastern Wolf, which is currently on Schedule 1 as Special Concern and concluded its status has changed. The Minister of the Environment will forward the new COSEWIC assessment of the Eastern Wolf as Threatened to the Governor in Council as soon as possible after the close of the extended consultation period, and analysis as appropriate. During the extended consultation period the Minister of Environment will consult with the governments of Ontario and Quebec, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Eastern Wolf should have its status on the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) of Special Concern changed to Threatened.

Once a species has been assessed by COSEWIC, further steps must be undertaken before it is added to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information on this process, please view [The Species Listing Process Under SARA](#).

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This species is an intermediate-sized canid with a generally reddish-brown/tawny coat. It has a small population size (likely < 1000 individuals) and a restricted range, limited to south-central Ontario and south-central Quebec. Most records come from scattered protected areas, where mortality and rates of hybridization with Eastern Coyotes occurs less frequently than elsewhere in its range. Population expansion is unlikely, owing to competition with Eastern Coyote and increased mortality outside protected areas.

Occurrence: Ontario, Quebec

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency

Province(s) and territory (territories) to be consulted:

Ontario

Quebec

Other applicable legislation: When the species is found within national parks of Canada or other lands administered by the Parks Canada Agency, it is protected or managed under the *Canada National Parks Act* or through measures or management tools available to the Parks Canada Agency under other legislation.

Conservation activities underway: A draft management plan for this species has been prepared and is scheduled for posting 2016-17.