

Table 1: Comments on draft Environmental Assessment Report

| Comment ID | Section Original Text | Suggested Change (new text in bold, deleted text in strikethrough) | Rationale/Recommendation |
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| ECCC-01 | <p>7.3.1 Proponent’s Assessment of Environmental Effects, Table 5 footnotes</p> <p>¹ Since submission of the EIS (2019), this species has been removed from Schedule 1 of SARA and is assessed as Not as Risk by COSEWIC (2025).</p> <p>² Since submission of the EIS (2019), this species has been reassessed by COSEWIC as Threatened and is under consideration for status change under SARA Schedule 1 (2025).</p> | <p>¹ Since submission of the EIS (2019), this species has been removed from Schedule 1 of SARA and is assessed as Not as Risk by COSEWIC (2025). Since submission of the EIS (2019), this species has been reassessed by COSEWIC as Threatened and is under consideration for status change under SARA Schedule 1 (2025).</p> <p>² Since submission of the EIS (2019), this species has been reassessed by COSEWIC as Threatened and is under consideration for status change under SARA Schedule 1 (2025). (2019), this species has been removed from Schedule 1 of SARA and is assessed as Not as at Risk by COSEWIC (2025).</p> | <p>Footnotes 1 and 2 do not align with the correct species in Table 5. Footnotes 1 and 2 need to be switched so that they reference the correct species at risk.</p> <p>In Table 5, the footnote regarding the short-eared owl should align with the following text: “Since submission of the EIS (2019), this species has been reassessed by COSEWIC as Threatened and is under consideration for status change under SARA Schedule 1 (2025).”</p> <p>In Table 5, the footnote regarding the peregrine falcon should align with the following text: “Since submission of the EIS (2019), this species has been removed from Schedule 1 of SARA and is assessed as Not at Risk by COSEWIC (2025).”</p> |
| ECCC-02 | <p>7.3.2 Views Expressed</p> <p>Environment and Climate Change Canada noted concerns regarding the proponent’s methodology for calculating the extent of project-related caribou habitat disturbance, which may influence the accuracy of the effects assessment. Further, while Environment and Climate Change Canada concluded that the risk to boreal woodland caribou from the project was likely low in magnitude, it was emphasized that any loss of boreal woodland caribou critical habitat represents a risk to the species and its ability to recover.</p> | <p>Environment and Climate Change Canada noted concerns regarding the proponent’s methodology for calculating the extent of project-related boreal caribou habitat disturbance, which may influence the accuracy of the effects assessment. Further, while Environment and Climate Change Canada concluded that the risk to boreal woodland caribou from the project was likely low overall, but medium in magnitude, it was emphasized that any loss of boreal woodland caribou critical habitat represents a risk to the species and its ability to recover.</p> | <p>The draft Environmental Assessment Report states that ECCC concluded that the risk to caribou from the Project was likely low in <u>magnitude</u>, however in ECCC’s Final View (ECCC-FV-08), ECCC’s assessment of risk to <u>boreal</u> caribou from the Project is low overall, but “medium” in <u>magnitude</u>.</p> <p>From ECCC-FV-08: ECCC’s assessment of <u>risk</u> to boreal caribou from the Project is “low”. The assessment indicates that the risk is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) <u>medium in magnitude</u>; 2) low in geographic scope; 3) very high in duration; 4) medium for species sensitivity; and 5) low for habitat importance. |

