

Response Statement - Karner Blue

December 2, 2010

Common Name: Karner Blue

Scientific Name: *Lycaeides melissa samuelis*

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

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The above assessment confirms the classification of this wildlife species in Schedule 1, the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* as Extirpated. Activities will continue to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the purposes, and according to the timelines identified in, the *Species at Risk Act*.

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: *Due to a recent change in COSEWIC procedures, reasons for status designation are not available for some species whose status is being confirmed.*

Occurrence: Ontario

Competent Minister(s):
Minister of Environment

Conservation activities underway: There has been a number of oak savanna restoration projects carried out in each of three target areas for reintroduction of the Karner Blue (Lambton County, Norfolk County, and Northumberland County).