

Response Statement - Mountain Sucker, Pacific populations

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Common Name: Mountain Sucker, Pacific populations

Scientific Name: *Catostomus platyrhynchus*

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

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The Minister of the Environment will forward the COSEWIC assessment of the Mountain Sucker, Pacific populations, to the Governor in Council within three months. The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans will consult with the government of British Columbia, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Mountain Sucker, Pacific populations, should be added to the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act* as Special Concern .

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 small freshwater fish has a patchy distribution within the North Thompson, lower Fraser and Similkameen rivers drainages in British Columbia. It has a small area of occupancy and number of locations within each of these areas. It is likely that habitat quality will continue to decline over about 40% of its Canadian range owing to increased water extraction in the Similkameen River drainage that climate change is expected to exacerbate.

Occurrence: British Columbia

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

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

British Columbia

Applicable federal legislation: Fisheries are managed and fish and fish habitat are protected under the *Fisheries Act*.

Conservation activities underway: Activities which may impact the Mountain Sucker are controlled and regulated under the *Fisheries Act*. There are currently no additional conservation activities underway for this species.