Response Statement - Hine's Emerald

December 8, 2011

Common Name: Hine's Emerald **Scientific Name:** Somatochlora hineana

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

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The Minister of the Environment will forward the COSEWIC assessment of the Hine's Emerald to the Governor in Council within three months. The Minister of Environment will consult with the government of Ontario, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Hine's Emerald should be added to the List of Wildlife Species at Risk (Schedule 1) under the Species at Risk Act as Endangered.

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 dragonfly, which is rare throughout its range, is known from only one Canadian location where habitat decline is considered likely due to urban development and invasive species.

Occurrence: Ontario

Competent Minister(s): Minister of Environment

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

Ontario