Response Statement - Island Tiger Moth

December 18, 2013

Common Name: Island Tiger Moth Scientific Name: Grammia complicata

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: The Minister of the Environment will forward the COSEWIC assessment of the Island Tiger Moth to the Governor in Council as soon as possible after the close of the normal consultation period. The Minister of Environment will consult with the government of British Columbia, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Island Tiger Moth should be added to the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act* as 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 <u>The Species Listing Process Under SARA</u>.

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This near endemic moth has a small distribution and is restricted to only 5 locations in the Georgia Basin in British Columbia. Much of its habitat has been destroyed and the quality of what remains is declining due to ongoing residential and commercial development, recreational activities, invasive or non-native species, and vegetation succession that has changed due to disruption of former fire regimes.

Occurrence: British Columbia

Competent Minister(s): Minister of Environment

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