

# Response Statement - Pallid Bat

*December 8, 2011*

**Common Name:** Pallid Bat

**Scientific Name:** *Antrozous pallidus*

**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 above assessment confirms the classification of the Pallid Bat which is already on Schedule 1, the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk*. This species will thus remain on the List as Threatened and 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:** This relatively large but rare bat is restricted to the semi-arid shrub-steppe of the southern Okanagan Valley, BC at the northern limit of its global distribution. Although the number of known individuals has increased since the last assessment, this can be attributed to increased survey effort and the enhanced knowledge of roost sites. Nevertheless, the population is still thought to be small (fewer than 1000 individuals), cliffs available for roosting are very limited and foraging habitat is in continuing decline.

**Occurrence:** British Columbia

**Competent Minister(s):**

Minister of Environment

**Applicable federal legislation:** Where it occurs in a National Wildlife Area this species is subject to the *Wildlife Area Regulations* under the *Canada Wildlife Act*, which prohibits activities that could be harmful to species and to their habitat, unless a permit is issued indicating the permitted activity.

**Conservation activities underway:** A National Recovery Team has been put in place and a recovery strategy for the Pallid Bat (*Antrozous pallidus*) is under development.