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Dear Sir/Madam:

RE: **Consultation on the potential emergency listing of Thompson and Chilcotin Steelhead Trout under the *Species at Risk Act***

I am writing to invite your participation in upcoming consultations on the potential emergency listing of Thompson and Chilcotin Steelhead Trout under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA).

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) has performed an emergency assessment of both the Thompson and Chilcotin Steelhead Trout populations (or Designatable Units [DUs]) and found them to be endangered.

Following an emergency assessment, the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) must form an opinion on whether imminent threat to survival exists. If the Minister is of the opinion there is an imminent threat to one or both populations of Steelhead Trout, she must recommend to Governor in Council (GiC) that the population(s) be listed on an emergency basis. Following such a recommendation, GiC would make a listing decision based on information provided by the Minister, and may consider additional information, such as socio-economic impacts and the results of consultations with Indigenous Peoples and stakeholders.

To inform the GiC's decision, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is conducting consultations on the potential impacts of listing Thompson and Chilcotin Steelhead, and collect any additional information submitted for GiC to consider. As such, DFO is hosting both online and in-person consultation opportunities.

CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITIES:

Online listing consultations October 1 through December 2, 2018

Online consultation consultations will occur on the Species at Risk Public Registry (www.sararegistry.gc.ca/involved/consultation/default_e.cfm).

In-person meetings and webinars for First Nations

In-person meetings and webinars with First Nations and Indigenous organizations are being scheduled in October and November. Following are the planned dates and locations:

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Date	Format	Location	Participants
Oct. 11	Webinar	n/a	First Nations and Indigenous organizations
Oct. 23	In-person	Williams Lake	First Nations and Indigenous organizations
Oct. 30	In-person	Kamloops	First Nations and Indigenous organizations
Nov. 2	In-person	Campbell River	First Nations and Indigenous organizations
Nov. 13	In-person	Lower mainland	First Nations and Indigenous organizations
Nov. 15	In-person	Nanaimo	First Nations and Indigenous organizations

Invitations will be provided to First Nations and Indigenous organizations for these meetings.

Webinars for stakeholders

Webinars for stakeholders and conservation groups will be held on the following days:

Date	Format	Location	Participants
Nov. 7	Webinar	n/a	Recreational fishery stakeholders
Nov. 9	Webinar	n/a	Commercial salmon fishery stakeholders
Nov. 22	Webinar	n/a	Environmental non-government organizations

Invitations with Webinar details will follow this letter.

COLLECTION OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE STEELHEAD LISTING PROCESS:

Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) Workbooks

All First Nations and Indigenous organizations, as well as commercial and recreational stakeholders, are invited to complete online workbooks to help to inform the CBA (available October 1st at www.sararegistry.gc.ca/involved/consultation/default_e.cfm). In order for the information to be analysed for the CBA, we request that these workbooks be completed before **November 15th, 2018**.

We would appreciate your help in distributing this information to others, as appropriate. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the SARA program at sara.xpac@dfo-mpo.gc.ca or 250-720-4445.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to your involvement in these emergency listing consultations.

Yours sincerely,



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