



Environment and Climate Change Canada’s Detailed Management Action Plan
Recommendation of report 7: [Protecting Aquatic Species at Risk](#)
Fall 2022 Report of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development

Paragraph number in report	CESD Recommendation	Departmental Response	Description of Final Expected Outcome/Result	Expected Final Completion Date	Action Plan and Key Milestones (Description/Dates)	Responsible Organization (Branch, Directorate)
67	Environment and Climate Change Canada should clearly establish roles and responsibilities with Fisheries and Oceans Canada to support the Minister of the Environment and Climate change in making recommendations on listing aquatic species at risk. These roles and responsibilities should reflect the <i>Species at Risk Act’s</i> requirement for the Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada to be primarily responsible for administering the act for listing aquatic species at risk.	<i>ECCC agrees with Management Recommendation.</i> Environment and Climate Change Canada will work with Fisheries and Oceans Canada toward the development of a species-at-risk memorandum of understanding between the departments. The memorandum of understanding will aim to formalize the partnerships, collaboration, and information-sharing activities between the departments, which will support the government’s implementation of relevant authorities of the <i>Species at Risk Act</i> . The roles and responsibilities should reflect the act’s requirement for Environment and Climate Change Canada as the primary department responsible for administering the act, in particular the listing of aquatic species at risk. Expected completion date: December 2023	ECCC will have established and approved with agreed partners, clear roles and responsibilities for making recommendations on listing aquatic species at risk. MOUs will be in place by January 2024	December 2023	ECCC’s CWS, Wildlife Management Directorate will develop and establish clear roles and responsibilities and MOUs with key partners for making recommendations on listing aquatic species at risk (June 2023) ECCC’s CWS Branch will work with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) and Regional Offices to put in place MOUs (December 2023)	Wildlife Management Directorate, Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) CWS Assistant Deputy Minister

Note:

- ECCC’s Audit and Evaluation Branch will refer to this MAP in its periodical follow-up with each Branch Head and in its report to the Deputy Minister on the progress made in implementing the OAG or CESD recommendations.