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**Subject:** Publication of Proposed Recovery Strategy and Action Plan for Redside Dace on the Species at Risk Public Registry

Greetings:

I am pleased to inform you that Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has now posted the proposed version of the Recovery Strategy and Action Plan for the Redside Dace on the Species at Risk Public Registry. The proposed Recovery Strategy and Action Plan for the Redside Dace, prepared under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), by DFO in collaboration with many partners and we wish to take this opportunity to engage you in the next steps of the process including seeking your comments on the proposed document.

English and French versions of the document can be found at:

[Recovery Strategy and Action Plan for the Redside Dace \(\*Clinostomus elongatus\*\) in Canada - Public consultation search - Species at risk registry](#) (EN)

[Programme de rétablissement et plan d'action pour le méné long \(\*Clinostomus elongatus\*\) au Canada - Recherche de consultations publiques - Registre public des espèces en péril](#) (FR)

SARA strengthens and enhances the Government of Canada's capacity to manage and protect Canadian species and populations that are at risk. The Redside Dace is listed as Endangered under the Act.

Once an aquatic species is listed as Endangered, Threatened, or Extirpated under SARA, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans must use the best available information to develop a Recovery Strategy followed by an Action Plan. A Recovery Strategy is a strategic document that describes the species and its needs, outlines threats, sets population and distribution objectives, identifies critical habitat to the extent possible, and sets out broad strategies to support survival and recovery. Under SARA, once critical habitat is identified in a species' Recovery Strategy, it must be legally protected from destruction. An Action Plan provides the detailed recovery actions that supports the strategic direction set out in the Recovery Strategy. DFO has developed a combined Recovery Strategy and Action plan documents for this species.

We invite you to comment on the proposed Recovery Strategies/Action Plans, including the suggested approaches to achieve the population and distribution objectives. In particular, we wish to draw your attention to the fact that the Recovery Strategy and Action Plan for Redside Dace identifies critical habitat in Two Tree River, Saugeen River, Gully Creek, Unknown Stan J, Irvine Creek, Spencer Creek, Bronte Creek, Fourteen Mile Creek, Sixteen Mile Creek, Credit River, Humber River, Don River, Rouge River, Duffins Creek, Carruthers Creek, Lynde Creek, and the Holland River. It is anticipated that the legal protection of this critical habitat will be accomplished through a SARA section 58 Critical Habitat Order, which will invoke the prohibition against the destruction of any part of the identified critical habitat. As a result, DFO invites your comments specific to the protection of the species' critical habitat through the establishment of a Critical Habitat Order, including any potential effects on your community or organization.

The proposed Recovery Strategy and Action Plan for Redside Dace in Canada will be open for a 60-day comment period. Following the conclusion of this 60-day comment period, DFO will then have 30 days to review comments and integrate them as appropriate, after which the final version will be posted on the Public Registry, which will provide a framework to guide DFO and partners in our efforts to recover the species.

DFO values your input on the proposed Recovery Strategy and Action Plan. We encourage you to share the Registry links with others who you think may be interested. Should you wish to discuss the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact Amy Boyko at your convenience.

Thank you for your contribution to the development of this important document and your continued dedication and interest in the conservation of aquatic species at risk.

Sincerely,

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