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As you may be aware, Redside Dace was added to Schedule 1 of the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) as Endangered on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Within Ontario, the Redside Dace is now protected under sections 32 and 33 of SARA. A Recovery Plan will be developed, which will include identification of the species' critical habitat. The Redside Dace and its habitat already receive protection under the federal *Fisheries Act*. In addition, the species is currently listed under the provincial *Endangered Species Act*, and receives both species and "regulated habitat" protection.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) **will be holding meetings and webinars with affected agencies and stakeholders over the coming weeks** to clarify implications of the Redside Dace listing under SARA and describe how a coordinated approach to project review will be taken with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Further details will be provided on specific dates and locations.

**Prohibitions under SARA**

Once an aquatic species is added to Schedule 1 as threatened, endangered or extirpated, the general prohibitions under sections 32 and 33 of the Act apply, making it an offence to

- kill, harm, harass, capture or take an individual of a listed species;
- possess, collect, buy, sell or trade an individual of a listed species, or any part or derivative of a listed species; and
- damage or destroy the residence of one or more individuals of a listed species (for species listed as extirpated, this prohibition only applies if a recovery strategy has proposed its reintroduction into the wild in Canada).

Listed species benefit from SARA program funding and required recovery planning. Species listed as threatened, endangered or extirpated require the development of a recovery strategy and one or more action plans. For species listed as threatened or endangered — or any listed extirpated species if a recovery strategy has recommended the reintroduction of the species into the wild in Canada — their critical habitat must be protected. Although species listed as special concern are not subject to the prohibitions, there is a requirement under SARA for the development of a management plan, which must include measures for the conservation of the species that the competent minister considers appropriate.

The Minister of Fisheries and Oceans is the competent minister for aquatic species, other than for those individuals found in or on federal lands administered by the Parks Canada Agency, in which case the minister responsible for that Agency (currently the Minister of the Environment) is the competent minister.

For additional information or inquiries about federally-listed aquatic species at risk in Ontario, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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