

Consultations on the potential Listing of Sei Whales (Atlantic Population) under the Species at Risk Act

Comments from the public are being solicited on the potential listing of the Sei Whale (Atlantic population) (Balaenoptera borealis) under the Species at Risk Act (SARA).

The Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) assessed Sei Whales (Atlantic population) as **endangered** in 2019. If listed as endangered under the SARA, the Sei Whale (Atlantic population) would be subject to prohibitions and therefore it would be illegal to kill, harm, harass, capture, possess, buy, sell or trade this species, unless permitted by the SARA. A recovery strategy and one or more action plans would be developed to support recovery. Critical habitat, necessary for Sei Whales' (Atlantic population) survival and recovery, would also be protected once identified.

In order to better understand the impacts of listing Sei Whales (Atlantic population) under the SARA, comments from the public are requested. For more information and to provide comments, go to www.sararegistry.gc.ca (click on consultations) or contact:

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Please provide your comments by January 24, 2025.

For more information on the SARA or aquatic species at risk, please visit: www.sararegistry.gc.ca.

