



**BCTS**  
BC Timber Sales  
Kootenay

**Kootenay Business Area**

**Species at Risk**

**LPC's General Guidance**

## **Introduction**

The Species at Risk Act (SARA) developed by the Federal Government is a key piece of legislation to help protect and conserve species at risk in Canada. BCTS's Environmental Management System (EMS) and Sustainable Forestry Management Certification (SFI) require a program to manage species at risk. In addition provincial legislation requires BCTS, Timber Sale Licensees, Permittees and contractors to manage Species at Risk. This document provides guidance to LPCs in managing Species at Risk.

## **Procedures**

### **Pre-works (BCTS staff and Licensee, Permittee and Contractor)**

- Review Species at Risk flash Cards on ring.
- Review SAR that have been identified.
- Review any known Wildlife Habitat Areas (WHAs).
- Review any applicable management strategies for Species at Risk.
- Review Notification requirements in this document.

### **Notification of Species at Risk Sightings**

Where SAR are identified in the field:

- Record name of species, its location (preferably via GPS or detailed map) any specific habitat features (i.e. dens, nesting sites, trails etc) and date encountered. If possible take a picture of the species and make field notes.
- Notify and provide sighting information to BCTS staff member supervising project (TSL/contract) ASAP
- Project supervisor and BCTS planning staff will recommend appropriate site level measures which will normally involve engaging a Qualified Professional to assess and indicate a course of action.