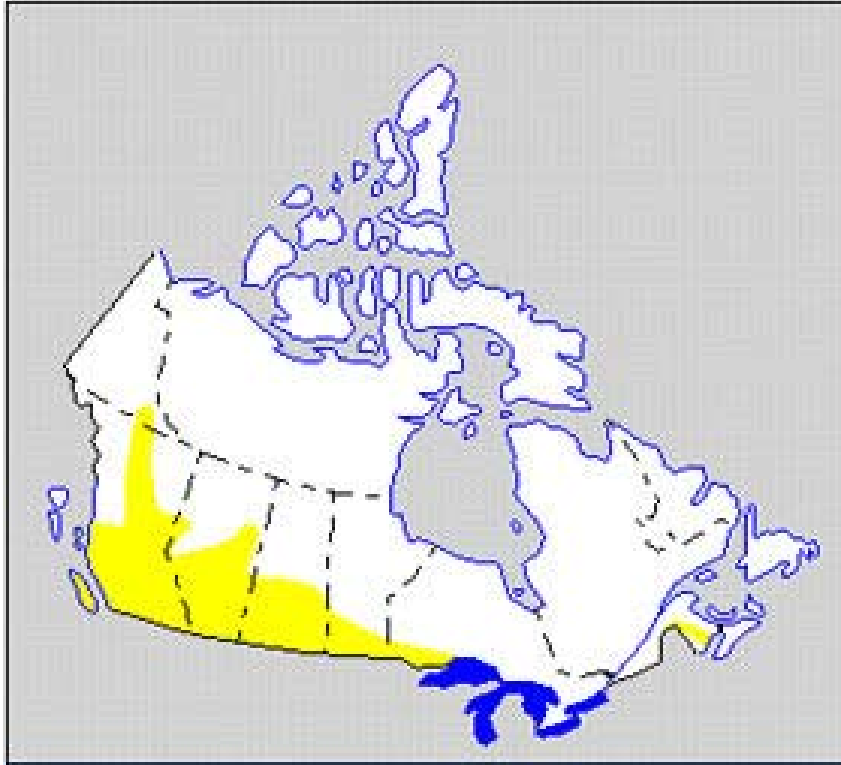


Cougar in British Columbia

Distribution of Cougar



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Summary of population size and trend

There are an estimated 4000-6000 cougars in B.C. Populations are stable to decreasing in the south, while the range of the species is increasing in the north. Cougars are important regulators of the populations of their major prey species.

For more information on Cougar in British Columbia:

- B.C. Species and Ecosystems Explorer:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/atrisk/toolintro.html>
- B.C. Ministry of Environment:
<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/documents/cougar.htm>
- The Canadian Encyclopedia:
<http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=TCE&Params=J1ARTJ0001954>

Criteria for selection of Cougar for this indicator:

- A species classified as Category 1 forest-associated (forest-dependent);
- An economically significant species; and
- An ecologically significant species.