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# **Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada & Canada Nature Fund Species Stream**

Update

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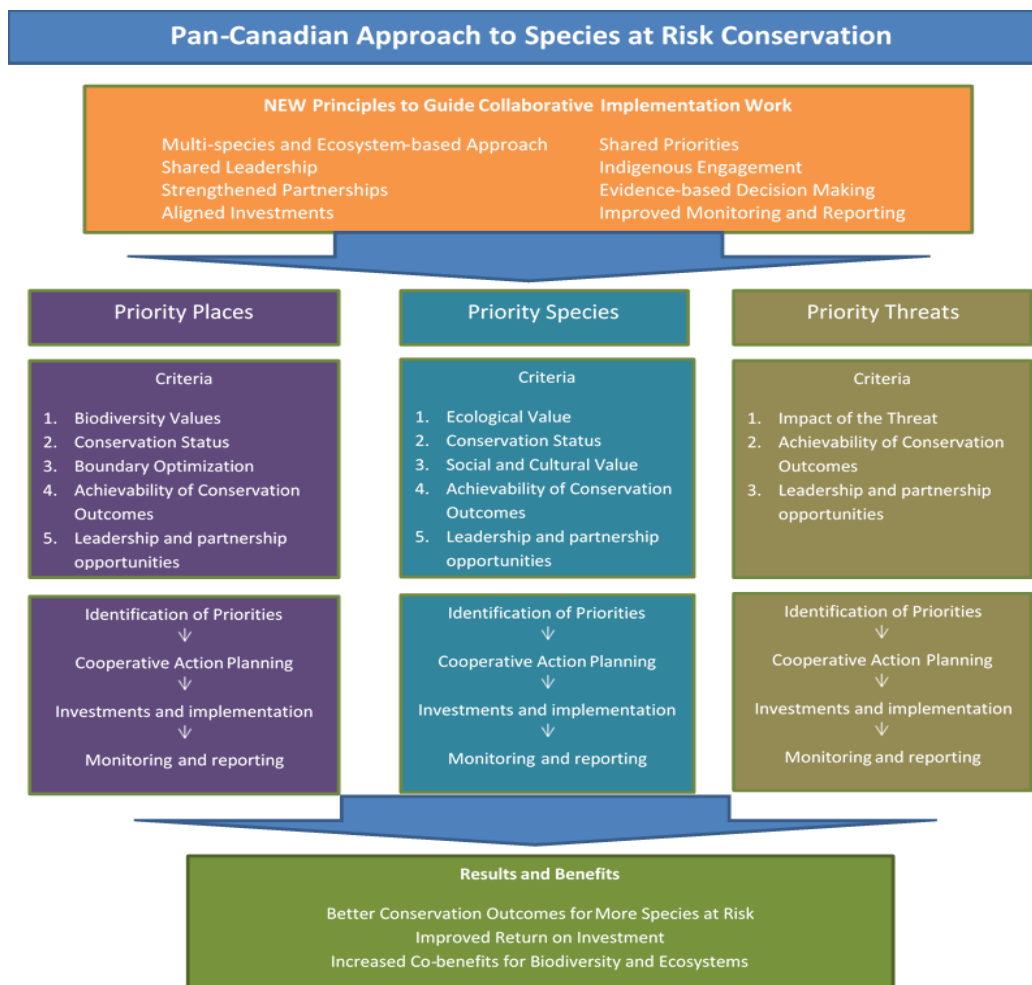
# Context

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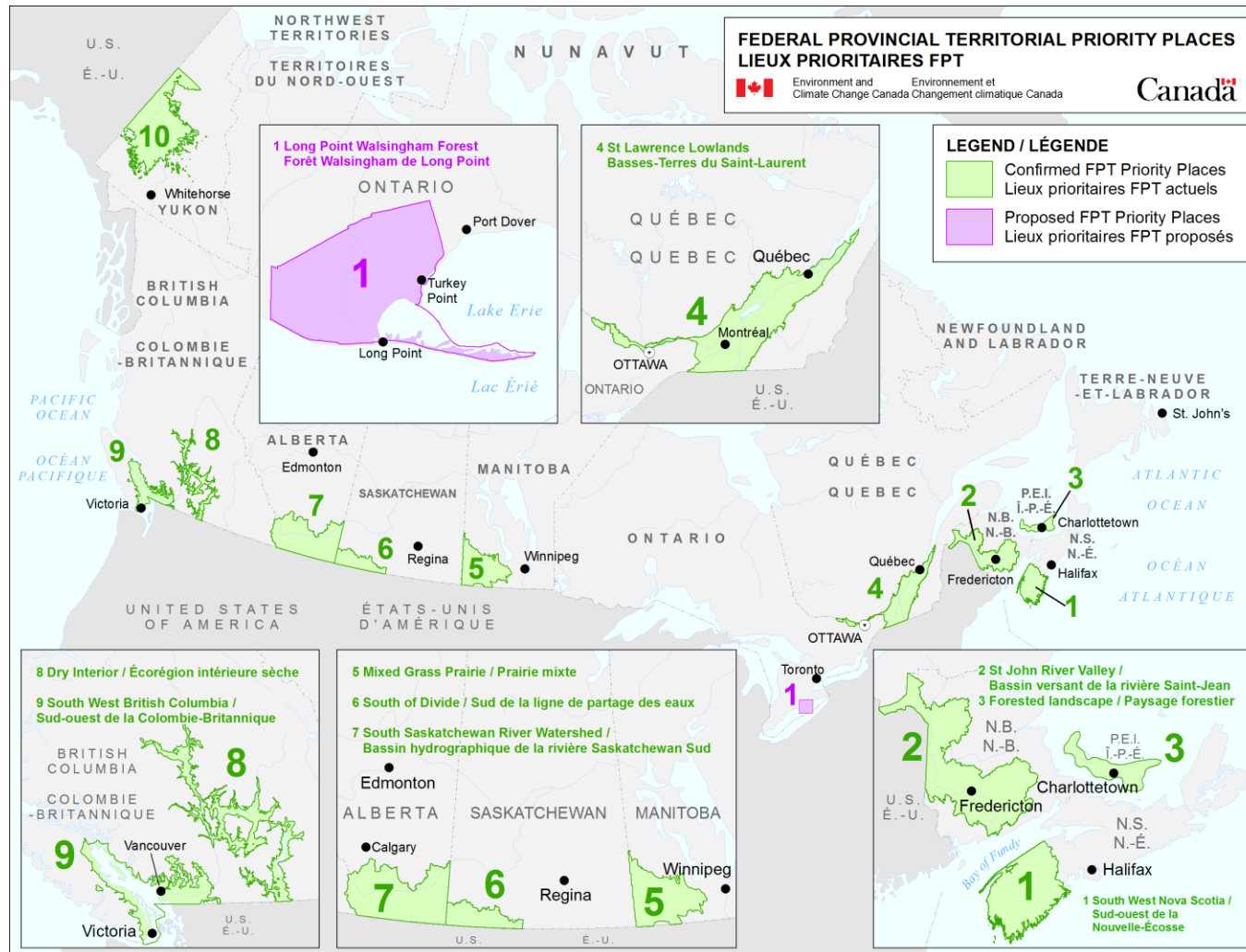
- Feb 2017 Federal-Provincial-Territorial (FPT) Ministers met and agreed to transform approaches to SAR and biodiversity conservation
- Key strategic shifts, from:
  - Predominantly single species to more multi-species and ecosystem based approaches
  - Broad, independent efforts to more targeted and collaborative efforts on shared priority places, species and threats
  - Assessment and planning emphasis to increased effort on implementing actions that achieve meaningful outcomes
- Pan-Canadian Approach was approved by FPT Ministers June 28, 2018
  - A new foundation for action to accelerate progress, align efforts, and guide collaboration
  - <https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/wildlife-plants-species/species-risk/pan-canadian-approach.html>
  - <https://www.canada.ca/fr/services/environnement/faune-flore-especes/especes-peril/approche-pancanadienne.html>
- Focus is now shifting to implementation of the Pan-Canadian Approach
  - Bilateral/multilateral Indigenous and stakeholder engagement
  - Initiate/continue cooperative action planning, co-investments and implementation



# Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada



# Pan-Canadian Approach: Priority Places



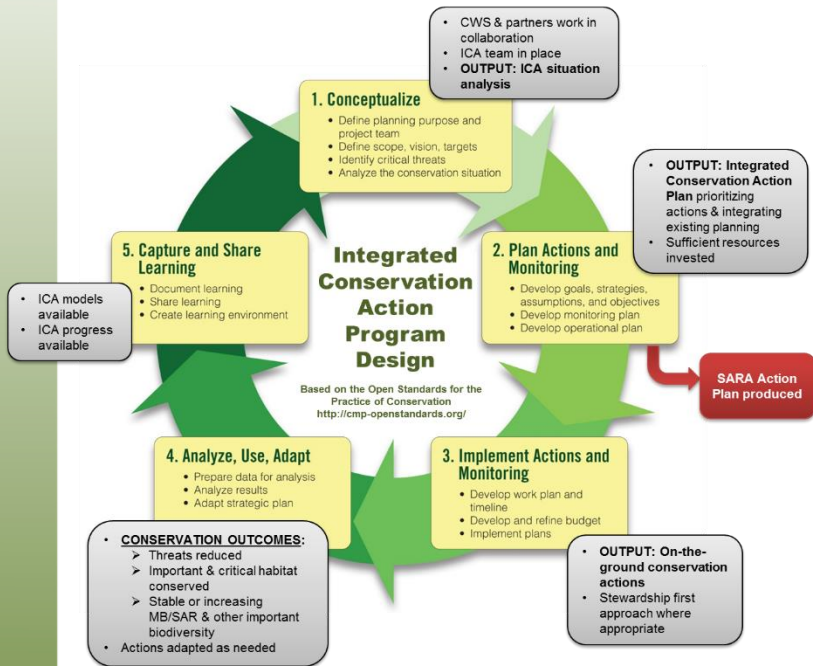
# Status of Priority Place Confirmations

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- Priority place confirmed
  1. Nova Scotia – South West Nova Scotia
  2. New Brunswick – St John River Valley
  3. Prince Edward Island – Forested landscape
  4. Quebec – St Lawrence Lowlands
  5. Manitoba – Mixed Grass Prairie
  6. Saskatchewan – South of Divide (no template was required given the maturity of work)
  7. Alberta – South Saskatchewan River Watershed
  8. British Columbia – Dry Interior
  9. British Columbia – South West British Columbia
  10. Yukon – South Beringia
- Draft Template prepared – discussions ongoing to finalize
  1. Ontario – Long Point Walsingham Forest (may be expanded in size)
- PTs with no proposed priority place
  1. Newfoundland and Labrador
  2. Northwest Territories
  3. Nunavut



# Path Forward for Priority Places



- **Milestones**

- Priority place selection
- Governance arrangements
- Open standards for the Practice of Conservation
- Data management
- Science & research
- Stewardship/SARA action planning
- Action implementation
- Monitoring and reporting (adaptive management)

- **Activities enabled by Canada Nature Fund (Species Stream) G&C funding**

- Pan-Canadian Approach Priority Places: directed funding
- Community-Nominated Priority Places: application-based open call

# Pan-Canadian Approach: Status of Priority Species and Sectors Confirmations

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- Priority species Confirmed species
  1. Boreal Caribou
  2. Southern Mountain Caribou
  3. Peary Caribou
  4. Barren-Ground Caribou
  5. Greater Sage Grouse (AB and SK)
  6. Wood Bison (AB, YU and NW)
- Draft template prepared – discussions ongoing to finalize
  - Eastern Migratory Caribou (NL, Canada)
- Additional templates anticipated
  - ON
- Jurisdictions requiring more time and/or do not have suitable candidates
  - BC, QC, NB, NS and PEI
- Priority sectors confirmed
  1. Agriculture
  2. Forestry
  3. Urban development



# Next Steps: Early Actions

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- Work planning to be initiated in January 2019
  - Priority places:
    - Collaborative multi-species and ecosystem-based conservation planning and delivery
    - Key milestones: governance arrangements, data integration, partner and stakeholder engagement, action planning, and action implementation
  - Priority species:
    - Boreal and Southern Mountain Caribou: negotiation of *Species at Risk Act* s.11 conservation agreements and contributions with jurisdictions and Indigenous peoples
    - Peary Caribou: development of a recovery strategy
    - Barren Ground Caribou: listing consultations through to recovery planning
    - Wood Bison and Greater Sage Grouse: to be elaborated
  - Priority sectors:
    - Initiatives for agriculture, forestry, and urban development are early in development
    - ECCC/CWS to develop options for sectoral action plans to bring to FPT, Indigenous and partner tables
    - Consider how to collaborate with PT ministries for agriculture, forestry, and municipal affairs as appropriate



# The Canada Nature Fund

- The Canada Nature Fund will provide a federal investment of \$500 million over 5 years to leverage \$1 billion overall

## Species Stream ~ 200 million

### Terrestrial (ECCC)

- Priority Places
- Priority Species
- Threats/Sectors
- Indigenous

### Aquatic (DFO)

## Spaces Stream ~ \$300 million

### Protected & Conserved Areas, etc. (ECCC)

- Quick Start - Directed
- Target 1 Challenge – call for proposals

### Natural Heritage Conservation Program - Private Lands (ECCC)



# Canada Nature Fund Species Stream

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- ~\$155 million over 5 years for terrestrial species at risk
- 90% directed funds, being invested in supporting conservation agreements for priority species, and for priority places and sectors beginning April 1, 2019
- 10% for Community-Nominated Priority Places for Species at Risk will be awarded via competitive call



# Species Stream Components

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- **Priority Places**
  - Initial investments to be jointly selected with P/Ts with later projects informed by multi-species and ecosystem-based action plans developed with Indigenous peoples and stakeholders
  - Early projects may emphasize foundational activities while later ones will favour action implementation
- **Priority Species**
  - Conservation agreements (e.g. SARA s.11) and investments for caribou and other priority species
- **Priority Sectors**
  - Domestic: Targeted investments for sustainable practices in priority sectors including agriculture, forestry, and urban development
  - International: Conservation of migratory species at risk in the Caribbean and Central and South America
- **Indigenous Partnerships**
  - Contributions to build relationships, enhance capacity, and increase collaborative conservation activities that advance protection and recovery of species at risk



# Community-Nominated Priority Places

- Community-nominated priority places (CNPP) will complement priority places under the Pan-Canadian Approach and advance its implementation at a smaller scale
  - Open call for proposals under the Canada Nature Fund Species Stream
  - Evaluation will apply the priority place criteria of the Pan-Canadian Approach
- ~\$15 M over 5 years available through 2 calls for proposals
- Seek approximately 1 CNPP per jurisdiction for up to 4 years
  - Open call will invite multi-stakeholder proposals
  - Each priority place would be stakeholder-led
  - Funding would support foundational activities (e.g. data management, open standards) and implementation of actions
- Eligible applicants include:
  - Not-for-profit organizations, Indigenous peoples, research/academic/educational institutions, individuals, for-profit organizations, local organizations, municipal and local governments and their agencies
- Call for proposals in early winter
  - Expression of interest phase
  - Provincial/territorial participation in review process
  - Seek to confirm community-nominated priority places by late Spring

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