

Response Statement - Macoun's Meadowfoam

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Common Name: Macoun's Meadowfoam

Scientific Name: *Limnanthes macounii*

Status assessment by the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC): Threatened

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: A Canadian endemic highly restricted within a narrow coastal fringe of seasonally wet microhabitats where it is at risk from continued competition with a wide range of exotic plants. Its presence in a highly urbanized area results in habitat disruption and population losses.

Occurrence: British Columbia

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency

Province(s) and territory (territories) to be consulted:

British Columbia

Applicable federal legislation: When the species is found within national parks of Canada or other lands administered by the Parks Canada Agency, it is protected or managed under the *Canada National Parks Act* or through measures or management tools available to the Parks Canada Agency under other legislation.

Conservation activities underway: A recovery planner is in place under RENEW (Recovery of Nationally Endangered Wildlife), the national recovery program. A Garry Oak Ecosystem recovery strategy that addresses this species is being developed.

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The Minister of the Environment will immediately forward the COSEWIC assessment of the Macoun's Meadowfoam to the Governor in Council (GiC). The Minister of the Environment will consult with the government of British Columbia, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Macoun's Meadowfoam should be added to the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act*. Information respecting opportunities to comment will be posted on the public registry. Comments received during consultations will be reviewed. The Minister of the Environment will make a recommendation to the GiC on whether or not to add the Macoun's Meadowfoam to the List. The GiC will make a decision within nine (9) months of having received the assessment.

Once a species has been assessed by COSEWIC, further steps must be undertaken before it is added to Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act*. For more information on this process, please view [The Species Listing Process Under SARA](#).