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MEMORANDUM

To: Stakeholders

From: Chloe Stuart, Director, Species Conservation Policy Branch and
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Subject: Decision to proceed with amendments to Ontario Regulation 242/08 (General Regulation - Endangered Species Act, 2007) relating to forest operations in managed Crown forests, incorporating species recently listed to the Species at Risk in Ontario List, and safe harbour.

We are writing to inform you of changes to regulations under the *Endangered Species Act* (ESA).

As you may recall from our letter on January 19th, 2018, proposed amendments to Ontario Regulation 242/08 (General Regulation – Endangered Species Act, 2007) relating to Crown forest operations in managed Crown forests, incorporating species recently listed to the Species at Risk in Ontario List, and safe harbor were posted to the Environmental Registry for public comment for 45 days.

After consideration of the comments received, a decision was made to proceed with the amendments as presented in the Environmental Registry notices and a regulation was filed on April 6th, 2018. A decision notice on these proposals can be viewed by searching ER# 013-1669 at <https://ero.ontario.ca/>.

In brief, the regulatory amendments to Ontario Regulation 242/08:

1. Extend the current regulation so that it applies to forest operations in managed Crown forests before July 1, 2020, rather than before July 1, 2018.
2. Amend Ontario Regulation 242/08 under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) so that it applies generally to species that were listed on the Species at Risk Ontario List on June 2, 2017.

3. Enable amendments identified during the development of the Safe Harbour Policy (ER#012-8234) that are intended to improve the implementation and use of safe harbour provisions.
4. Enable administrative and consequential amendments.

If you have any questions regarding the changes, please direct them to ESAREg@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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