

Species at Risk Act Compliance and Enforcement: Provincial Expectations

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The Province of British Columbia has been negotiating a bilateral agreement on species at risk with Environment Canada, Fisheries and Oceans Canada and Parks Canada. An underlying objective of the proposed agreement is to maximize the protection and recovery of species at risk through collaboration in the planning and carrying out of species at risk programs in BC. One element under consideration is enforcement. While both parties are encouraging effective stewardship practices as the preferred approach to compliance with federal and provincial requirements, it is recognized that enforcement is an important element. The presentation will highlight some of the issues that, from a provincial perspective, must be addressed to provide certainty and predictability in this area.