

Response Statement - Eastern Tiger Salamander, Prairie population

January 13, 2015

Common Name: Eastern Tiger Salamander, Prairie population

Scientific Name: *Ambystoma tigrinum*

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

How the Minister of the Environment intends to respond to the assessment: The Minister of the Environment will forward the COSEWIC assessment of the Eastern Tiger Salamander, Prairie population, to the Governor in Council as soon as possible after the close of the normal consultation period. The Minister of Environment will consult with the government of Manitoba, the Métis, Aboriginal peoples, stakeholders, and the public on whether or not the Eastern Tiger Salamander, Prairie population, should be added to the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk* (Schedule 1) under the *Species at Risk Act* as Endangered.

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](#).

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This salamander is known from only six sites in Canada within a landscape modified by livestock production, pastures, and forage crops, and intersected by roads. There are recent records from only one of these sites, and the species may be extirpated from one site. The persistence of populations is precarious because of the salamander's small Canadian range, isolation of populations, and the tendency of salamander numbers to fluctuate widely among years, exacerbated by increasing frequency of droughts and other severe weather events.

Occurrence: Manitoba

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

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

Manitoba