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CNSOPB Update on Multiklient Invest's (MKI) Proposed 3D Seismic Program

The Canada-Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board (CNSOPB) has been advised by Multiklient Invest (MKI) of its intention to postpone the conduct of the Environmental Assessment (EA) of its proposed multi-year seismic program for one year while they assess demand for new seismic data in the Canada-Nova Scotia offshore area.

Should MKI notify the CNSOPB at a later date that it plans to move forward with this EA, stakeholders will be so notified, and the CNSOPB EA Public Registry will be updated accordingly.

The EA, if conducted, would predict how a seismic survey could impact the marine environment and sets out precautions that need to be taken to minimize or eliminate any potential impacts. In the conduct of an EA, there are opportunities for engagement. The public, key stakeholder groups, and Indigenous communities would be invited to submit comments once the EA report has been drafted and prior to it being finalized.

It's important to note that an EA is just one-step in support of a potential Geophysical Work Authorization application that may be submitted to the CNSOPB to conduct a seismic survey. To receive authorization, the proponent must demonstrate that all necessary steps have been taken to ensure regulatory compliance so as to protect safety and to minimize impact to the marine environment.

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Public Comment Period: Amendments to Schedule 1 of *Species at Risk Act*

On Saturday, December 29, 2018, a proposal to amend Schedule 1 of the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA) for nine migratory bird species was published in part I of the *Canada Gazette*. The proposal can be found under “current public consultations” on the Species at Risk Registry: https://wildlife-species.canada.ca/species-risk-registry/involved/consultation/default_e.cfm

This marks the beginning of a 45-day public comment period during which you can share your comments on the proposal either by writing to ec.LEPreglementations-SARAreulations.ec@canada.ca or calling 1 800 668-6767. The public comment period will end on Wednesday, February 12, 2019.

The Minister of the Environment will take into consideration comments and any additional information received following this publication and make a listing recommendation for each species to the Governor in Council. After species are listed, recovery strategies must be published within one year for endangered species and within two years for extirpated and threatened species.

The species included in the proposal are the following:

Legal Population Name	Scientific Name	Current Status	Proposed Status	Range
Species proposed for addition to Schedule 1 of SARA				
Black Swift	<i>Cypseloides niger</i>	None	Endangered	British Columbia, Alberta
Cassin's Auklet	<i>Ptychoramphus aleuticus</i>	None	Special concern	British Columbia, Pacific Ocean

Legal Population Name	Scientific Name	Current Status	Proposed Status	Range
Evening Grosbeak	<i>Coccothraustes vespertinus</i>	None	Special concern	Everywhere in Canada except Nunavut
Lark Bunting	<i>Calamospiza melanocorys</i>	None	Threatened	Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba
Red-necked Phalarope	<i>Phalaropus lobatus</i>	None	Special concern	Everywhere in Canada
Species proposed for reclassification on Schedule 1 of SARA				
Louisiana Waterthrush	<i>Parkesia motacilla</i>	Special Concern	Threatened	Ontario, Quebec
McCown's Longspur	<i>Rhynchophanes mccownii</i>	Special Concern	Threatened	Alberta, Saskatchewan
Pink-footed Shearwater	<i>Ardenna creatopus</i>	Threatened	Endangered	British Columbia, Pacific Ocean
Red Crossbill <i>percna</i> subspecies	<i>Loxia curvirostra percna</i>	Endangered	Threatened	Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador

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Reminder to Respond to 2018 Recommendation on Council Compensation Adjustments

NSFM would like to know whether or not your municipality has made any changes in response to these new tax rules. Responses are due by **March 29, 2019**. Click [here](#) for more information. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

Reminder to Respond to Built Environment Standard Development Committee

NSFM is seeking one member to serve on the Built Environment Standard Development Committee at the Nova Scotia Accessibility Directorate in the Department of Justice. Click [here](#) for more information. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

Reminder to Respond to Interest in Pilot Program on the CAP

NSFM is interested in finding out how many municipal units across Nova Scotia would be interested in participating in some kind of pilot program to remove or phase out the CAP. Click [here](#) for more information. ([Click here to return to top.](#))

Save the Date for AIM Network's Upcoming Asset Management Webinar: Tuesday, February 12, 12:00 - 1:00 PM

AIM Network is hosting a free webinar to share lessons and experience from municipalities involved in its asset management cohort program. A speaker from each cohort will present the roadmap they developed following their first workshop and share the first steps they are taking to make progress in asset management. Stay tuned for a link to register (which will be provided in AIM Network's next bi-weekly newsletter). ([Click here to return to top.](#))



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