

DOCUMENT TITLE: PROTOCOL FOR THE DETECTION AND RELOCATION OF FRESHWATER MUSSEL SPECIES AT RISK IN ONTARIO- GREAT LAKES AREA (OGLA)

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Summary of Document

This document provides information on the [federal] Species at Risk Act (SARA), implications of SARA and its listed species on proposed habitat alterations, and the associated roles and responsibilities of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Conservation Authorities, proponents, consultants, and other scientific authorities. The purpose of the document is to outline and standardize methods to be incorporated into field surveys carried out to detect, and when appropriate, to relocate and monitor mussel species at risk in Ontario. Guidance on when a SARA permit is needed and the process for obtaining the permit is also provided. This document is designed for use by persons planning projects in and around water that might affect mussel species at risk in Ontario; for example, bridge construction, pipeline crossings, dredging projects, and culvert installations.

Purpose, Recommendations and Comments

This protocol was designed by Fisheries and Oceans Canada to satisfy the requirements of the SARA and provides an approach for the detection and relocation of mussel species at risk in riverine systems in Ontario.

Approvals

If you are considering an activity that may impact a species at risk, permissions, approvals or authorizations may be required from MNR (e.g. Endangered Species Act authorization, Wildlife Scientific Collector's Authorization) or other agencies, levels of government (e.g. a conservation authority, municipality, federal or provincial government), or landowners. It is your responsibility to ensure that all necessary permissions, approvals and authorizations are acquired prior to proceeding with your activity.

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