

Response Statement - Bearded Owl-clover

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Common Name: Bearded Owl-clover

Scientific Name: *Triphysaria versicolor*

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 above assessment confirms the classification of the Bearded Owl-clover which is already on Schedule 1, the *List of Wildlife Species at Risk*. This species will thus remain on the List as Endangered and activities will continue to be undertaken in a manner consistent with the purposes of, and according to the timelines identified in, the *Species at Risk Act*.

Reason(s) for status designation provided by COSEWIC: This small hemiparasitic annual plant is known from vernal pools and seeps in the endangered Garry Oak ecosystems of southern Vancouver Island. Its small range, fluctuations in number of mature individuals and few locations coupled with destruction of individuals and degradation of habitat through recreational use, grazing by introduced Canada Geese, competition from invasive plant species, and residential development put it at on-going risk.

Occurrence: British Columbia

Competent Minister(s):

Minister of Environment

Minister responsible for the Parks Canada Agency

Conservation activities underway: This species is included within the Garry Oak Ecosystems multi-species association. A recovery strategy has been written for Multi-Species at Risk in Maritime Meadows associated with Garry Oak Ecosystems in Canada and has been posted as final on the SAR Public Registry. An action plan for Multi-Species at Risk in Maritime Meadows associated with Garry Oak Ecosystems is underway.