

BC needs endangered species legislation



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Did you know BC has no endangered species legislation? Most people are unaware that, although BC has the greatest biodiversity in the country, we are one of only two provinces in Canada – the other being Alberta – that has no stand-alone law to protect endangered wildlife.

Today, more than 1,600 species and subspecies are at risk of disappearing from our province. From peregrine falcons to monarch butterflies endangered species in BC are left to fend for themselves against climate change, toxic contamination, urban sprawl, logging and industrial development. Polls show well over 85 percent of British Columbians want strong legislation that will protect our wildlife. The Wilderness Committee is calling on

the provincial government to enact a law that will ensure we have spotted owls, mountain caribou and Vancouver Island marmots now and in our future. An effective endangered species law will:

- Protect the habitat of endangered species.
- Be based on sound science.
- Identify, protect and recover endangered species across BC.

Introducing an endangered species law in BC is a smart investment in the future and the right thing to do. Ensuring a healthy environment for blue birds and badgers helps to ensure a healthy environment for us as well.

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