

## **Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI) General Awareness of Species of Management Concern in the Prince George Business Area Species lists updated 2013**

The target audience for the Species of Management Concern training is all BCTS staff and where applicable contractors and Licensees. The decision as to whether or not the training is applicable is made during the pre-work for contracts and BC Timber Sales Licences.

In TPG the traditional SAR online training offered by BCTS is no longer available (fall 2010) and has been replaced by BCTS planners with a combination of PDF documents and Power Point Presentation (see ftp link below). In July of 2011 the BCTS planners updated the species and plant communities at risk lists based on a query of the CDC on all species occurring within Prince George, Mackenzie, and the Robson Valley. The list was further updated in April of 2012.

In July of 2013, a complete revamp of these lists occurred once again and it was determined that the CDC developed BC Species and Ecosystems Explorer (<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/atrisk/toolintro.html>) web based system would be utilized as well creating an annual list given the nature of SAR/SOMC. Species on SAR lists or provincially listed as Red or Blue listed species are included. Yellow listed species are not included. The goal was to simplify the process and provide a vehicle for annually updating the species list.

The spreadsheet located in the ftp link below has 2 primary tabs, one for plant communities at risk and one for all other species. The spreadsheet contains information directly downloaded from the CDC and can be easily updated each year as new species are added to the lists. Important links to individual species information as well as management strategies embedded within the excel spreadsheet. Use the filters to help narrow the focus on applicable species by district, BGC zone, or by subzone where it is available. For example, if you are laying out a cutblock within Prince George Forest District in the SBS vk, then set the filters with those selections to determine the species you may encounter within the area. This will reduce the amount of species and plant communities you will need to put your mind to prior to completing the field work. Where a particular species is suspected in all the variants related to a subzone, and then the table will just indicate the species with a subzone filter.

For a full comprehensive, detailed review of the SAR/SOMC; please refer to the May 2013 Species and Ecosystems of Management Concern Management Guide produced by the Provincial BCTS Planning Working Group as a guidance document. BCTS management strategies are grouped into broad categories – species, vascular plants, and plant communities. A pdf of these updated strategies are located on the ftp site link below.

Follow this link to the ftp site:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/ftp/TPG/external/%21publish/Species%20at%20Risk/>

For training purposes, all operational and planning staff and associated contractors are to first go through the power point presentation then take a look at the species tracking spreadsheet. Important links to individual species management strategies are embedded within the excel spreadsheet.

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