

Purpose and Rules for the Eeyou Marine Region Wildlife Board Written Public Hearing to Consider the Listing of the Lesser Yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) as a "Threatened" Species Under the Federal Species at Risk Act.

THE PURPOSE to conduct a Written Public Hearing on the request from the Government of Canada for a Decision from the Board to support the listing of the Lesser yellowlegs (*Tringa flavipes*) as "Threatened" status under the federal Species at Risk Act ("SARA") in accordance with the Boards' authority under s. 13.2.2 (f) of the *Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement* ("EMRLCA").

The purpose of this Written Public Hearing is specifically the following:

To consider approving the designation of the Lesser yellowlegs (Tringa flavipes) as a "Threatened" species under the SARA within the Eeyou Marine Region.

The Proposal, along with other documents comprising the best available information to date is available for review or download from the EMRWB's website (<u>https://www.emrwb.ca/public-hearing-lesser-yellowlegs/</u>)

HEARING RULES:

- 1. The hearing shall be conducted by way of a joint Written Public Hearing. Information may be filed by any member of the public. However, participation rights, such as posing questions and filing submission is limited to Parties with Standing.
- 2. Parties with Standing include those identified in the ss. 14.6.2 of the EMRLCA.
- 3. Individuals or organizations that demonstrate an interest in the decision to be made, may make an application to the Board to have Party Status.
- 4. Late filing of applications, documents, or submissions will not be accepted unless persuasive written reasons are provided to the EMRWB explaining late filing. Materials for this hearing that are not filed on time will not consider.

- 5. The requirement for translation of submissions and supporting documentation filed with the EMRWB does not apply to individual members of the public.
- 6. For all others who file supporting documentation with the EMRWB, the requirement for translation does not apply to such documents over ten (10) pages in length, if each supporting document that is not translated is accompanied by a concise, translated summary (English) at least two (2) pages in length.
- 7. The EMRWB shall ensure that all materials filed with it or produced by it are made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.
- 8. The EMRWB will allow for the filing of questions in relation to the Proposal/request for decision. Parties as well as board members may put forward questions. Answers to the questions will be provided by the organizations that submitted the request for decision and proposal. All answers will be part of the Written Public Hearing Record and will be made publicly available, subject to relevant confidentiality or privacy concerns.
- 9. The EMRWB will conduct all meetings and deliberations on the matter. Those with observer status under the EMRLCA 13.1.2, may have technical advisors attend such meetings and deliberations. The EMRWB reserve the right to hold in-camera meetings with their legal counsel, with the exclusion of observers, at any time throughout the hearing and the decision-making process.
- 10. Although the process is being conducted jointly, the EMRWB will independently exercise its authority under the Land Claims Agreement.