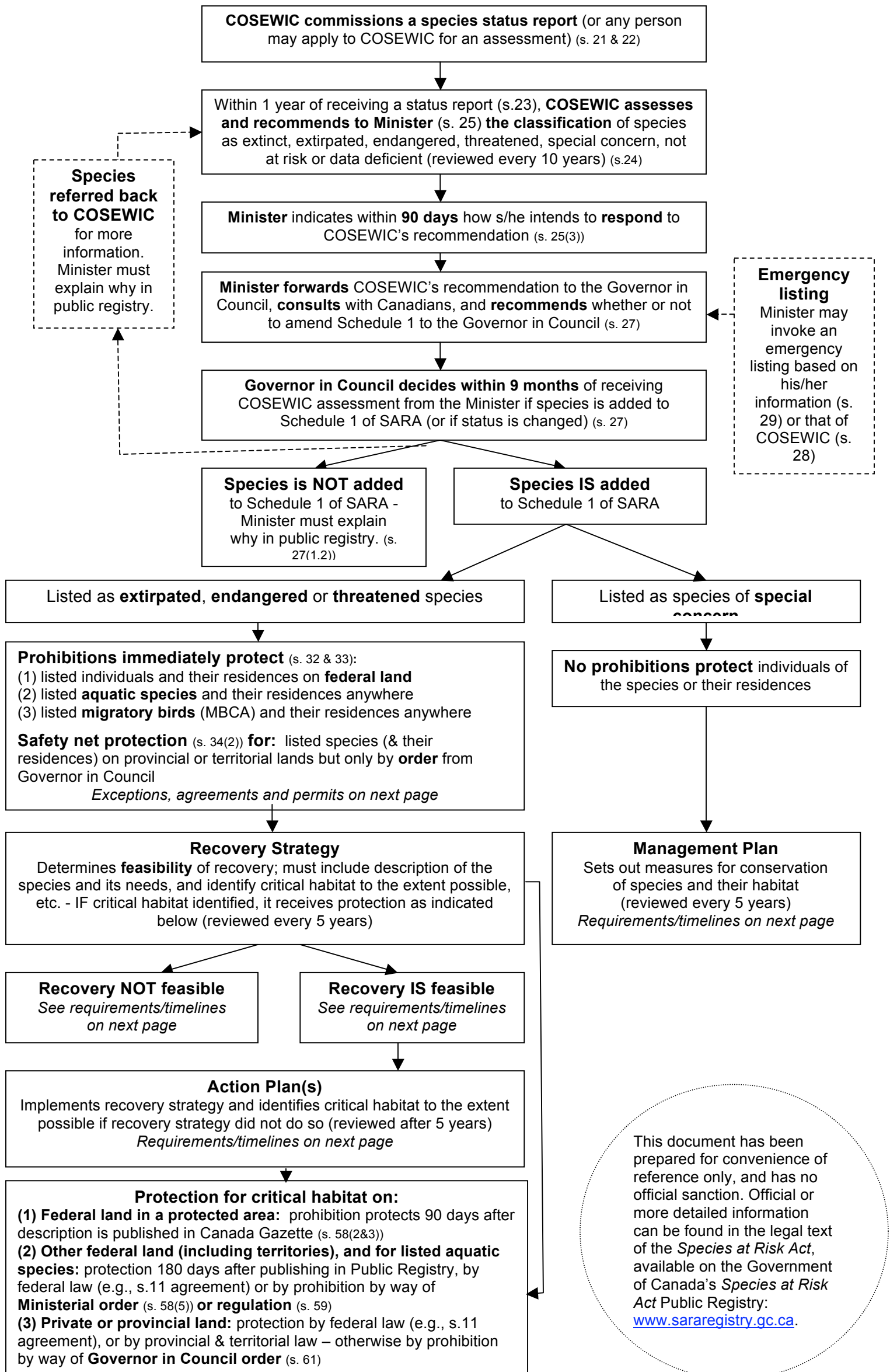


Species at Risk Act



Contents of recovery strategies (if recovery IS feasible) – Section 41(1)

If recovery is feasible, the recovery strategy must address threats to the survival of the species identified by COSEWIC, including any loss of habitat, and must include:

- (a) description of species and its needs
- (b) identification of threats to survival of species or to its habitat and a strategy to address these threats
- (c) identification of species' critical habitat, to the extent possible, and examples of activities likely to cause destruction and a schedule of studies to identify critical habitat when information is inadequate
- (d) statement of population and distribution objectives and the research and management activities needed to meet these objectives
- (e) any other matters that are prescribed by the regulations
- (f) statement about whether additional information is required about the species
- (g) when action plan(s) will be completed

Contents of recovery strategies (if recovery is NOT feasible) – Section 41(2)

If recovery is not feasible, the recovery strategy must include a description of the species and its needs, an identification of the species' critical habitat to the extent possible, and the reasons why its recovery is not feasible.

Contents of action plans – Section 49(1)

An action plan must include:

- (a) description of critical habitat, to the extent possible and examples of activities likely to destroy it
- (b) statement of proposed measures to protect critical habitat (including s.11 agreements)
- (c) identification of portions of critical habitat that have not been protected
- (d) statement of measures to implement recovery strategy and methods to monitor recovery
- (e) evaluation of socio-economic costs and benefits
- (f) any other matters that are prescribed by the regulations

Contents of management plans – Section 65

Management plans must be done for a species listed as special concern and for its habitat. Management plans must include measures for the conservation of the species.

Timelines for the completion of recovery strategies (Section 42 and 132) and management plans (Section 68 and 133)

NOTE: Timelines for action plans are not prescribed but must be set within recovery strategies.

Schedule	Species Status	Completion of recovery strategy OR management plan
Schedule 1 on June 5, 2003	Endangered	Within 3 years (i.e. by June 5, 2006)
Schedule 1 on June 5, 2003	Extirpated or Threatened	Within 4 years (i.e. by June 5, 2007)
Schedule 2 on June 5, 2003	Endangered	Within 3 years of being added to Schedule 1
Schedule 2 on June 5, 2003	Threatened	Within 4 years of being added to Schedule 1
Schedule 1 on June 5, 2003	Special concern	Within 5 years (i.e. by June 5, 2008)
Schedule 3 on June 5, 2003	Special concern	Within 5 years of being added to Schedule 1
Schedule 1 after June 5, 2003	Endangered	Within 1 year of being added to Schedule 1
Schedule 1 after June 5, 2003	Extirpated or Threatened	Within 2 years of being added to Schedule 1
Schedule 1 after June 5, 2003	Special concern	Within 3 years of being added to Schedule 1

Exceptions – Sections 83 & 84

Exceptions can be made for public safety, health, national security, land claims agreements, possession prior to listing, Aboriginal ceremonial, etc.

Agreements and Permits – Sections 73 - 78

ONLY issued for: scientific research, activities beneficial to species **or** when affecting the species is incidental to an activity (these permits do not exempt activities from the application of other legislation e.g., MBCA)

ONLY if: reasonable alternatives were considered, impact is minimized **and** survival or recovery of species is not jeopardized.