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## **Management plan completed for Yukon amphibians**

WHITEHORSE—A new Yukon government management plan will help safeguard the health of Yukon's amphibians and provide a framework to guide future actions, such as increased monitoring of population trends.

"Amphibians are regarded as a good indicator of local environmental health," Minister of Environment Currie Dixon said. "They are also culturally important to many Yukon First Nations."

The *Management Plan for Yukon Amphibians* sets out four objectives, including increasing public appreciation of amphibians and their habitats. It also notes emerging health threats to Yukon amphibians and the importance of recording local and traditional ecological knowledge about frogs and toads.

Amphibians in Yukon comprise the Wood Frog, which is found throughout much of the territory, along with small populations of the Western Toad, the Boreal Chorus Frog and the Columbia Spotted Frog. All four species have a similar conservation status and management needs.

The Western Toad component of the Yukon plan will be incorporated into the Government of Canada's management plan for Western Toad required by the federal Species at Risk Act because it is listed as a species of special concern.

The *Management Plan for Yukon Amphibians* took four years to develop and has the support of the Yukon Fish and Wildlife Management Board.

### **Learn more**

View the plan at [www.env.gov.yk.ca/publications-maps/plansreports.php#Amphibians](http://www.env.gov.yk.ca/publications-maps/plansreports.php#Amphibians)

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