Table 1: Definitions and sources for the different at-risk species classifications under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), Species At Risk Act (SARA), IUCN Red List, BC Wildlife Act and Washington State Listed Species.

Act	Location	Listing category	Definition	Source	
Endangered		Candidate species	A species for which there is sufficient information on their biological status and threats to propose them as endangered or threatened, but other higher priority listing activities mean the species has not yet been listed. Or a species that is currently under review for potential listing.	Office of Protected Resources (2023), USFWS (2017)	
Species Act (ESA)	USA	Threatened	A species that is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range	Smith et al. (2018)	
		Endangered	A species in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range	Smith et al. (2018)	
		Special Concern	A species that may become a threatened or an endangered species because of a combination of biological characteristics or identified threats		
Species at	Canada	Threatened	A wildlife species that is likely to become endangered if nothing is done to reverse the factors leading to its extirpation or extinction	ECCC (2014) SABA	
Risk Act		Endangered	A wildlife species that is facing imminent extirpation or extinction	ECCC (2014), SARA (2002)	
(SARA)		A)	Extinct/Extirpated	Extinct: a wildlife species that no longer exists  Extirpated: a wildlife species that no longer exists in the wild in Canada, but exists elsewhere in the world	(2002)
		Data Deficient	Not enough information available for classification		
	Global		Least Concern	A species that does not qualify for Critically Endangered, Endangered, Vulnerable or Near Threatened	
		Near Threatened	A species that'is close to qualifying for or is likely to qualify for a threatened category in the near future'		
IUCN Red List		ed List Global	Vulnerable	A species that 'meets any of the criteria A to E for Vulnerable, and it is therefore considered to be facing a high risk of extinction in the wild' (for 'criteria A to E' see IUCN (2012))	IUCN (2012, 2022)
			Endangered	A species that 'meets any of the criteria A to E for Endangered, and it is therefore considered to be facing a very high risk of extinction in the wild'	
			Critically Endangered	A species that 'meets any of the criteria A to E for Critically Endangered, and it is therefore considered to be facing an extremely high risk of extinction in the wild'	

		Extinct in the Wild Extinct	A species 'known only to survive in cultivation, in captivity or as a naturalised populationwhen exhaustive surveys in known and/or expected habitat, at appropriate timeshave failed to record an individual'  'When there is no reasonable doubt that the last individual has died' and 'When exhaustive surveys in known and/or expected habitat, at appropriate timeshave failed to record an individual'	
		Data Deficient	If there is 'Inadequate information to make a direct, or indirect, assessmentbased on its distribution and/or population status'	
British	British	Red List	Any species or ecosystem that is at risk of being lost (extirpated, endangered or threatened). Includes those assumed extirpated, historical/possibly extirpated, critically imperilled and imperilled	Harper et al.
Columbia Wildlife Act	Columbia, Canada	Blue List	Any species or ecosystem that is of special concern. Includes species of special concern, vulnerable to extirpation or extinction	(1994), Master et al. (2012),
		Yellow List	Any species or ecosystem that is apparently secure or secure (least risk of being lost) e.g. demonstrably widespread or abundant	NatureServe (2023)
		Endangered	Seriously threatened with extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range	
Washington Priority Habitats and	Washington State, USA	Protected – Threatened	Likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout a significant portion of its range without cooperative management or removal of threats	Department of Fish and Wildlife (2023)
Species		Protected – Sensitive	Vulnerable or declining and likely to become endangered or threatened in a significant portion of its range within the state without cooperative management or removal of threats	

Table 2: Species with specific populations listed under species-at-risk legislation on either one or both sides of the US-Canada border, and their respective Species At Risk Act (SARA), Endangered Species Act (ESA) and IUCN classifications. Where a population is specific in brackets, the species is only listed for that population but where there are no populations specified, the species is listed in its entirety/across the whole country. All IUCN classifications are at a species level.

Species	SARA	ESA	IUCN	
Steller sea lion	Special concern	Endangered (Western	Near Threatened	
Eumetopias jubatus		DPS)		
<b>Bowhead whale</b> <i>Balaena mysticetus</i>	Special concern (Bering-Chukchi- Beaufort population)	Endangered	Least Concern	
<b>Sei whale</b> Balaenoptera borealis	Endangered (Pacific population)	Endangered	Endangered	
<b>Blue whale</b> Balaenoptera musculus	Endangered (Atlantic and Pacific populations)	Endangered	Endangered	
Fin whale Balaenoptera physalus	Threatened (Pacific population) Special concern (Atlantic population)	Endangered	Vulnerable	
<b>Beluga whale</b> Delphinapterus leucas	Endangered (St. Lawrence Estuary population) Threatened (Cumberland Sound population)	Endangered (Cook Inlet DPS)	Least Concern	
<b>Grey whale</b> Eschrichtius robustus	Extirpated (Atlantic population) Special concern (Eastern North Pacific population)	Endangered (Western North Pacific DPS)	Least Concern	
Humpback whale Megaptera novaeangliae	Special concern (Subspecies <i>kuzira</i> in North Pacific population)	Endangered (Central America DPS and Western North Pacific DPS)	Least Concern	
Killer whale Orcinus orca	Endangered (Northeast Pacific southern resident population) Threatened (Northeast Pacific northern resident, offshore and transient populations)	Endangered (Southern Resident DPS)	Data Deficient	
<b>Caribou</b> Rangifer tarandus caribou	Threatened (Southern Mountain population) Special concern (Northern Mountain population)	Endangered (Southern Mountain DPS)	Not listed	
<b>Grizzly bear</b> <i>Ursus arctos</i>	Special concern (Western population)	Threatened	Least Concern	

Table 3: A comparison of species' listings at a federal versus provincial level in Canada, for those species that exist in British Columbia. Listings are shown for the Species At Risk Act (SARA), the British Columbia List and the corresponding British Columbia Conservation Status Rank. Note: some instances where a specific subspecies is not listed in one legislation, but the species is. See notes for specific information.

Species	SARA status	BC list	BC Conservation Status Rank	Notes
Pallid bat Antrozous pallidus	Threatened	Red	S2: Imperilled	
<b>Mountain beaver</b> <i>Aplodontia rufa</i>	Special Concern	Yellow	S4: Apparently Secure	
<b>Wood bison</b> <i>Bison bison athabascae</i>	Threatened	Red	S2: Imperilled	
Eastern wolf Canis lupus lycaon	Special Concern	Subspecies not on list	Subspecies not on list	Grey wolf as a species in BC is apparently secure and on Yellow list but the Eastern wolf subspecies does not occur in BC
<b>Sea otter</b> Enhydra lutris	Special Concern	Blue	S3: Special Concern	
North Pacific right whale Eubalaena japonica	Endangered	Red	S1: Critically Imperilled	
Spotted bat Euderma maculatum	Special Concern	Blue	S3S4: Special Concern /Apparently Secure	
Steller sea lion Eumetopias jubatus	Special Concern	Blue	S3S4B: Breeding population of Special Concern /Apparently Secure S4N: Non-breeding population Apparently Secure	
Wolverine Gulo gulo	Special Concern	No status	S3: Special Concern	No status because subspecies luscus (blue list) and vancouverensis (red list) have their own designation
Vancouver Island marmot Marmota vancouverensis	Endangered	Red	S1: Critically Imperilled	
Haide ermine Mustela haidarum	Threatened	Red	S2: Imperilled	

Little brown myotis Myotis lucifugus	Endangered	Blue	S3S4: Special Concern/Apparently Secure	
Northern myotis Myotis septentrionalis	Endangered	Blue	S2S3: Imperilled/Special Concern	
Collared pika Ochotona collaris	Special Concern	Blue	S3S4: Special Concern/Apparently Secure	
Western harvest mouse megalotis subspecies Reithrodontomys megalotis megalotis	Special Concern	Species on Blue List	Species is S3: Special Concern	Occurs in BC but subspecies has no specific status
Townsend's mole Scapanus townsendii	Endangered	Red	S1: Critically Imperilled	
Pacific water shrew Sorex bendirii	Endangered	Red	S2: Imperilled	Inexact or uncertain numeric rank
Nuttall's cottontail Sylvilagus nuttallii nuttallii	Special Concern	Species on Blue List	Species is S3: Special Concern	Occurs in BC but subspecies has no specific status
Plains bison Bos bison bison	Not listed	Red	SX: Presumed extirpated	
Northern fur seal Callorhinus ursinus	Not listed	Red	S2M: Migratory population imperilled	
Roosevelt elk Cervus elaphus roosevelti	Not listed	Blue	S3S4: Special Concern/Apparently Secure	
Townsend's big- eared bat Corynorhinus townsendii	Not listed	Blue	S3: Special Concern	
Hoary bat Lasiurus cinereus	Not listed	Blue	S3S4: Special Concern/Apparently Secure	
Snowshoe hare washingtonii subspecies Lepus americanus washingtonii	Not listed	Red	S1: Critically Imperilled	
White-tailed jackrabbit Lepus townsendii	Not listed	Red	SX: Presumed extirpated	
Townsend's vole cowani subspecies Microtus townsendii cowani	Not listed	Red	S1: Critically Imperilled	

Northern elephant seal Mirounga angustirostris	Not listed	Red	S1B, S4N: Breeding population Critically Imperilled, non-breeding population Apparently Secure	
Long-tailed weasel altifrontalis subspecies Mustela frenata altifrontalis	Not listed	Red	SH: Possibly Extirpated	
Ermine anguinae subspecies Mustela richardsonii anguinae	Not listed	Blue	S3: Special Concern	
Southern red- backed vole subspecies Myodes gapperi - galei - occidentalis	Not listed	Blue Red	S3S4: Special Concern/Apparently Secure S1: Critically Imperilled	
Western small- footed myotis Myotis ciliolabrum	Not listed	Blue	S3S4: Special Concern/Apparently Secure	
Yuma myotis Myotis yumanensis	Not listed	Blue	S3: Special Concern	
Least chipmunk subspecies Neotamias minimus - oreocetes - selkirki	Not listed	Blue Red	S3: Special Concern S1: Critically Imperilled	
Red-tailed chipmunk ruficaudus and simulans subspecies Neotamias ruficaudus - ruficaudus - simulans	Not listed	Red Blue	S2: Imperilled S3: Special Concern	
Mountain goat Oreamnos americanus	Not listed	Blue	S3: Special Concern	
Bighorn sheep Ovis canadensis	Not listed	Blue	S3: Special Concern	Inexact or uncertain numeric rank
Dall's sheep Ovis dalli dalli	Not listed	Blue	S2S3: Imperilled/Special Concern	
Stone's sheep Ovis dalli stonei	Not listed	Blue	S3S4: Special Concern/Apparently Secure	
Fisher Pekania pennanti	Not listed	Blue	S3: Special Concern	

<ul><li>Boreal</li><li>population</li><li>Columbian</li><li>population</li></ul>		Red	S2: Imperilled	
Sperm whale Physeter macrocephalus	Not listed	Blue	S3S4: Special Concern/Apparently Secure	
Merriam's shrew Sorex merriami	Not listed	Red	S1: Critically Imperilled	
Western water shrew brooksi subspecies Sorex navigator brooksi	Not listed	Blue	S2S3: Imperilled/Special Concern	
American water shrew Sorex palustris	Not listed	Blue	S2S4: Imperilled/Apparently Secure	
Preble's shrew Sorex preblei	Not listed	Red	S1S2: Critically Imperilled/Imperilled	
Olympic shrew Sorex rohweri	Not listed	Red	S2: Imperilled	Inexact or uncertain numeric rank
Trowbridge's shrew Sorex trowbridgii	Not listed	Blue	S3: Special Concern	
Tundra shrew Sorex tundrensis	Not listed	Red	S1: Critically Imperilled	Inexact or uncertain numeric rank
Northern bog lemming artemisiae subspecies Synaptomys borealis artemisiae	Not listed	Blue	S2S3: Imperilled/Special Concern	
Northern pocket gopher segregatus subspecies Thomomys talpoides segregatus	Not listed	Red	S1S3: Critically Imperilled/Special Concern	
Meadow jumping mouse alascensis subspecies Zapus hudsonius alascensis	Not listed	Blue	S3: Special Concern	

Table 4: Species classifications for mammals with distributions in Washington state, and their respective listings under ESA (federal legislation) and the Washington Species List (state legislation). Note: there are some instances where a specific subspecies is not listed, but the species is. See notes for specific details.

Species	ESA status	Washington	Notes
Southern sea otter Enyhdra lutris nereis	Threatened	Subspecies not listed but Sea Otter species Threatened	
Canada lynx Lynx canadensis	Threatened	Endangered	
Pocket gopher subspecies Thomomys mazama ssp glacialis - pugetensis - tumuli - yelmensis - couchi - louiel - melanops	Threatened Threatened Threatened Threatened Not listed Not listed Not listed	Threatened	
Blue whale Balaenoptera musculus	Endangered	Endangered	
Fin whale Balaenoptera physalus	Endangered	Endangered	
<b>Sei whale</b> Balaenoptera borealis	Endangered	Endangered	
<b>Sperm whale</b> <i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered	Endangered	
North Pacific right whale Eubalaena japonica	Endangered	Endangered	
Grizzly bear Ursus arctos	Threatened	Endangered	
Cascade red fox Vulpes vulpes cascadensis	Not listed	Endangered	Does not occur outside of Washington
Western gray squirrel Sciurus griseus	Not listed	Threatened	Occurs outside of Washington

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