

British Columbia Guide to Recovery Planning for Species and Ecosystems

Appendix 1. Glossary

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GLOSSARY

Ecosystem at risk: an ecosystem that is extirpated, endangered or threatened, or of special concern (formerly called vulnerable).

Endangered: Facing imminent extirpation or extinction.

Extinct: No longer in existence.

Extirpated: No longer existing in the wild in a jurisdiction (e.g. country, province, or state), but existing elsewhere.

Recovery documents: includes management plans, recovery strategies, and action plans.

Recovery plan: comprised of a recovery strategy and one or more action planning documents.

Recovery planning: an inclusive term that refers to both the creation and implementation of management plans and recovery plans.

Special Concern: A species or ecosystem that may become threatened or endangered due to a combination of biological characteristics and identified threats.

Species at risk: a species that is extirpated, endangered or threatened, or of special concern (formerly called vulnerable).

Threatened: Likely to become endangered if limiting factors are not reversed