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Recommendations for Endangered Species Legislation

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This past summer I had the privilege of being invited to join a panel of conservation and biodiversity experts in British Columbia to develop a set of recommendations for endangered species legislation. The work is timely in that province, as the British Columbia government has announced plans to enact dedicated [species at risk legislation](#). Members of the expert panel drew from their experience working within the science and policy of endangered species recovery and protection to put together a set of recommendations for the British Columbia government to consider as it works towards new legislation. The Report was published today, and it can be found [here](#). Some of the recommendations in the Report are similar to those set out in [A Proposal for Effective Legal Protection for Endangered Species Legislation in Alberta](#), including the need for provisions that ensure recovery measures are guided by science rather than politics. British Columbia currently has much the same legal framework as Alberta for endangered species legislation, which I described many years ago in [Endangered species under Alberta's Wildlife Act: Effective legal protection?](#) as woefully inadequate and ineffective. British Columbia appears poised to change matters for the better within its borders. Will Alberta do the same?

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