

STEP ONE:

- a. Be familiar with recovery plans available for Threatened and Endangered Species listed under the Species at Risk Act (SARA). These are found at the SAR Public Registry <https://www.registrelep-sararegistry.gc.ca/default.asp?lang=en&n=24F7211B-1>
- b. Go to the Environment Canada data catalogue to download the data for species with Critical Habitat applicable to the land area under review. <https://open.canada.ca/en/open-data>
- c. If data not found, contact Environment and Climate Change Canada to clarify data available for proposed or final Critical habitat. (Okanagan: Kelowna Office).
- d. Create map including CH data from all proposed and final recovery plans containing CH applicable to the land area under review.

IS THERE CRITICAL HABITAT ON THE PROPERTY?

YES

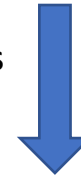


STEP TWO:

- e. For any mapped CH present, go to the SAR Public Registry and look up the relevant recovery strategies (used the advanced search function and be sure you use only the most recent versions or amendments).
- f. Review the section(s) on biophysical attributes.
- g. Compare the biophysical attributes to what's on the ground.

ARE THERE ATTRIBUTES PRESENT WITHIN THE MAPPED AREAS?

YES



NO



NO



Document in the Environmental Assessment, and no further action required.

STEP THREE:

- h. Create a refined map to document areas where attributes are present.
- i. Use the refined map and development/ land use proposal information to determine where and how much critical habitat might be impacted by the project.
- j. Determine implications for each biophysical attribute.

WILL CRITICAL HABITAT DESTRUCTION OCCUR AS A RESULT OF DEVELOPMENT/ LAND USE PROPOSED?

NO



Make a finding that Critical Habitat destruction will not occur as a result of development. Prescribe avoidance and mitigation strategies to prevent destruction of Critical Habitat.

YES



Discuss options for revising development/ land use proposal to prevent destruction.
REVISED DEVELOPMENT / LAND USE PROPOSAL WILL PREVENT CRITICAL HABITAT DESTRUCTION?

NO



Contact Environment Climate Change Canada for advice to assess whether permit for destruction is possible in this situation. Permits are not typically issued.

YES

