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**SUBMISSIONS  
OF OTTAWA RIVERKEEPER  
TO ONTARIO MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**

**RE: CONSULTATION ON PROPOSED LEGISLATIVE CHANGES  
REGARDING SPECIES AT RISK IN ONTARIO –  
EBR REGISTRY NUMBER AB06E6001**

**DOCUMENT: EBR REGISTRY # AB06E6001**

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Dear Mr. Bowcott,

On behalf of Ottawa Riverkeeper, I would like to express our support of the comments submitted by Lake Ontario Waterkeeper regarding the consultation on proposed legislative changes regarding species at risk in Ontario. I support the comments because the proposed changes to the provincial endangered species legislation strengthen the provincial legislation, and incorporate many of the features of the federal Species at Risk Act.

Citizen-based Ottawa Riverkeeper is the voice that works to protect and enhance the ecological health and integrity of the Ottawa River system. Through expert, independent action Ottawa Riverkeeper encourages responsible decision-making, public education and participation, and compliance with existing protection regulations throughout the watershed.

Sincerely,



Meredith Brown  
Riverkeeper and Executive Director

Cc:  
Mark Mattson – Lake Ontario Waterkeeper