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Greetings:

I am pleased to inform you that the proposed Management Plan for Northern Sunfish, prepared under the *Species at Risk Act* (SARA), will be published on the Species at Risk Public Registry (the 'Registry') for a 60-day public comment period next week. This document was prepared by Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) in collaboration with many partners and we wish to take this opportunity to engage you in the next steps of the process including seeking your comments on the proposed document. English and French versions of the document will be available on the Registry.

SARA strengthens and enhances the Government of Canada's capacity to manage and protect Canadian species and populations that are at risk. The Northern Sunfish is listed as Special Concern under the Act.

Once an aquatic species is listed as Special Concern under SARA, the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans must use the best available information to develop a Management Plan. A Management Plan is a strategic document that describes the species and its needs, outlines threats, and identifies conservation measures to ensure that a species does not become Threatened or Endangered.

We invite you to comment on the proposed Management Plan, including any potential effects on your community or organization. The proposed Management Plan for Northern Sunfish in Canada will be open for a 60-day comment period. Following the conclusion of this 60-day comment period, DFO will consider the comments received and post the final Management Plan on the Registry, which will provide a framework to guide DFO and partners in our efforts to recover the species.

DFO values your input on the proposed Management Plan. We encourage you to share this information with others who you think may be interested.

Thank you for your contribution to the development of this important document and your continued dedication and interest in the conservation of aquatic species at risk.

Sincerely,

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