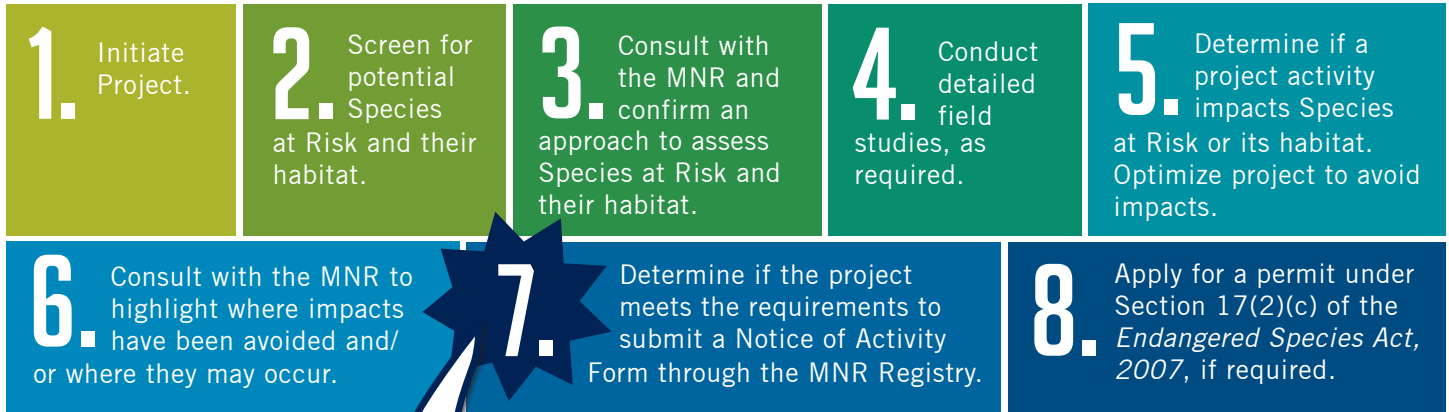


# AS OF JULY 1, 2013, THE SPECIES AT RISK PROCESS IN ONTARIO WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THE PROCESS BELOW, WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE STEP.



The addition of Step 7 provides various industries with a standardized framework to work under for activities deemed to be “low risk” to certain species.

Working within the MNR Registry framework, a *Notice of Activity Form* is submitted and a species-specific *Mitigation, Habitat Compensation and Monitoring Plan* is required for the project. Elements required in the Plan are prescribed by the Regulation and must be completed by qualified biologists.

## OVERVIEW OF CHANGES



**AQUATIC SPECIES** – Applies mostly to water crossings (structures and pipes). Covers 8 fish species and 11 mussel species. Redside Dace transition provided to allow Mitigation Plan approved construction past Dec. 31, 2014.




**BARN SWALLOW AND CHIMNEY SWIFT** – Working on or removing structures that provide habitat requires nest/habitat replacement. Provisions to avoid working in active habitat areas during the breeding season can be implemented.

**BOBOLINK AND EASTERN MEADOWLARK** – Applies to projects that will destroy up to 30 ha (74 acres) of habitat. The habitat provided as compensation must be larger than that destroyed and managed to maintain its suitability for the species.



**BUTTERNUT** – Exemption was revised so that trees displaying resistance to Butternut canker cannot be removed under the Regulation exemption. Otherwise, the provision remains that up to 10 retainable trees can be removed following a submission to the MNR Registry. Replanting of Butternut seedlings at a ratio determined by the size of the tree(s) removed is required.



As of January 24, 2013 new species were added to the Species at Risk in Ontario list and as of June 30, 2013 all species (additional 65) listed as *Threatened or Endangered* will have their habitat protected.

The MNR has **established a time-limited transition provision** (i.e., grandfathering) for these species. Projects must be in an advanced stage of an applicable approvals process and begin within a prescribed timeline to be eligible for the transition provision. Eligible projects include residential, commercial and industrial development. Submission of the *Notice of Activity Form* is required before the activity begins or promptly after June 30, 2013 if the activity is currently underway. The project is then exempt for these species if immediate actions are taken to minimize adverse effects and a *Mitigation Plan* is submitted prior to the required habitat restoration or compensation. The *Mitigation Plan* must be completed within 2 years of the *Notice of Activity Form* being submitted.



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