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To: Gaweda, Joanna (MNR)
Cc: Moreau, Paul (MNR); Baker, Tania (MNR); Hiscock, Ted (MNR); Punt, Kirby (MNR); Bohm, Mike (MNR)
Subject: RE: brainstorming meeting McNab and T.Renfrew OP's

Hi Joanna,

It appears that based upon your options for this meeting, I will be unable to attend. That being the case, I offer the following comments and bits of information for your consideration in this effort (further to my earlier reference to FMP related text on this topic).

My first question, needed in order to determine level of work that needs to be done, is – to what level of species significance status will you be working towards for inclusion into the OP? Municipalities that I worked with in the south were keenly interested in natural heritage features and values and worked to include consideration of species ranging in significance from regionally significant (at R.M. or County level) to provincially significant (S1, S2 and S3) to threatened and endangered, and they were very happy to work towards protecting and mitigating for all species within all planning decisions. I suspect that in this local situation, the McNab Braeside and Renfrew OP will only be to that level absolutely required by the Province through PPS, and that they will not go beyond. Has this been confirmed with them?

If the O.P. is to be written only to “significant habitat of endangered species and threatened species”, then the tasks required in terms of complexity and time required is much less – though it will require some work on our part to produce a product AND it leaves all other species habitat as fair game in the context of an O.P. notwithstanding other PPS requirements directly or indirectly. After confirming what level of species significance status, and which species are known or likely to occur in the planning area, we need to define “significant habitat”. Although MNR is identified as the agency responsible for approving “habitat of endangered species and threatened species”, and the PPS provides some general criteria on pg 36 of the PPS, MNR’s corporate guidelines for doing this technically and biologically is still only in draft form. Also, each species will probably require species specific prescriptions for defining this habitat or “significant habitat”, AND as an exercise under the Planning Act it will be different than that habitat interpreted for purposes under the Endangered Species Act. Even after these corporate habitat mapping guidelines are finalized and approved, it will be some time before we are able to convert all the points to polygons.

We then have to determine what products are needed by the municipality and when they are needed and how they are to be implemented. If there are maps, we have to determine how they will be prepared / presented, to what level of detail (points vs. blobs vs. tenure parcels within x metres of EO’s), and whether this will be a schedule in the O.P. or an item that is only referenced with provisions to amended from time to time by MNR as required. My preference is the latter. Also, the blobs should not be labelled as to species since several are ‘sensitive species’ in terms of the sensitivity around the desire to maintain confidentiality of locational information due to commercialization threats. My preference would be to produce unlabelled occurrence blobs based upon known EO’s and existing tenure parcels within x metres. The municipality would then circulate this to MNR for review and comments relative to PPS section 2.1.

The following species are considered as occurring or potentially occurring in lower tier municipalities of McNab Braeside and Renfrew. There is a remote possibility that additional SAR species not included in this table could be found in the planning areas.

Pembroke District Species At Risk		
Species	Ontario Status (SARO)	National Status (COSEWIC)
American Ginseng	END	END
Butternut	END	END

Wood Turtle	END	SC
Eastern Cougar	END-R	DD
Loggerhead Shrike	END-R	END
Bald Eagle	END-R	NAR
Golden Eagle	END-R	NAR
Peregrine Falcon	END-R	THR
Least Bittern	THR	THR
Black Rat Snake	THR	THR
Eastern Spiny Softshell Turtle	THR	THR
Stinkpot (Musk Turtle)	THR	THR
Blanding's Turtle	THR	THR

I would also like to see significant wildlife habitat defined further by the McNab Braeside and Renfrew O.P.'s with some specific areas identified. Included in this definition should be areas such as provincially rare ecosites such as alvars and shoreline prairies.

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Hello !

Please respond with your preference for a meeting, to take approximately 1 hour, to discuss values and policy direction for the above OP's.

Thanks!

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