

**Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations) Questionnaire (sent through the SARA website April 8)**

**Species of interest:** Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations)

**Your name (optional):** Richard Burke

**Your Organization/Community/First Nation affiliation (Optional):**

Oldman River Chapter Trout Unlimited Canada

1a) Are you in favour of the Government of Canada adding the Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations) to the SARA List?

X Yes      No      Undecided

b) If 'Yes' or 'No', please let us know why

The species is an important/integral part of the area's fish and wildlife heritage and should be protected. It is unique, and must be given every chance to rebound.

c) If 'Undecided', please tell us why

2. Why is listing or not listing Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations) important to you?

*Please choose an option that best reflects your level of agreement or disagreement with the following statements.*

**Has social and/or cultural significance (e.g. traditional purposes) to my community**  
Strongly agree

**Is an important part of the Aboriginal or Canadian heritage**  
Strongly agree

**Is or was an important subsistence food source**  
Neither agree or disagree.

**Has economic value (e.g. recreational or commercial fishery)**  
Strongly agree

**Provides job opportunities (e.g. tourism) to the local economy**  
Strongly agree

**Plays an important role in maintaining a healthy freshwater ecosystem**

Strongly agree

**Will be valuable to future generations**

Strongly agree

**Many people in Canada value it even though they may never personally see one**

Strongly agree

**Other (please specify):**

It is inconceivable that our generation could allow a species to disappear if it has any way of preventing that from happening.

**3. Do you have additional reasons why you support the legal listing of Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations)?**

No.

**4. If you do not support legal listing of Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations), please tell us why.**

N/A

**5. If adding Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations) to the SARA List will have a negative effect on you or your activities, please let us know how you could change your activities to reduce the impact?**

Most of our members now practice catch and release in our river system. On the surface that would seem a viable alternative for all anglers. Our organization does appear to fear outright closure of the fishery.

**6. Please add any other comments or concerns (include additional sheets, if necessary) you would like to be considered.**

**The following questions are optional:**

**7. Did this consultation workbook help you:**

a) Understand how the listing process under the SARA works?    X Yes      No  
Undecided

b) Understand the important issues concerning Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations)?    x Yes      No      Undecided

c) Provide an effective way to communicate your views on the potential listing Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Alberta populations) to DFO?    X Yes      No      Undecided

d) What changes or additions can we make to this workbook to make it more easily understood and user friendly?

*It could be made to complete with online forms.*

8. We would like to get an idea of how well you understand the Species At Risk Act (SARA). Please tell us how familiar you are with SARA:

Not at all  Very little  Average  Quite well  Expert

9. Which sector(s) do you represent? Check all that apply.

- General public
- Aboriginal organization
- Aboriginal community
- Academic community
- Agriculture
- Commercial Fishing/Processing/Sales
- Environmental organization
- First Nation
- Farming
- Forestry
- Government (please state level) \_\_\_\_\_
- Hydroelectric power generation
- Industry or manufacturing
- Oil and gas
- Private sector – other (please indicate) \_\_\_\_\_
- Professional service
- Stewardship group