5 THINGS TO ASK YOUR CANDIDATES ABOUT ABOUT SPECIES AT RISK

The next BC election, scheduled for **October 19**, has huge implications, including for the future of at-risk species and their habitats. Every candidate running for a seat in the Legislature needs to know this is an issue we'll be voting on, and we can all ask our candidates where they stand. At public events, pre-election campaign debates and over the phone or via email, please ask your candidates:

- 1. How will you ensure BC achieves the target to protect 30% of provincial lands and waters by 2030?
- 2. When will your party finalize and implement the BC Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework and ensure it enshrines strong species at risk protection?
- **3.** How will you prioritize urgent habitat protection over industrial interests to recover at-risk and critically endangered species like the spotted owl?
- 4. Will you commit to ensuring all biodiversity protection laws and measures uphold the Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act, including prioritizing free, prior and informed consent?
- **5.** Given the current biodiversity crisis and mass endangerment of species, how will you prioritize funding conservation strategies over private profits?

