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Mr. John M. Glowa, Sr.
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Dear Mr. Glowa:

Thank you for your letter of April 29, 2012, regarding the re-colonization of wolves in eastern Canada and the United States.

The management of wildlife in Canada is shared between the federal and provincial/territorial governments. The federal government is responsible for migratory birds and aquatic species wherever they occur, as well as for terrestrial species found on federal lands. The provinces and territories are normally responsible for all other wildlife conservation and management issues. In some circumstances, the Government of Canada can also have responsibility for other species through the federal *Species at Risk Act* (SARA). The Act is designed to work in a complementary fashion with provincial/territorial legislation to protect wildlife species and their habitats.

In this country, wolves, including the eastern wolf, are a provincially managed species. Federally, the eastern wolf, which occurs in Ontario and Quebec, is the only wolf species listed as at risk under SARA. Environment Canada is working with these provinces to ensure that the proposed Eastern Wolf Management Plan is completed and posted on the Species at Risk Public Registry at www.sararegistry.gc.ca. It is important to note that the absence of a posted management plan for the eastern wolf under SARA does not mean that actions are not being taken for this species' protection. For example, in Ontario, the management of wolves is regulated under the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, and in Quebec under *An Act respecting the conservation and development of wildlife*. These acts regulate hunting and trapping through a permitting process, and also provide for the control and monitoring of harvest levels so that eastern wolf populations remain sustainable.

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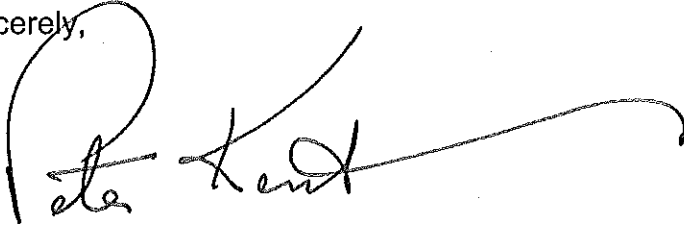


I appreciate your interest in promoting binational co-operation to conserve wolves. The Government of Canada is currently focused on the development of the Eastern Wolf Management Plan. There are no plans to prepare a binational recovery plan for the eastern wolf or gray wolf. However, this does not preclude complementary conservation work under way for wolves in both countries.

Please be assured that Environment Canada takes the conservation of biodiversity seriously and supports working with the provinces and territories on landscape-level conservation that will benefit species that are federal and provincial/territorial responsibilities.

I trust that the information provided is helpful, and extend my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Kent". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

The Honourable Peter Kent, P.C., M.P.