Species at Risk in Canada Questions

Use "Endangered Animals in Canada (The Canadian Encyclopedia)" handout to answer these questions

1. What are some reasons why animals are put at risk for extinction? Can you think of any others?

2. As of 2018, a total of 771 species were considered at risk in Canada, including 531 animals. Can you name some of them?

3. Species that are in decline or at risk of extinction are put into different groups based on their level of risk of further decline, so that ideally, protection and recovery efforts can be prioritized. How are the categories of "Special Concern", "Threatened", "Endangered", "Extirpated", and "Extinct" defined?

4. Describe the Species at Risk Act and the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada.

5. Why were sea otters on the verge of extinction in Canada by 1900? How did their population recover?

6. Why were populations of peregrine falcons in Canada wiped out? How did their population recover?

7. Why do greater prairie-chickens no longer exist in the wild in Canada? Where do they still live?

8. The leatherback turtle is endangered in Canada. What are some threats to the survival of this species?

9. The Atlantic whitefish is endangered in Canada. What are some threats to the survival of this species?

10. Climate change is listed as a main threat to the survival of caribou. In what ways is it affecting them?

11. What is being done in Canada by federal, provincial, territorial, municipal and Indigenous governments for habitat protection?

12. What is being done in Canada by the private sector, individual landowners, and non-governmental organizations for habitat protection?

13. Which organizations are engaged in the study and management of rare and endangered species?

14. Which two international agreements has the Canadian government signed to protect species at risk?

Use "Endangered Arctic Animals (The Canadian Encyclopedia)" handout to answer these questions

15. What climate change and habitat destruction effects have scientists and the Inuit seen in the Arctic?

16. The narwhal is a special concern in Canada. What are some threats to the survival of this species?

17. The number of bowhead whales has increased since they were first protected from commercial whaling in 1931. However, this species still faces threats to its survival. What are some of these threats?

18. What are some threats to the survival of the beluga whale?

19. The polar bear is a special concern in Canada. What are some threats to the survival of this species?

20. What are some threats to the survival of the caribou?

21. What are some threats to the survival of the walrus?