



"Science Meets Policy" Webinar Series

Webinar 1 - Insect Conservation

Hosted by the Entomological Society of Canada's Science-Policy Committee and Student and Early Professional Affairs Committee

**Friday March 4th, 2022
1:00-2:00 PM Eastern
Time**

[Click here to join](#) this virtual webinar and learn about the intersection of science and policy in insect conservation from three amazing speakers!

Richard Cannings is a Member of Parliament for the New Democratic Party in South Okanagan-West Kootenay, British Columbia. Richard is highly knowledgeable on the policy-making process in Canada and is a member of the federal Standing Committee on Science and Research. As a former biologist and author of several wildlife-related books, Richard has extensive experience advocating for wildlife conservation.



Jessica Linton is a Senior Biologist at Natural Resource Solutions Inc. in Waterloo, Ontario. Jessica has extensive experience in environmental monitoring, natural area inventories, and impact assessments but a large portion of her work focuses on insect species at risk. As a member of the COSEWIC Arthropods Specialist Subcommittee and the founder and Chair of the Ontario Butterfly Species at Risk Recovery Team, Jessica utilizes her scientific background in insect conservation to inform conservation planning, habitat management, and species at risk recovery planning for a variety of government and non-government collaborators.

Mary Kubesh is the Senior Advisor to the President at the Impact Assessment Agency of Canada. She has utilized her biology background to inform her work at several government departments including as a Policy Analyst for Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Program Analyst for the Treasury Board Secretariat, and Senior Advisor for the Interdepartmental Task Team on the Environmental and Regulatory Reviews. In the course of her career, Mary has developed expertise in scientific knowledge translation in support of decision making in government.

