

HIGHLIGHTING CONNECTIONS

Assessing Risks for Horned Grebe to Inform COSEWIC Status Reports



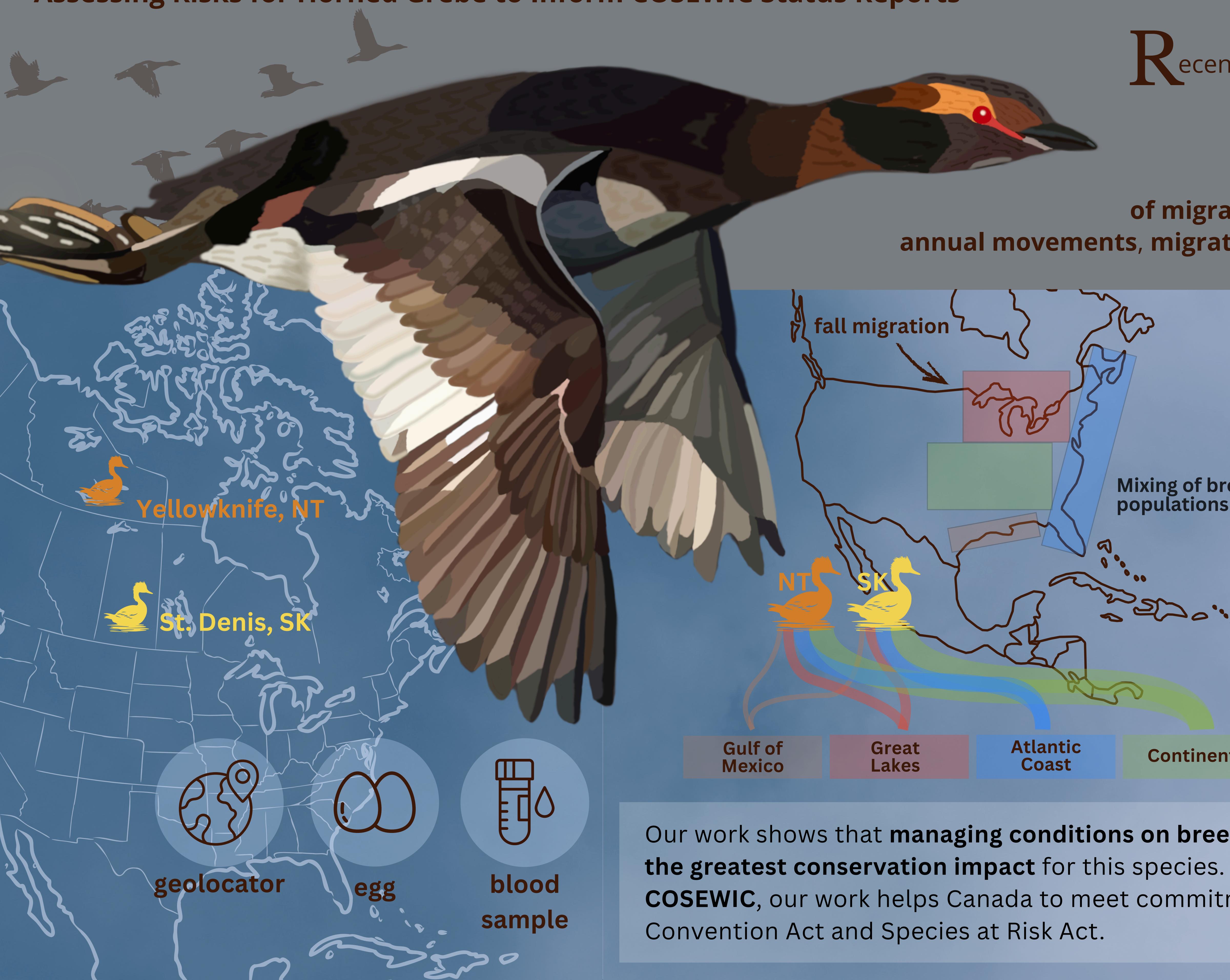
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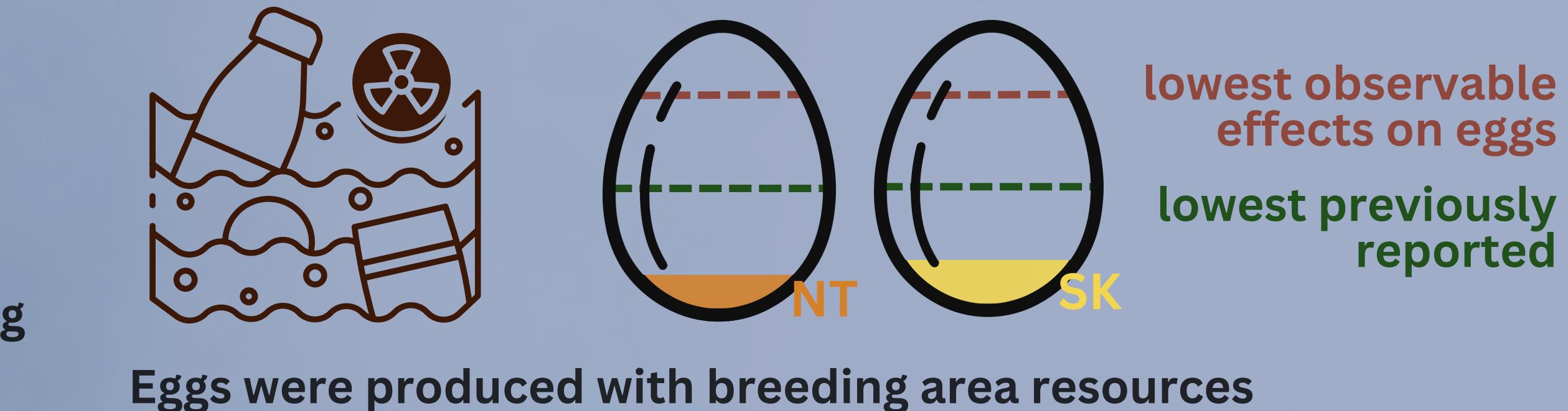
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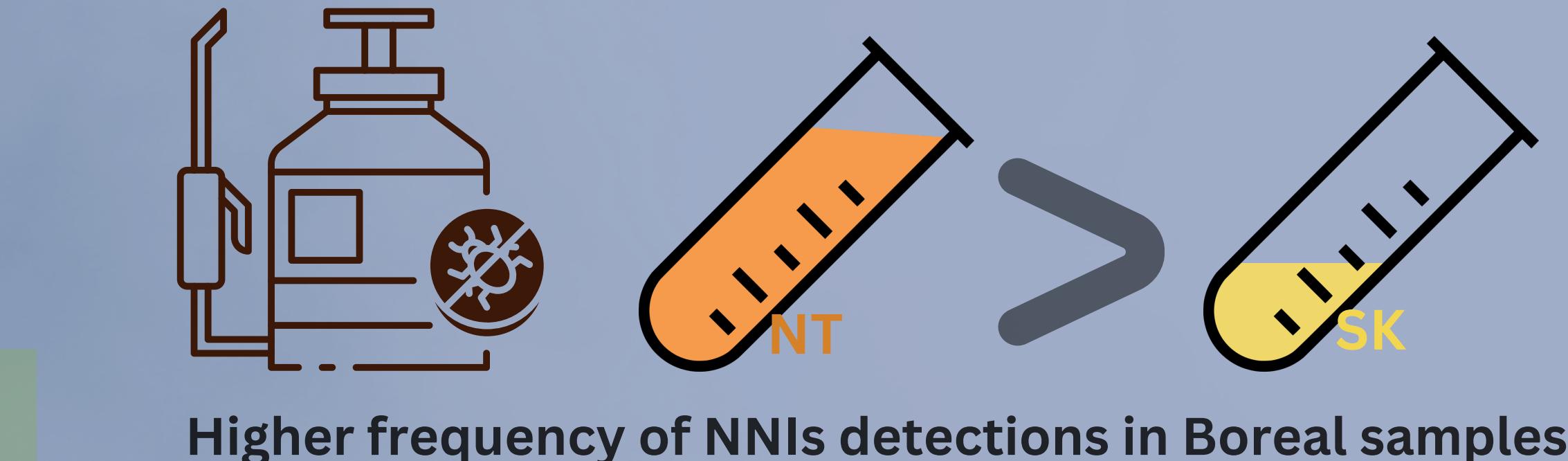
Recent findings from the Office of the Auditor General highlight that **ECCC needs to provide stronger support for COSEWIC status assessments.**

To guide **timely and effective conservation of migratory birds**, we investigated the Horned Grebe's **annual movements, migratory connectivity, and contaminant exposure**.

Persistent organic pollutants (POPs)



Neonicotinoid pesticides (NNIs)



Our work shows that **managing conditions on breeding areas** (rather than further south) will have **the greatest conservation impact** for this species. By **directly filling knowledge gaps identified by COSEWIC**, our work helps Canada to meet commitments under both the Migratory Birds Convention Act and Species at Risk Act.

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