

# HIGHLIGHTING CONNECTIONS

Assessing Risks for Horned Grebe to Inform COSEWIC Status Reports



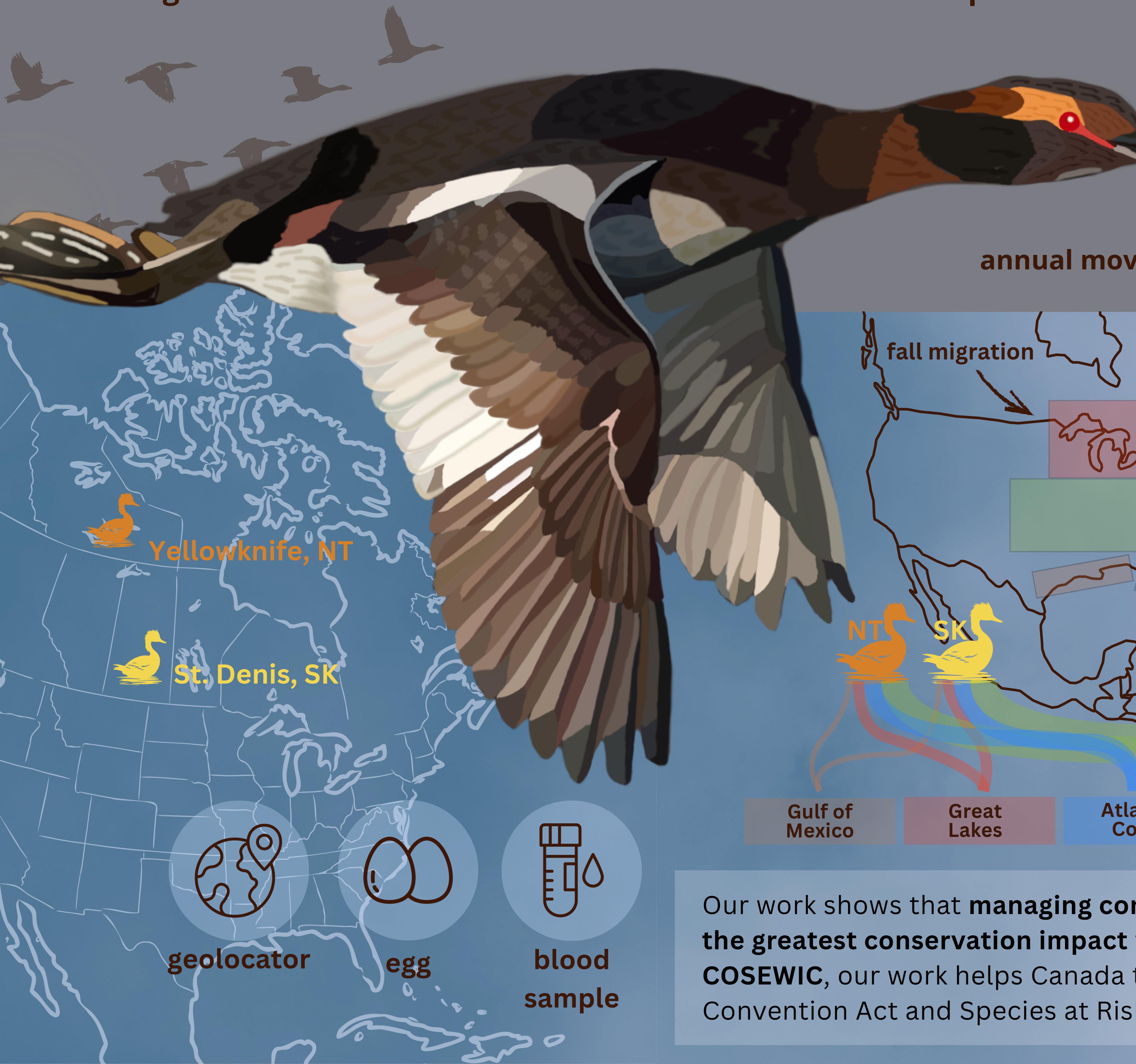
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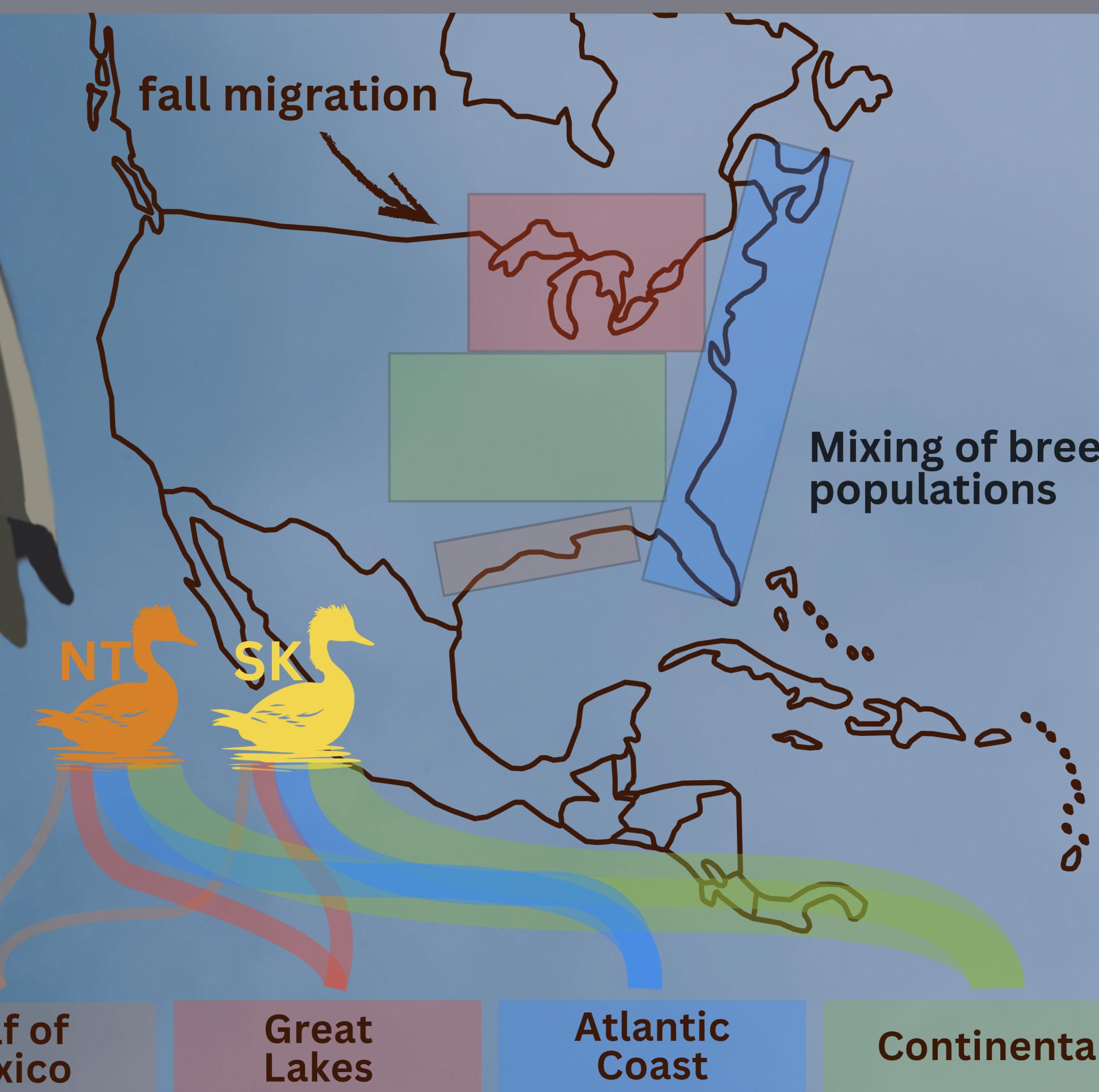


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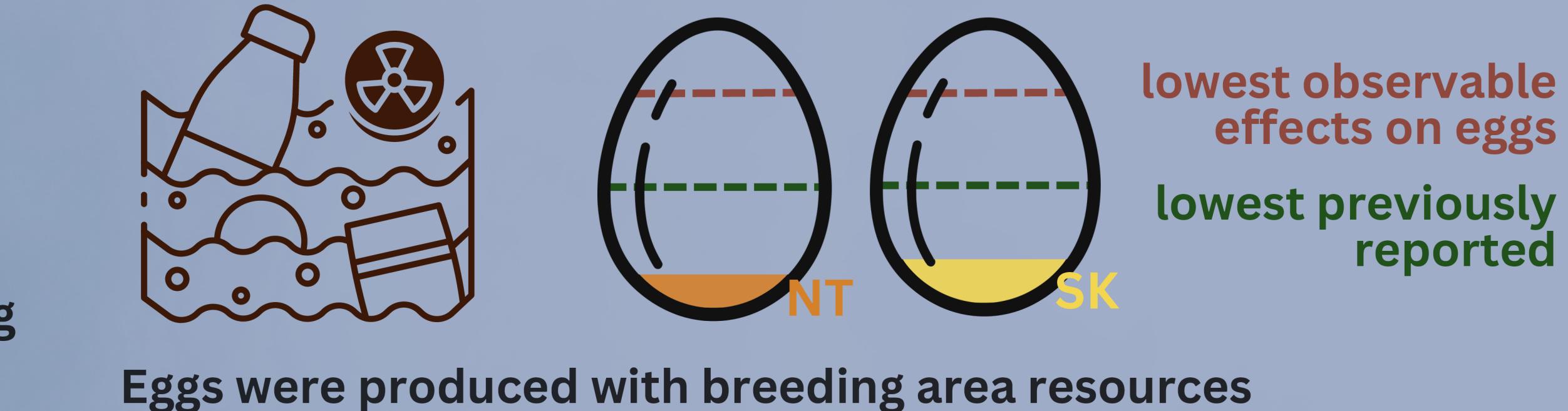
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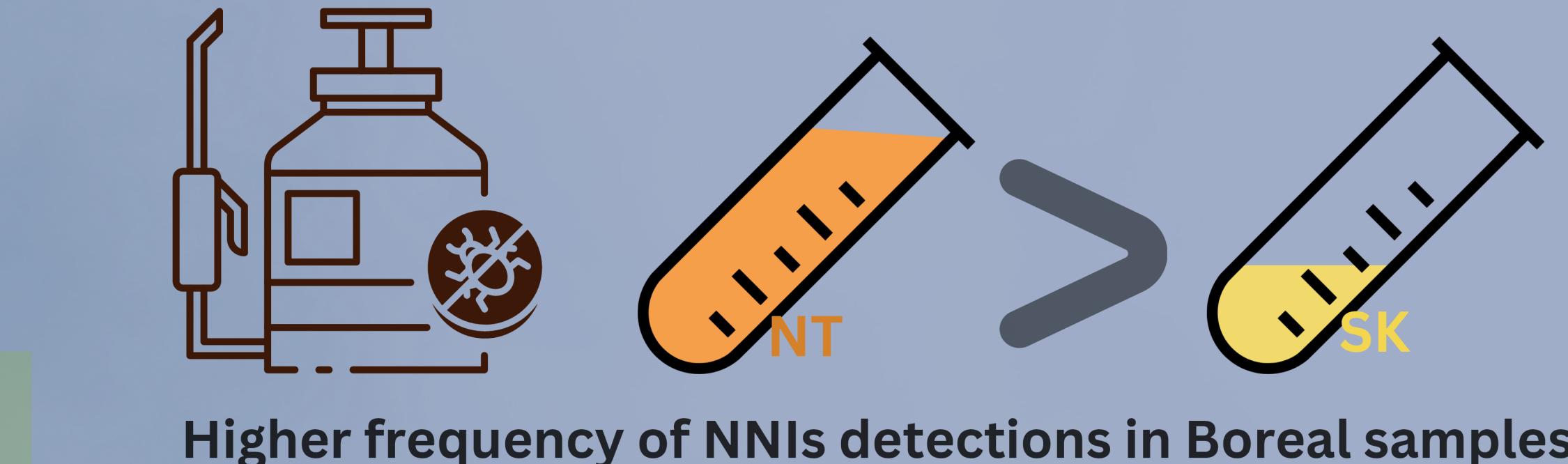
Recent findings from the Office of the Auditor General highlight that ECCC needs to provide stronger support for COSEWIC status assessments.

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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