Aquatic Species At Risk

PUGNOSE MINNOW

Opsopoeodus emiliae

SARA* STATUS: THREATENED

9 dorsal rays Silver-coloured with a criss-cross Thin, black line running the pattern of scaling across the upper full length of the body on both sides

Very small, steeply upturned mouth

body

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Small, slightly deep-bodied fish reaches between 35-57 mm

THREATS INCLUDE



Habitat degradation



Sediment & nutrient loading



Contaminants

CANADIAN

populations are found only in southwestern Ontario limited to Lake St. Clair and its smaller tributaries, and the Detroit, Canard and Sydenham rivers.





ACTIVITIES IN OR NEAR WATER CAN HARM AQUATIC SPECIES

WHAT CAN YOU DO?



Prevent contaminants from entering the water



Do not clear aquatic vegetation



Keep your shorelines natural



Protect sensitive habitat. Contact DFO before doing any in-water work





For more information about the Pugnose Minnow, visit us online: dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaticspeciesatrisk

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