

# Listing and Regulation Updates





## Regulation and Policy Changes

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
  - The Service published the final rule for “Permits for Incidental Take of Eagles and Eagle Nests” on February 12, 2024
- Mitigation Policy
  - Last year the Service’s mitigation policy was still under review
  - May 15, 2023 – The Service published the “Mitigation Policy and the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Compensatory Mitigation Policy”

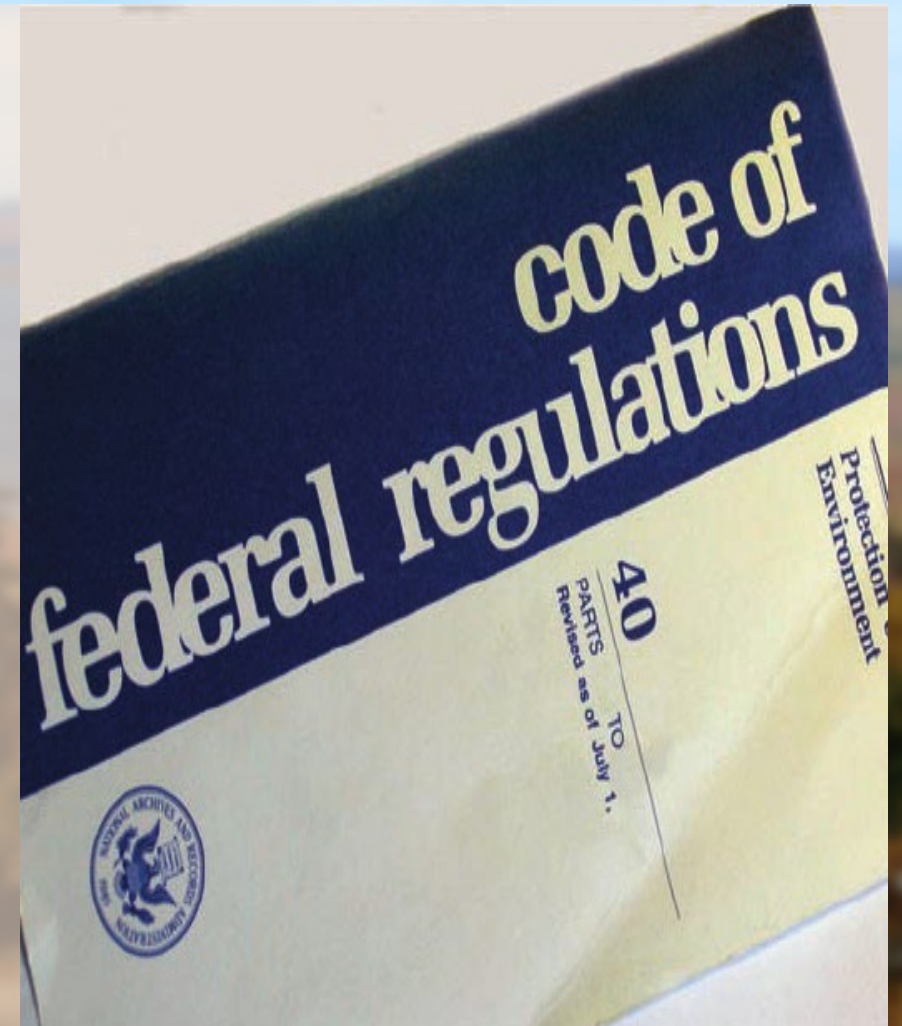


Photo: USFWS



# Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*)

- 2019 – Recovery plan finalized
- November 22, 2020 – 5-year review finalized
- Shared jurisdiction with NOAA, split at the high-tide line



Photo: Edward Peter Steenstra, USFWS





## Rusty Patched Bumble Bee (*Bombus affinis*)

- Currently listed as endangered
- Last known occurrence in Maine was observed in 2009
- August 26, 2021 – Final recovery plan published
- 2022 – 5-year status review



Photo: Susan Day; UW-Madison Arboretum

## E. Prairie Fringed Orchid (*Platanthera leucophaea*)

- Currently listed as threatened
- In Maine, known from only one population at Crystal Bog
  - Eastern central Maine, near Island Falls
- December 15, 2020 – 5-year review completed



Photo: Joshua Mayer





# Furbish's Lousewort (*Pedicularis furbishiae*)

- Currently listed as endangered
- September 26, 2019 – Recovery plan published
- January 15, 2021 – Proposed for downlisting to threatened
- FY 2022 – Final downlisting decision



Photo: Meagan Racey, USFWS



## Small Whorled Pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*)

- Currently listed as threatened
- Southern Maine
- 2022 – 5-year review
- November 13, 1992 – Recovery plan published



Photo: USFWS





# Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*)

- Currently listed as threatened
- 2022 – 5-year review
- March 16, 2016 – Draft recovery plan published
- The last few years were the most productive recorded on Maine's beaches



Photo: Kaiti Titherington/USFWS





## Red Knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*)

- Currently listed as threatened
- FY 2022 – Final recovery plan
- December 6, 2021 – 5-year review completed
- July 15, 2021 – Proposed critical habitat
- FY 2022 – Final critical habitat



Photo: Gregory Breese, USFWS





## Roseate tern (*Sterna dougalii dougalii*)

- Currently listed as endangered (NE DPS)
- November 5, 1998 – Recovery plan
- August 2020 – 5-year review of NE DPS
- June 23, 2021 – 5-year status review initiated for entire population



Photo: USFWS





Saltmarsh Sharp-tailed  
Sparrow  
(*Ammodramus caudacutus*)

- Not currently listed
- FY 2022 – Species status assessment
- FY 2024 – Listing decision



Photo: Dominic Sherony



## Little Brown Bat (*Myotis lucifugus*)

- Not currently listed
- FY 2024 – Listing decision



Photo: USFWS





# Hoary Bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*)

- Not currently listed
- FY 2027 – Listing decision



Photo: James Kiser





# Northern Bog Lemming (*Synaptomys borealis*)

- Not currently listed
- 2021 – Species status assessment
- FY 2022 – 12-month finding and listing decision
- FY 2024 – Listing decision



Photo: Juan José Ramos



# American Bumble Bee (*Bombus pensylvanicus*)

- Not currently listed
- September 29, 2021 – Species status assessment started
- FY 2026 – Listing decision



Photo: Nicholas Martinez





## Regal Fritillary (*Speyeria idalia*)

- Not currently listed
- FY 2022 – Species status assessment
- FY 2024 – Listing decision



Photo: Pennsylvania National Guard





# Monarch (*Danaus plexippus*)

- September 9, 2020 – Species status assessment
- December 17, 2020 – Listing decision – Listing is warranted but precluded
  - Candidate status
- December 2024 – The Service will make a final listing decision for monarch



Photo: Liam O'Brien

# Blandings Turtle (*Emydoidea blandingii*)

- Not currently listed
- FY 2024 – Listing decision



Photo: Andrew Cannizzaro





# Spotted Turtle (*Clemmys guttata*)

- Not currently listed
- FY 2024 – Listing decision



Photo: Tom Preney





# Wood Turtle (*Glyptemys insculpta*)

- Not currently listed
- FY 2024 – Listing decision



Photo: Diana-Terry Hibbitts





# Canada Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*)

- Currently listed as threatened with critical habitat
- December 2023 – Species Status Assessment Addendum was completed
- December 2024 – Draft recovery plan released
- September 2025 – Critical habitat rule revision scheduled to be published



Photo: USFWS





## Northern Long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)

- Currently listed as endangered without critical habitat
- Spring 2023 - Interim Guidance released
  - Was supposed to expire April 1, 2024
  - Extended until new tools are released
- 2024 Survey Guidance forthcoming
  - Should include guidance on structure surveys



Photo: NPS, Steven Thomas



## Tricolored Bat (*Perimyotis subflavus*)

- Not currently listed
- September 2022 - The Service proposed to list as endangered
- In the event TCB is listed, tools will be released to aid in consultations



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Thanks for listening!

Any Questions?



*Photo: Patrick Dockens*