

# New England *Ecological Services Field Office in New Hampshire*

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## Purpose

Field office staff work with landowners, private organizations, government agencies and other partners to conserve fish and wildlife resources in New England.

## Management Activities

- In partnership with other agencies and organizations, restore populations of plants and animals on the federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species.
- Provide technical assistance to the Army Corps of Engineers to avoid or minimize the environmental impacts of wetland development projects.
- With public and private partners, develop ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate harmful effects of hydropower projects.

- Assess effects of contaminants on fish and wildlife resources, obtain compensation for and restore wildlife injured by contaminants, and resolve contaminant problems on existing and proposed Service lands.
- Carry out the Department of the Interior's responsibilities on oil and chemical spill response teams.
- In partnership with other agencies and conservation organizations, restore degraded habitat and remove barriers to fish passage.

## Highlights

In September 2006, the Service completed a review of a petition to list the New England cottontail, the only endemic cottontail rabbit in New England, and placed it on the national list of candidate species for possible future listing as threatened or endangered.

The Service and the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game are cooperating in re-establishing the endangered Karner blue butterfly on 400 acres of the Concord Airport. In 2006, several hundred Karner blue butterflies were released in the Concord pine barrens on and near the airport.

The Service coordinated, in concert with Fish and Game, a rescue and relocation effort of over 1,200 state endangered brook floaters from the flooded Suncook River. Mussels were maintained at Nashua National Fish Hatchery until returned to the river.

An additional and significant population of endangered dwarf wedgemussels was discovered on the mainstem Connecticut River, which now hosts the world's largest population of this tiny mussel.

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*Karner blue butterfly*

The Service and Public Service Company of New Hampshire signed a settlement on fish passage construction and operation at the Amoskeag, Hooksett and Garvins Falls dams on the Merrimack River. The agreement calls for construction and evaluation of new upstream fishways and eelways and improved downstream passage measures.

## Issues

Biologists continue to monitor high levels of mercury in wildlife in the southeastern portion of the state.

The Service continues to work with state and federal agencies on a proposal to widen 17 miles of I-93.

The Service is working with other agencies on the Keene Wastewater Treatment Plant permit and investigating the possible impact of discharge of high levels of metals on dwarf wedgemussels in the Ashuelot River.

