

## THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND CANDIDATE SPECIES IN MAINE

### Endangered Species Act

ENDANGERED (E) – Any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

THREATENED (T) – Any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

CANDIDATE (C) – Those taxa for which the Service has sufficient information on biological status and threats to propose to list them as threatened or endangered. We encourage their consideration in environmental planning and partnerships, however, none of the substantive or procedural provisions of the Act apply to candidate species.

CRITICAL HABITAT (CH) – The specific areas (i) within the geographic area occupied by a species, at the time it is listed, on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to conserve the species and (II) that may require special management considerations or protection; and (ii) specific areas outside the geographic area occupied by the species at the time it is listed upon determination that such areas are essential to conserve the species.

\* Principal responsibility for these species is vested with the National Marine Fisheries Service.

COMMON NAME	SCIENTIFIC NAME	DISTRIBUTION	STATUS
Fishes:	Atlantic salmon	<p><i>Salmo salar</i></p> <p>Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Piscataquis, Waldo, Somerset, Cumberland, Androscoggin, Knox, Penobscot, Hancock, Washington Counties</p> <p>The Atlantic salmon GOM DPS encompasses all naturally spawned and conservation hatchery populations of anadromous Atlantic salmon whose freshwater range occurs in the</p>	<p>E</p> <p>CH</p>

			watersheds from the Androscoggin River northward along the Maine coast to the Dennys River and wherever these fish occur in the estuarine and marine environment. CH occurs in portions of Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Somerset counties	
	Shortnose sturgeon*	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Penobscot, Hancock, Androscoggin Counties	E
	Atlantic sturgeon*	<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus</i>	Gulf of Maine DPS - The GOM DPS includes all Atlantic sturgeons that are spawned in the watersheds from the Maine/Canadian border and extending southward to include all associated watersheds draining into the Gulf of Maine as far south as Chatham, MA.	T
<b>Reptiles:</b>	Atlantic ridley turtle*	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Pelagic, summer resident	E
	Leatherback turtle*	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Pelagic, summer resident	E
	Loggerhead turtle*	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Pelagic, summer resident	T
<b>Birds:</b>	Piping plover	<i>Charadrius melodus</i>	Coastal Sagadahoc, Cumberland, and York Co.	T
	Roseate tern	<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>	Coastal statewide	E
	Red knot	<i>Calidris canutus rufa</i>	Coastal statewide	C
<b>Mammals:</b>	Gray wolf	<i>Canis lupus</i>	Possibly northern and	E

			western Maine	
	Eastern cougar	<i>Felis concolor couguar</i>	Possibly statewide	E
	Canada lynx	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>	Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Aroostook, Penobscot, Oxford, Washington Counties  Boreal forest landscapes in northern Maine, in portions of Aroostook, Franklin, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Somerset counties.	T  CH
	Blue whale*	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Pelagic	E
	Finback whale*	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Pelagic	E
	Humpback whale*	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Pelagic	E
	Right whale*	<i>Eubalaena spp. (All species)</i>	Pelagic	E
	Sei whale*	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Pelagic	E
	Sperm whale*	<i>Physeter catodon</i>	Pelagic	E
	New England cottontail rabbit	<i>Sylvilagus transitionalis</i>	York, Cumberland, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, Lincoln Counties	C
<b>Plants:</b>	Furbish's lousewort	<i>Pedicularis furbishiae</i>	Aroostook County	E
	Eastern prairie fringed orchid	<i>Plantanthera leucophaea</i>	Aroostook County	T
	Small whorled pogonia	<i>Isotrea medeoloides</i>	York and Cumberland Counties	T