

Office of Law Enforcement *in Maine*

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Purpose

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement in Maine ensures compliance with federal wildlife laws protecting endangered plants and animals, migratory birds, certain marine mammals, fisheries, and other species throughout Maine.

It also carries out U.S. enforcement obligations under international agreements. These laws and agreements include:
African Elephant Act
Airborne Hunting Act
Archeological Resources Protection Act
Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act
Endangered Species Act
Exotic Wild Bird Act
Lacey Act
Marine Mammal Protection Act
Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp Act
Migratory Bird Treaty Act, as amended
National Wildlife Refuge Act
Recreation Act

Enforcement Activities

Wildlife Inspection

- Check documents, licenses and permits at ports of entry.
- Inspect shipments to ensure that protected species are not illegally imported or exported.

Criminal Investigators

- Investigate alleged violations of federal fish and wildlife laws protecting migratory birds, bald eagles and threatened and endangered species.
- Investigate illegal interstate commerce in fish and wildlife and related products.
- Work undercover, conduct surveillance, make arrests and prepare court cases.

- Assist in resolving law enforcement problems on national wildlife refuges.
- Investigate fish and wildlife deaths caused by contaminants.
- Make presentations about wildlife law enforcement to school groups and respond to inquiries about federal wildlife laws.

Highlights

Coordination between the Office of Law Enforcement and various state agencies ensures consolidated efforts and quick response time with regard to oil spills and other hazardous materials.

Criminal investigators conduct joint investigations into commercial violations of federal wildlife law with the Maine Warden Service, Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, National Marine Fisheries Service, and U.S. Attorney's Office. They also work closely with inspectors from the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection at ports of entry located on the Canadian border to stem the flow of illegal wildlife into the United States.

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