

Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge

Comprehensive Conservation Planning

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What is a Comprehensive Conservation Plan?

This fall, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (the Service) will begin to develop a Comprehensive Conservation Plan (CCP) for the Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge. The CCP will establish habitat management and visitor services goals and objectives, which will guide refuge management over the next 15 years. The plan will also identify resources and partnerships needed to accomplish goals and objectives, refuge expansion opportunities, and strategies for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of our efforts.

Who will be involved in developing the plan?

The local refuge staff in Errol, New Hampshire, will lead the effort, with assistance from the Service's Northeast Regional Office. We will invite other Service experts, as well as representatives from the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Abenaki Indian Tribal Nation, to serve on our core planning team.

We hope that you, and other interested groups and individuals, will involve yourselves in this plan by helping us to evaluate current management, envision desired future conditions on the refuge, plan the future of our public use programs, and get a feel for other important issues. We hope to engage local residents and community leaders in discussing ways the refuge could become a welcome and integral part of the community.

If you are interested in helping us plan Lake Umbagog Refuge's future, we encourage you to participate! You can play an important role in determining the course of the CCP. Please let us know how we can reach you with further details by completing the mailing information on the back of this newsletter:



Black-throated green warbler. *The mature spruce-fir forests of Lake Umbagog Refuge provide habitat for this migratory bird species of management concern. Maslowski/USFWS*

What should I know about Lake Umbagog National Wildlife Refuge?

Located in Coos County, New Hampshire and Oxford County, Maine, Lake Umbagog Refuge is a northern treasure in the National Wildlife Refuge System. The diversity of exceptional habitats provides excellent breeding and foraging areas for migratory birds, endangered and threatened species, resident wildlife, and rare plants. The refuge protects over 7,700 acres of wetland and forested upland habitat along the lake, and provides opportunities for recreational uses such as hiking, wildlife observation and photography, environmental education, hunting, and fishing.

We hope to share information with you and others on our mailing list through newsletters, and other written or electronic correspondence. You can also contact the refuge office, at any time, using the address and phone number below.

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