**Species Determination Table for Endangered Species Project Review (New England Field Office Template)**

Date:

Your Name:

Project Name used in IPaC:

Project Code (from IPaC):

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**Directions –** *(Template version 02/22/2022)*

1. Complete these tables using the process outlined on our website:

[**http://fws.gov/**](http://fws.gov/)**office/new-england-ecological-services/endangered-species-project-review**

1. The Species Determination Table is used to document determinations, but additional information regarding the action area, project description, potential effects to the species/resource, conservation actions, and how you made your determination is required as part of a **Project Review Package** if a “may affect” determination is reached. See our website for more information.

**Notes for Listed Species (Threatened or Endangered) or Proposed Species:**

* If you determine “No Effect” no further consultation is necessary, and you may use this table for your records.
* If you determine “May Affect, not likely to adversely affect,” (NLAA) submit a **Project Review Package**.
* If you determine “May Affect, likely to adversely affect” (LAA), contact us to either initiate formal consultation or initiate discussion on ways to avoid adverse effects.

**Notes for Candidate Species:**

* There are no protections for candidate species under the ESA and therefore no requirement for consultation. No section 7 determinations should be made for candidate species.
* You may consider implementing voluntary conservation measures if suitable habitat is present or species is known to occur in action area.

**Notes for Critical Habitat:**

* Essential physical and biological features (PBFs) can be found in Recovery Plans or federal register notices regarding Critical Habitat designations
* If designated Critical Habitat PBFs are not present in the action area, you may determine “No Effect” and no further consultation is necessary.
* If designated Critical Habitat PBFs are present in the action area, and you determine “May Affect, not likely to adversely affect,” (NLAA) submit a **Project Review Package**.
* If designated Critical Habitat PBFs are present in the action area and you believe that adverse effects may occur, please contact our office. “Adverse modification” is a direct or indirect alteration that appreciably diminishes the value of critical habitat for the conservation of a listed species. Such alterations may include, but are not limited to, alteration of the physical or biological features essential to the conservation of a species or that preclude or significantly delay development of such features. This determination requires formal consultation with the Service.

**Listed Species Determination Table**

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| **Species Name** | **Suitable Habitat** | **Species Presence** | **Conservation Measures Incorporated into Project** | **Determination** | **Notes/Information** |
| *Add all* ***threatened, endangered****, or* ***proposed*** *species from your Official Species List.* | For Species: *Is suitable habitat for listed species present in your action area?*“**suitable habitat present**”“**suitable habitat not present**”“**Don’t know**” | For Species: *Does the species occur in your action area?*“**Species present**”“**Species not present**”“**Don’t know**” | For Species: *If no suitable habitat present:* “**N/A**”-OR-*If suitable habitat present****:* list any conservation measures that will be applied to avoid or minimize effects to species (i.e. time of year restriction, avoid suitable habitat,etc.)** | *Consider all potential effects from the action to threatened or endangered species.*For Species:“**No effect**”“**NLAA**”“**LAA**” | *Explain what info was used to determine presence of suitable habitat and/or species.* |
| *Example: Endangered Species A* | *Suitable habitat present* | *Don’t know* | *Work will be completed between these dates to avoid xyz* | *NLAA* | *We used xyz to determine that suitable habitat may be present. There are no known records of species in action area.*  |
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**Critical Habitat Determination Table (FOR USE ONLY IF OFFICIAL SPECIES LIST INCLUDES CRITICAL HABITAT)**

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| **Critical Habitat Name** | **Essential Physical and Biological Features (PBF) Presence** | **Conservation Measures Incorporated into Project** | **Determination** | **Notes/Information** |
| *List all* ***Critical Habitat****\* from your Official Species List.* | For Critical Habitat*: Do PBFs occur in your action area?*“**PBFs present**”“**PBFs not present**” | For Critical Habitat: *If PBFs not present:* “**N/A**”*If PBFs are present:* **list any conservation measures that will be applied to avoid or minimize effects to Critical Habitat** | For Critical Habitat:*Consider all potential effects from the action to Critical Habitat PBF’s.*“**No effect**”“**NLAA**”“**LAA**” | *Explain what info was used to determine presence of Critical Habitat PBF’s. (Find information about PBFs for Critical Habitat in Recovery Plans, federal register notices for Critical Habitat designations etc.)* |
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\*Critical Habitat refers to officially designated areas, but species may occur anywhere that there is suitable habitat.

**Candidate Species Table (OPTIONAL)**

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| **Candidate Species Name** | **Suitable Habitat** | **Species Presence** | **Conservation Measures Incorporated into Project** | **Notes/Information** |
| *If your Official Species List includes* ***Candidate Species****, you may choose to indicate any voluntary conservation measures that will be implemented, however no s7 determinations should be made.* | For Species: *Is suitable habitat for candidate species present in your action area?*“**suitable habitat present**”“**suitable habitat not present**”“**Don’t know**” | For Species: *Does the species occur in your action area?*“**Species present**”“**Species not present**”“**Don’t know**” | For Species: *If no suitable habitat present:* “**N/A**”-OR-*If suitable habitat present****:* list any conservation measures that will be applied to avoid or minimize effects to species (i.e. time of year restriction, avoid suitable habitat,etc.)** | *Explain what info was used to determine presence of suitable habitat and/or species.* |
| *Example: Monarch Butterfly* |  |  |  |  |
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