



United States Department of the Interior

FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

3817 Luker Road
Cortland, New York 13045



Dear Federal Agency, non-federal representative or project sponsor:

Thank you for completing the Service's New York and Long Island Ecological Services Field Office online project review process¹. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) appreciates this opportunity to provide comments on species under our jurisdiction pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

This letter is intended to support the review of projects² with Federal agency involvement (e.g., funding, permitting or authorizing, carrying out). As you are aware, Federal agencies have responsibilities under section 7 of the ESA to consult with the Service regarding projects that may affect federally listed species or designated critical habitat, and confer with the Service regarding projects that are likely to jeopardize federally proposed species or adversely modify proposed critical habitat.

If you³ have determined that the proposed action will result in "no effect" to any listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat because the Information for Planning and Consultation official species list provided for your project confirms that there are no federally listed or proposed species and no federally designated or proposed critical habitat (see example language below), then this letter, and your project review package, completes the review of your project in accordance with the ESA.

Example language from IPaC Official Species List.

"There is a total of 0 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on this species list."
and

"There are no critical habitats within your project area under this office's jurisdiction."

This letter in conjunction with your project review package, confirms that you have completed the online project review process in accordance with all instructions provided, using the best available information we provided to reach your conclusions. Please print this letter, your official species list, and all other associated documentation for your files. No further coordination with the Service is required pursuant to the ESA for this project. We will not be providing any additional correspondence.

¹ <https://www.fws.gov/northeast/nyfo/es/section7.htm>

² Except for wind power projects, coordinate with our office directly regarding potential effects to migrating birds or bats regardless of results of IPaC official species list.

³ If you are not staff from a Federal agency or an officially designated non-federal representative of a Federal agency (in writing), please provide a copy of your determination and supporting materials to any involved Federal agency for their final ESA determination.

Until the proposed project is complete, we recommend that you check our website regularly to ensure that listed species presence/absence information for the proposed project is current. Should additional information on listed or proposed species or critical habitat become available, please contact us for additional assistance.

Any new information regarding the proposed project and its potential to impact listed species should be coordinated with both this office and with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Thank you for coordinating with us. Depending on the location of your project, if you require additional information or assistance please contact the New York Field Office at fw5es_nyfo@fws.gov or the Long Island Field Office at 631-286-0485.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David A. Stilwell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Stilwell" clearly distinguishable.

David A. Stilwell
Field Supervisor