

Maine

Ecological Services Field Office

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Purpose

Field office biologists work with landowners, private organizations, government agencies and other partners to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources in Maine. Their work is guided by the following laws and other related legislative authorities:

Clean Water Act
Endangered Species Act
Federal Power Act
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
Food Security Act
Migratory Bird Treaty Act
National Environmental Policy Act
Oil Pollution Act
Emergency Wetlands Resources Act
Superfund (CERCLA)
Water Resources Development Act

Management Activities

- Provide technical assistance to the Army Corps of Engineers to avoid and minimize the environmental impacts of wetland development projects
- Work with partners to develop ways to avoid, minimize and mitigate harmful environmental effects of hydropower projects

- Assist agencies in chemical and oil spill response and clean up and restoration of hazardous waste sites
- Work with partners to protect, restore and enhance wetlands and other valuable habitats on and off Service lands
- Recover populations of plants and animals on the Federal List of Threatened and Endangered Wildlife and Plants in partnership with other agencies and organizations

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Canada lynx

Highlights

Helped Project SHARE implement a pilot culvert replacement project in the Machias River watershed using an innovative stream simulation technique designed to benefit endangered Atlantic salmon and brook trout.

Worked with other Service regions, states and researchers to develop a proposed critical habitat designation for Canada lynx that includes over 10,000 square miles in Maine.

Worked cooperatively with state agencies, tribes and other partners to restore and enhance 500 acres of wetlands and 200 acres of upland habitats for use by waterfowl and other migratory birds

Continued work with state and private industry to assess contaminants in bald eagles living near pulp and paper mills in the state

Continued work with conservation partners to plan the Penobscot River Restoration Project, which involves dam removals, improved fish passage, new renewable energy

and community development in the watershed

Completed final recovery plan for endangered Atlantic salmon populations in Maine.

Issues

Cooperative recovery and restoration of Atlantic salmon and other migratory fish in Gulf of Maine rivers

Assistance to Army Corps of Engineers and the state on siting and operating aquaculture facilities

Implementing new fish passage measures at dams on the Kennebec, Penobscot, Saco and Presumpscot rivers

Finalizing Canada lynx critical habitat, delisting bald eagle, wolf recovery, possible listing of New England cotton-tail and American eel, managing piping plovers and other beach-nesting birds

