



CONSERVATION PARTNERS

THE FOUNDATION OF WILDLIFE ACTION PLANS

2015 MAINE

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Wildlife Action Plans -- Congress required that conservation partners are integral...

ELEMENT 7: ...develop, review, and implement an action plan in conjunction with conservation partners.

Conservation partners = federal agencies, state agencies, Native American tribes, conservation organizations, colleges, and universities.



Wildlife Action Plans - Congress required that the public is integral...

ELEMENT 8: ...develop, review, and implement an action plan in conjunction with broad public participation.

The revision process must be transparent and open to the public.

The goals of an effective and efficient wildlife action plan cannot be achieved without coordinated action undertaken in partnership.

Action plans must reflect stakeholder values (share a common vision).



Although MDIFW leads the development of Maine's wildlife action plan, the wildlife action plan is **not** MDIFW's plan. It is developed, reviewed, implemented, and owned by the citizens of Maine.

Reach out to diverse partners

Identify new partners

Identify common priorities and goals

Pool resources

Together create a comprehensive vision of

[Element 1] SGCN

[Element 2] habitats essential to SGCN

[Element 3] threats to SGCN and their habitat,

[Element 4] conservation actions required to address threats to SGCN

If we are successful, we will have cultivated awareness and support for the action plan.



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~Review

~Develop

~Implement



REVIEW (July – September, 2014)

ELEMENT 1: ...provide information on the distribution and abundance of wildlife species – including low populations and declining species – that are indicative of the diversity and health of Maine’s wildlife.

This is focus of our 1st conservation partner meeting today.

ELEMENT 2: ...describe the extent and condition of key habitats and community types essential to the conservation of SGCN

The Northeast Terrestrial Wildlife Habitat Classification System

The Northeast Aquatic Wildlife Habitat Classification System

ELEMENT 3: ...identify threats to SGCN.

International Union for the Conservation of Nature threat classification system



DEVELOP (July 2014 – August 2014)

ELEMENT 8: ...develop, review, and implement an action plan in conjunction with broad public participation.

Conservation partners engage the members of their organizations / agencies in the action plan update, using their outreach mechanisms to inform members / staff and to solicit comments.

MDIFW and conservation partners will develop public outreach and communication strategy.



DEVELOP (October 2014 – March 2015)

ELEMENT 4: ...develop conservation actions needed to address threats to SGCN.

Identify conservation actions required to prevent endangered species listings and to spur recovery.

Conservation triage: optimize resource allocation where costs, benefits [including species values], and the likelihood of management success are considered simultaneously.

Set priorities agreeable to all parties.

Describe the components of any given conservation action

Greater prioritization of conservation actions

More specificity concerning on-the-ground actions

Time bound and measurable

Must consider the cost of management and the likelihood that the management will succeed.



DEVELOP (October 2014 – March 2015)

ELEMENT 5: ...describe a plan for three levels of monitoring: species and habitats, effectiveness of conservation actions, and adaptive management.

- 1] species and habitats
- 2] effectiveness of conservation actions
- 3] adaptive management

Monitoring – the collection and analysis of repeated observations or measurements to evaluate changes in conditions and progress toward meeting a management objective.

Monitoring is measuring progress.

≠ progress → invoke adaptive management.



IMPLEMENT (July 2014 – September 2025)

ELEMENT 4: ...implement conservation actions needed to address threats to SGCN.

Implement conservation actions required to prevent endangered species listings and to spur recovery.

ELEMENT 5: ...implement a monitoring plan for species and habitats, effectiveness of conservation actions, and adaptive management.

ELEMENT 8: ... implement the action plan in conjunction with broad public participation.

Engage the public

Develop and implement a public participation process

Link the plan to established community values



2015 Maine Wildlife Action Plan Update Committee Operational Charter

- A. Introduction
- B. Statement of Purpose
- C. Maine Wildlife Action Plan Update Committee
- D. Guiding Principles
- E. Operational Guidance
- F. Mutual Trust and Respect
- G. Measures of Success

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