

**Fisheries Break-Out Group
Maine Wildlife Action Plan Meeting #1 (July 8, 2014)**

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- NatureServe data- may not be complete for Maine.
 - How do we address w/ endemic definition? Do we need a broader definition of “endemic”?
 - Peer-reviewed, published documentation of phylogenetic distinction should be acceptable as well.
 - NatureServe utilizes historic range data, but what do we do with species with limited data (horseshoe crab) in NatureServe or species that are not listed as endemic (Arctic char)?
- Funding: Money for P1 vs P2 species lists
 - What is funded and why?
 - What is the distinction/importance of P1 vs. P2?
- Some sort of Advisory Group to direct SGCN priorities and funding- something stakeholders should recommend?
- Need to identify critical habitats for priority species.
- For species on the list, are all the correct boxes checked to determine P1 vs P2 status?
 - Some species listed as P2 should be P1? – examples: arctic char/endemism issue; the whitefishes – recent, drastic declines.
 - Consider adding landlocked salmon to the list; differentiate native vs stocked populations?
 - Baitfish listed as SGCN are also on the MDIFW commercial harvest list. How do we handle SGCN species that are of commercial/recreational harvest value?
- Need to review marine species:
 - ESA listed species off list since already funded federally/internationally (e.g., whales) and not actively managed by the state?
 - Need to add species: Horseshoe crab, cod, cusk, wolffish, shad, etc.? Claire Enterline from DMR to address with staff.
 - Differentiate between landlocked/FW forms of anadromous species (e.g., smelt, salmon etc.)? Anadromous smelt are declining significantly across their range- need to separate from landlocked form.

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