



2nd Conservation Partner Meeting Maple Hill Farm, Hallowell September 30, 2014

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Introductions

Volunteer time

Review of today's agenda



Agenda

Finalizing Maine's list of species of greatest conservation need {SGCN} - element 1

Marine fauna and habitat, Dept. of Marine Resources

Classification of Maine's wildlife habitats and Identification of SGCN habitat associations - element 2

Break-out group review and discussion

- Maine's wildlife habitats
- Identification of SGCN habitat association



Agenda

Break-out group review and discussion

- Habitats and *SCGN* habitat associations
 - Wetlands
 - Coastal / marine
 - Freshwater aquatic
 - Terrestrial

Break-out group reports to larger group

October 30th meeting: assessing "stressors" affecting *SCGN* and their habitat - element 3



Meeting Objectives

Update partners on action plan activity since July 8th meeting

Finalize Maine's list of Species of Greatest Conservation Need [SGCN]

Incorporating marine fauna into the action plan

Review the process to develop SGCN habitat associations

Introduce proposed approach for assessing "stressors" affecting SGCN and their habitats



Why are we here - again?

A brief overview of

- Wildlife Action Plan requirements
- State Wildlife Grants



Why are we here - again?

2001 - State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program

State Wildlife Grants / states, territories,
District of Columbia, federally recognized tribes

To access SWG, must have an approved wildlife
action plan

To be approved an action plan must address 8
elements

- Identify species of greatest conservation need [SGCN], element 1
- Identify habitats important to the conservation of SCCN, element 2
- Identify stressors affecting SGCN and their habitat, element 3



Why are we here - again?

Conservation partners and the public

Maine submitted its 1st action plan in 2005

Maine has received between \$500,000 - \$750,000 annually to implement conservation actions, element 4

You have been provided with a summary of accomplishments since 2005

All action plans must be updated every 10 years, element 6

October 2015 is when Maine must submit its updated action plan



Why are we here - again?

Purpose of Maine's wildlife action plan

Congressional requirements

- Develop and implement wildlife action plans for the most critical wildlife needs in each state to preclude the need for listing under ESA
- Greater prioritization
- Greater specificity



Why are we here - again?

Purpose of Maine's wildlife action plan

Maine's objectives

MDIFW, conservation partners, and the public will prepare an action plan that

- Identifies *SGCN*, element 1
- Identifies habitats important to the conservation of *SGCN*, element 2
- Identifies stressors affecting *SGCN* and their habitat, element 3
- implements conservation actions necessary for the conservation of *SGCN* and their habitat, using *SWG* funds, elements 4, 5



Maine action plan

- Stakeholders,
- Working groups, and
- Committees

Activity since 07/08 conservation partner meeting



Maine action plan stakeholders, working groups, and committees

1) Conservation partners - all of you, element 7

2) Steering committee

- Ensure that the action plan is
 - Built on a foundation of sound scientific and economic principles
 - Developed in an open, transparent process that involves major partners and the public
- Provide guidance and consultation to MDIFW concerning "process," as well as the technical / scientific aspects of the action plan
- Provide rapid guidance to MDIFW on key decision points



Maine action plan stakeholders, working groups, and committees

2) Steering committee

Tom Doak (SWOAM)

Molly Docherty (MNAP)

Tim Glidden, (MCHT)

Mitch Hartley (USFWS, Maine's action plan liaison)

Jeff Norment (NRCS)

Pat Sirois (MFPC)

Sally Stockwell (MAS)

Angela Twitchell (Brunswick-Topsham Land Trust)

Barbara Vickery (TNC)

Jed Wright (USFWS)

09/18/2014 1st meeting / will meet monthly



Maine action plan stakeholders, working groups, and committees

3) Public outreach committee, element 8

- Define key audiences - who is the public?
- Define our audiences involvement goals - what do we want from the public?
- Identify outreach opportunities - what tools can we use to obtain public involvement?

08/25/2014 1st meeting

Attending:

- Roberta Scruggs, MFPC
- Sally Stockwell, MAS
- Jim Vogel, BPL
- Faren Wolter, UMO
- Amanda Shearin and MDIFW staff



Maine action plan stakeholders, working groups, and committees

4) Meeting with landowners - 09/11/2014

The role of landowners in the development and implementation of Maine's action plan

- "Possibilities and obstacles" that the action plan may present to landowners
- Element 3, Threats

Importance of landowners

Common objectives

Landowner suggestions

- Conservation actions

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