

**Invertebrate Break-Out Group Notes  
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- There is a bias against invertebrates because we know less about them and they are less charismatic than vertebrates.
- The SGCN criteria should place more emphasis on understudied taxa.
- Marine invertebrates need better representation; coordinate with DMR.
- Habitat vulnerability could be used as a surrogate for species vulnerability to capture more marine invertebrates.
- Look at the Virginia SWAP 2005 plan as a model for how habitat served a larger role in SGCN identification.
- Consider BioBlitzes as a tool (conservation action?) for getting more information.
- Consider greater representation across more invertebrate groups using ambassador species.
- Spiders and ants are two examples of groups where a body of knowledge exists in New England that we should be able to use.
- Need to consider the distinction between core range and edge of range rarity/vulnerability during the SGCN designation process.
- Why is the Saltmarsh Tiger Beetle a P2 and not a P1?

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