

Phocoena phocoena (Harbor Porpoise)

Priority 2 Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)

Class: *Mammalia* (Mammals)
Order: *Cetacea* (Whales)
Family: *Phocoenidae* (Porpoises)

General comments:

Maine DMR jurisdiction; W Atlantic specialist = NF-FL

No Species Conservation Range Maps Available for Harbor Porpoise

SGCN Priority Ranking - Designation Criteria:

Risk of Extirpation: NA
State Special Concern or NMFS Species of Concern: NA
Recent Significant Declines: NA
Regional Endemic: NA
High Regional Conservation Priority: NA
High Climate Change Vulnerability: NA
Understudied rare taxa: NA
Historical: NA
Culturally Significant: NA
Professional Discretion:

Current criteria ranked *Phocoena phocoena* as SGCN priority 4, however, species should be SGCN priority 2 based on professional discretion.

Justification:

Included in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Appendix II - species that although currently not threatened with extinction, may become so without trade controls.

Habitats Assigned to Harbor Porpoise:

Formation Name	Subtidal
Macrogroup Name	Subtidal Pelagic (Water Column)
Habitat System Name: Nearshore	**Primary Habitat** Notes: <i>adult, juvenile, calf</i>
Habitat System Name: Offshore	**Primary Habitat** Notes: <i>adult, juvenile, calf</i>
Habitat System Name: Upwelling Zones	Notes: <i>adult, juvenile, calf</i>

Stressors Assigned to Harbor Porpoise:

None. Stressors assigned a *slight* severity rank are not presented in this report or other Plan summaries.

Species Level Conservation Actions Assigned to Harbor Porpoise:

**Only species specific conservation actions that address high (red) or medium-high (orange) priority stressors are summarized here.*

Conservation Action	Category:	Biological Priority:	Type:
Continue to work with the fishing industry to develop gear modifications that reduce the risk of entanglement and conduct outreach on gear best practices to use	Public Outreach	moderate	on-going

Stressor(s) Addressed By This Conservation Action

Fishing and Harvesting of Aquatic Resources

Guild Level Conservation Actions:

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This Species is currently not attributed to a guild.

Broad Taxonomic Group Conservation Actions:

Additional relevant conservation actions for this species are assigned within broader taxonomic groups in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-1.

Habitat Based Conservation Actions:

Additional conservation actions that may benefit habitat(s) associated with this species can be found in Maine's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan: Element 4, Table 4-15. Click on the Habitat Grouping of interest to launch a habitat based report summarizing relevant conservation actions and associated SGCN.

The Wildlife Action Plan was developed through a lengthy participatory process with state agencies, targeted conservation partners, and the general public. The Plan is non-regulatory. The species, stressors, and voluntary conservation actions identified in the Plan complement, but do not replace, existing work programs and priorities by state agencies and partners.