

THREATENED, ENDANGERED AND CANDIDATE SPECIES IN MAINE

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ENDANGERED (E) – Any species that is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

THREATENED (T) – Any species that is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

CANDIDATE (C) – Those taxa for which the Service has sufficient information on biological status and threats to propose to list them as threatened or endangered. We encourage their consideration in environmental planning and partnerships, however, none of the substantive or procedural provisions of the Act apply to candidate species.

CRITICAL HABITAT (CH) – The specific areas (i) within the geographic area occupied by a species, at the time it is listed, on which are found those physical or biological features (I) essential to conserve the species and (II) that may require special management considerations or protection; and (ii) specific areas outside the geographic area occupied by the species at the time it is listed upon determination that such areas are essential to conserve the species.

** Principal responsibility for these species lies with the National Marine Fisheries Service.*

COMMON NAME		DISTRIBUTION	STATUS
FISH:	Atlantic salmon	Aroostook, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Piscataquis, Waldo, Somerset, Cumberland, Androscoggin, Knox, Penobscot, Hancock, Washington Counties The Atlantic salmon GOM DPS encompasses all naturally spawned and conservation hatchery populations of anadromous (sea-run) Atlantic salmon whose freshwater range occurs in the watersheds from the Androscoggin River northward along the Maine coast to the Dennys River and wherever these fish occur in the estuarine and marine environment. Critical Habitat occurs in portions of Penobscot, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Washington, Androscoggin, Aroostook, Cumberland, Franklin, Hancock, Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Piscataquis, Somerset counties	E CH

Shortnose sturgeon*	Coastal Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Penobscot, Hancock, Androscoggin and now Cumberland and York Counties	E
Atlantic sturgeon*	Gulf of Maine coastal Kennebec, Lincoln, Sagadahoc, Waldo, Penobscot, Hancock, Androscoggin and now Cumberland and York Counties	T

PLANTS:

Furbish's lousewort	Aroostook County	E
Eastern prairie fringed orchid	Aroostook County	T
Small whorled pogonia	York, Cumberland and Kennebec counties	T

MAMMALS:

Gray wolf	Possibly northern and western Maine	E
Eastern cougar	Possibly statewide	E
Canada lynx	Franklin, Somerset, Piscataquis, Aroostook, Penobscot, Oxford, Washington Counties Boreal forest landscapes in northern Maine, in portions of Aroostook, Franklin, Penobscot, Piscataquis and Somerset counties.	T CH
New England cottontail rabbit	York, Cumberland, Androscoggin, Kennebec, Sagadahoc, Lincoln Counties	C
Blue whale*	Pelagic	E
Finback whale*	Pelagic	E
Humpback whale*	Pelagic	E
Right whale*	Pelagic	E
Sei whale*	Pelagic	E
Sperm whale*	Pelagic	E

BIRDS:

Piping plover	Coastal Sagadahoc, Cumberland, and York county.	T
Roseate tern	Coastal statewide	E

REPTILES:

Atlantic ridley turtle*	Pelagic, summer resident	E
Leatherback turtle*	Pelagic, summer resident	E
Loggerhead turtle*	Pelagic, summer resident	T