

New England

Ecological Services Field Office

in New Hampshire

Fact Sheet for Members of Congress

Represented by the following Members of Congress:

Senator Judd Gregg (R)
Senator John E. Sununu (R)
Rep. Jeb Bradley (R-1st)
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Profile

Established: 1957
Staff: 27*
FY 2003 budget: \$2,100,000
*Headquarters located in Concord, NH with satellites in Sunderland, MA, Old Town, ME and Charlestown, RI.

Purpose

Field office biologists work with landowners, private organizations, government agencies and other partners to conserve fish and wildlife resources in New England. Their work is guided by the following laws and other related legislative authorities:

Clean Water Act
Endangered Species Act
Federal Power Act
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act
Food Security Act
Migratory Bird Treaty Act
National Environmental Policy Act
Emergency Wetlands Resources Act
Oil Pollution Act
CERCLA (Superfund)
Water Resources Development Act
Coastal Barrier Resources Act

Cooperative Assistance Activities

- Conduct outreach activities to inform media, legislators, interest groups and the public of Service activities.

- In partnership with other agencies and organizations, restore populations of plants and animals on the federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species.
- Provide technical assistance to the Army Corps of Engineers to avoid or minimize the environmental impacts of wetland development projects.
- With public and private partners, develop ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate harmful effects of hydropower projects.
- Assess effects of contaminants on fish and wildlife resources, obtain compensation for and restore wildlife injured by contaminants, and resolve contaminant problems on existing and proposed Service lands.
- Carry out the Department of the Interior's responsibilities on oil and chemical spill response teams.
- In partnership with other agencies and conservation organizations, restore degraded habitat and remove barriers to fish passage.

Highlights

The Service's involvement in the Superfund program has resulted in natural resource damage settlements totaling more than \$400,000 and protecting more than 400 acres of wildlife habitat.

The Service and the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game are cooperating in re-establishing the endangered Karner blue butterfly on 400 acres of the Concord Airport that were set aside for conservation.

The Service, with state and private entities, is implementing a program to restore riverine habitat by removing dams, with McGoldrick and Winchester dams on the Ashuelot River the first barriers to be removed.



The Service and Army Corps of Engineers are coordinating a long-term study of endangered dwarf wedgemussels below the Corps' Surry Mountain flood control project.

Issues

Research continues into possible causes of malformed frogs on refuges in the Northeast.

Biologists are monitoring high levels of mercury in the southeastern portion of New Hampshire.

The Service continues to work with state and federal agencies on a proposal to widen 17 miles of I-93.

The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people.

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