

Southwestern Virginia

Ecological Services Field Office

Fact Sheet

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Purpose

Field office biologists work with landowners, industry and other government agencies to conserve, protect and enhance fish and wildlife resources in the Upper Tennessee River Basin. 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*
- Oil Pollution Act*
- Superfund (CERCLA)*
- Water Resources Development Act*
- Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act*



Cooperative Assistance Activities

- Conduct listing, recovery and consultation activities for populations on the federal List of Threatened and Endangered Species
- Investigate, prevent and remediate the effects of environmental pollution and oil spills on federal trust species and their habitats
- Promote best management practices and planning for sustainable development

Highlights

Field office biologists coordinate efforts to conserve and recover populations of 30 threatened and endangered species.

Station personnel represent fish and wildlife interests in agricultural issues. Partnerships with farmers help threatened and endangered species, improve water quality and provide economic benefits to local landowners.

Field office biologists annually review 150 federally funded/authorized projects for impacts to fish, wildlife, wetlands, endangered species and water quality.

Issues

The federal review and permitting process can spark public and media interest.

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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