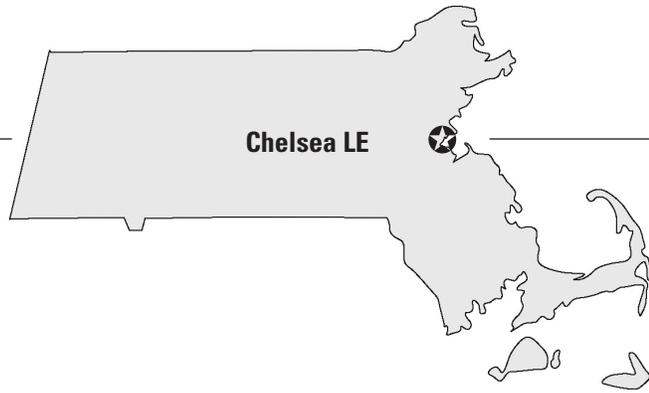


Office of Law Enforcement

in Massachusetts

Fact Sheet



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- Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D)
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Purpose

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement in Massachusetts ensures compliance with federal wildlife laws that protect threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, certain marine mammals, fishes and native species. Service agents also carry out U.S. enforcement obligations under international agreements. These laws and agreements include:

- African Elephant Act*
- Airborne Hunting Act*
- Archeological Resources Protection Act*
- Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act*
- Endangered Species Act*
- Exotic Wild Bird Act*
- Lacey Act*
- Marine Mammal Protection Act*
- Migratory Bird Conservation Stamp Act*
- Migratory Bird Treaty Act as amended*
- National Wildlife Refuge Act*
- Recreation Act*

Enforcement Activities

Special Agents

- Investigate alleged violations of federal fish and wildlife laws protecting migratory birds, bald eagles and threatened and endangered species.
- Investigate illegal interstate commerce in fish and wildlife and related products.
- Work undercover, conduct surveillance, make arrests and prepare court cases.
- Assist in resolving law enforcement problems on national wildlife refuges.
- Investigate fish and wildlife deaths caused by contaminants.
- Make presentations about wildlife law enforcement to school groups and respond to inquiries about federal wildlife laws.

Wildlife Inspectors

- Check documents, licenses and permits at ports of entry.
- Inspect shipments to ensure that protected species are not illegally imported or exported.

Highlights

The resident agents work closely with the U.S. Attorney's Office, the Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Environmental Police of the Division of Law Enforcement.

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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