

Office of Law Enforcement in New Jersey Fact Sheet

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Purpose

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement in New Jersey ensures compliance with federal wildlife laws that protect threatened and endangered species, migratory birds, certain marine mammals, fishes and native species. It also carries 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

Wildlife Inspectors

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

Special Agents

- Investigate alleged violations of federal fish and wildlife laws.
- Investigate illegal interstate commerce in fish and wildlife, and fish and wildlife deaths caused by contaminants.
- Work undercover, conduct surveillance, make arrests and prepare court cases.
- Work in cooperation with state and other enforcement agencies.
- Assist in resolving law enforcement problems on national wildlife refuges.

Highlights

Wildlife inspectors stationed at ports of entry check documents and permits. They inspect shipments of live animals and wildlife products to prevent the importation and exportation of illegal specimens.

The Port of Newark is one of 13 ports of entry in the U.S. It includes Newark International Airport, Port Newark, Port Elizabeth, the International Bulk Mail Facility in Jersey City and Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, NY.



Issues

Illegal medicinal market for black bear parts in the United States and overseas

Illegal importation of elephant ivory

Commercialization of native fish species, including striped bass and American eel

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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