

Appendix 6.15

Draft CT Wildlife Action Plan Feedback Form

The Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP) collaborated with species experts, including input from Tribal Nations, conservation partners, and the public, to develop the 2025 draft of Connecticut's Wildlife Action Plan. Every ten years, CT DEEP leads a review and revision of the state's Wildlife Action Plan to help guide conservation actions in Connecticut. The **2025 Wildlife Action Plan** identifies Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN), key habitats, priority issues, and conservation actions for wildlife in Connecticut.

Throughout the revision process, we have encouraged our partners and the public to provide their input on the plan components as we developed them. Your feedback has been vital in making this Wildlife Action Plan our best yet. Now that we have an entire draft plan ready, we are seeking your feedback again on how all the pieces fit together. Your feedback is very important to us, as this Wildlife Action Plan isn't just a CT DEEP plan, but a plan for all of Connecticut, which will guide conservation efforts throughout the state for the next 10 years.

We have created an electronic form to make it easier for you to submit your comments. The use of the form is voluntary, and you have the option to provide anonymous responses or include your name if you prefer. Downloading the draft Wildlife Action Plan will allow you to refer to it while providing feedback.

Note: All comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. EST on July 28th, 2025, to be considered in the Wildlife Action Plan revision process. If you have questions or choose not to use the electronic survey, please email comments to: deep.wildlifeactionplan@ct.gov

We would greatly appreciate your feedback on the draft Wildlife Action Plan!

Part 1

Thank you for taking the time to share your comments on the draft Wildlife Action Plan. Your input is appreciated.

1. Are your comments offered primarily as an individual or as a representative of an agency or organization?

☐ Individual

☐ Representing (please provide name of your organization)

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[Note to commenter: There is an opportunity to provide your contact information at the end of the form if you want to be informed about or engage in other opportunities related to the Wildlife Action Plan.]

2. After reviewing the draft, can you envision yourself using this Wildlife Action Plan?

___Yes

___No

3. What aspects of the overall Wildlife Action Plan do you see yourself using and how?

4 After reading the draft Wildlife Action Plan, do you have any specific ideas regarding what you or your organization might do to help successfully implement actions in the Wildlife Action Plan? Y/N

a. If “Yes,” please share your ideas (open-ended):

6. How can CT DEEP make the Wildlife Action Plan easier for you to use and implement: website, short 1-page briefs about chapter topics, action tracker, mapping tools, webinars, in-person events, etc. (check off list of options, multi-select with a fill-in-the-blank)

7. After having reviewed the draft of the Wildlife Action Plan, do you have any suggestions to help implement the actions described in Chapter 4? (open-ended)

Note to commenters: You may choose to end your input on the draft Wildlife Action Plan here or you may want to proceed to Part 2. In Part 2 you will have an opportunity to give feedback on the main chapters of the plan. You can comment on those you wish and skip others.

Part 2

Chapter 1: Species (SGCN)

1. Do you have comments about Chapter 1 and the SGCN list? (Y/N)

a. If yes: (open-ended)

Chapter 2: Key habitats

2. Do you have comments about Chapter 2 and the key habitats? (Y/N)

a. If yes: (open-ended)

Chapter 3: Issues wildlife face

3. Do you have comments about Chapter 3 and the issues identified for various species and habitats? (Y/N)

a. If yes: (open-ended)

Chapter 4: Conservation actions

4. Do you have comments about Chapter 4 and the conservation actions?

a. If yes: (open-ended)

Chapter 5: Monitoring and evaluation

5. Do you have comments about Chapter 5 and the monitoring identified in the Wildlife Action Plan? (Y/N)

a. If yes: (open-ended)

Chapter 6: Outreach

6. Do you have comments about Chapter 6 and the outreach activities in the Wildlife Action Plan? (Y/N)

a. If yes: (open-ended)

Interested in receiving future updates about the 2025 CT Wildlife Action Plan?

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If you are interested in receiving information about the Wildlife Action Plan once it is finalized, please provide us with your name and email address voluntarily. You will be added to a list of individuals who will receive periodic updates about the Wildlife Action Plan.

Name: _____

Email: _____

Thank you for your feedback on Connecticut's 2025 Draft Wildlife Action Plan. We appreciate your interest in conservation in Connecticut and your willingness to volunteer your time and input to improve the plan.