



Rhode Island's 2015 Wildlife Action Plan

March 12TH, 2013

Scientific Review Workshop Agenda

University of Rhode Island (URI), Kingston Campus
3rd Floor, Galanti Lounge, URI Library

Identifying Threats and Conservation Actions to RI's Species of Greatest Conservation Need & Key Habitats

Purpose: To provide information on the Rhode Island (RI) Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) and solicit expert input on Threats to RI's Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) and Key Habitats; and Conservation Actions needed to address those threats.

MORNING

8:30-8:45 a.m. Arrivals and Informal Coffee/Refreshments

8:45-9:00 a.m. Workshop Introduction

Welcome and Introduction to RI's WAP

- Welcoming remarks
- WAP Process and Plan
- Review of Agenda, Workshop Goals, and Instructions

9:00–10:45 a.m. Break-Out Session – Open Space Format

You are invited to visit each of the Topic Tables at your own pace. The following stations are set-up to solicit your specific input and review of Threats and Conservation Actions related to:

- Birds
- Invertebrates
- Reptiles and Amphibians
- Fish
- Mammals
- Key Habitats

PLEASE NOTE:

- ✓ We are interested in feedback within your field of expertise.
- ✓ Please review the draft lists, and provide specific input to the representatives at the each table.
- ✓ Using the 2005 RI WAP lists as a foundation, today's lists of Threats and Conservation Actions were updated by DEM staff, their partners, and a Technical Committee of various state taxa and habitat experts.
- ✓ Please make an effort to visit all tables, as your overall input is valuable to the process.

10:45-11:00 a.m. Next Steps

Wrap up of morning session and discussion of next steps.

-- Thank you for your time and participation! It is greatly appreciated.--



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The afternoon session is for the SWAP Technical Committee to review the morning's input, further discuss Threats, Conservation Actions, and other next steps.

AFTERNOON

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. Break

11:15 – 11:45 a.m. Introduction to the goals of the afternoon SWAP Technical Committee session

11:45 – 3:45 p.m. Working Lunch (*lunch will be provided*)

Technical Committee Taxa and Habitats/GIS Teams meet to review the morning's input; discuss habitat associations; refine/finalize Threats and Conservation Actions, and other next steps.

3:45 – 4:00 p.m. Group Discussion

Wrap-up and Next Steps

-- Thank you for your time and participation! It is greatly appreciated.--