



## U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

# Candidate Conservation Program

Candidate species are plants and animals for which the Service has sufficient information on their biological status and threats to propose them as endangered or threatened under the Endangered Species Act, but for which development of a listing regulation is precluded by other higher priority listing activities.

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The Candidate Conservation Program provides a means for conserving these species. Early conservation preserves management options, minimizes the cost of recovery, and reduces the potential for restrictive land use policies in the future. Effective candidate conservation may reverse the species' decline, ultimately eliminating the need for ESA protection.

## About Candidate Conservation

- [The draft Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances Handbook](#) is now available. This draft document provides guidance to promote efficiency and nationwide consistency in implementing our [Candidate Conservation Agreements with Assurances permitting program](#).
  - [Read the Federal Register notice from June 23, 2003 \(pdf\)](#)
- The "Policy for Evaluation of Conservation Efforts" (PECE) will help the Fish and Wildlife Service and [NOAA Fisheries](#) evaluate current or planned conservation efforts, and may remove the need to place species on the endangered and threatened species list.
  - [Read the full Federal Register notice \(68 FR 15100\). \(PDF\)](#)
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  - [Questions and Answers about PECE. \(PDF\)](#)
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## **Candidate Notice of Review**

The Service periodically publishes an updated Candidate Notice of Review primarily to solicit new information on the status of candidate species and threats to their survival. Service biologists rely on a variety of sources to determine whether a species may require listing under the Act, including contributions from private, university and government scientists and other citizens, as well as local, state and federal land management and planning agencies.

### **2004 Candidate Notice of Review**

- [News Release](#)
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