

Chapter 6: Periodic Review of Connecticut's Strategy

This Chapter describes the process that Connecticut will use to revise and update the CWCS, and addresses Element 6. Connecticut will use the annual performance report requirement for State Wildlife Grant (SWG) funded projects as a basis for an annual assessment of progress toward achieving CWCS objectives.

Internal review and revision will be conducted on a two-year basis to coincide with renewal of the federal grant agreement. This will allow the DEP to address species or habitat responses relating to management activities occurring within a relatively short time period. Evaluations of survey data and project needs at the beginning of each grant agreement period will allow BNR staff to incorporate new information needs or specific projects as priorities or conditions change.

Reviews of the CWCS, focusing on the status of GCN species, will be coordinated with the DEP's statutorily mandated five-year updates of Connecticut's Endangered Species Act (CT-ESA). Listed species reviews and updates are conducted using BNR biologists and the Endangered Species Scientific Advisory Committees (ESSAC, described in Chapter 1, p.23-26), the same group of experts used to designate GCN species in this CWCS. It is unlikely that sufficient information will be acquired on GCN species to complete a comprehensive, combined review during the 2007-2008 evaluation period. However, a framework will be created to streamline the simultaneous review of both GCN and state-listed species. After that period, CT-ESA and CWCS updates will occur simultaneously at five-year intervals.

A comprehensive review of the entire CWCS and creation of a new updated strategy will be completed in 2015. Input from conservation partners and the public will be sought using methods similar to those used in the development of this CWCS, which is described in detail in Chapter 8.