

# Proposed 2024 Listings Under MA Endangered Species Act



***New fisheries regulations protect horseshoe crabs during spawning season, but that's not enough!***

- MA Endangered Species Act List designations include Endangered (E), Threatened (T) and Special Concern Species (SC) based on
  - species rarity, population trends, and threats in Massachusetts
- Proposal submitted to list Horseshoe Crabs as “special concern species” in MA
- Comments due Tuesday, April 23, 2024, 5pm
  - To: [susan.sacco@mass.gov](mailto:susan.sacco@mass.gov)
  - Attention: MA Fisheries & Wildlife Board
- More info: <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/changes-to-the-list-of-endangered-threatened-special-concern-species>

2024 MA ESA Listing Proposals			
Taxonomic group	Common Name	Scientific Name	Proposed List Change
MAMMALS	<a href="#">Silver-haired Bat</a>	<i>Lasionycteris noctivagans</i>	not listed → SC
	<a href="#">Eastern Red Bat</a>	<i>Lasiurus borealis</i>	not listed → SC
	<a href="#">Hoary Bat</a>	<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	not listed → SC
HORSESHOE CRABS	<a href="#">American Horseshoe Crab</a>	<i>Limulus polyphemus</i>	not listed → SC
BUTTERFLIES/ MOTHS	<a href="#">Golden Borer Moth</a>	<i>Papaipema cerina</i>	not listed → E
	<a href="#">Acadian Hairstreak</a>	<i>Satyrium acadica</i>	not listed → T
BEES	<a href="#">Parnassia Miner Bee</a>	<i>Andrena parnassiae</i>	not listed → T
	<a href="#">Macropis Cuckoo Bee</a>	<i>Epeoloides pilosulus</i>	not listed → T
PLANTS	<a href="#">Pine Barrens Flatsedge</a>	<i>Cyperus retrorsa</i>	not listed → SC
	<a href="#">Wild Lupine</a>	<i>Lupinus perennis</i>	not listed → SC
+ 16 more plants			

# Proposed Wetlands Resilience 1.0 Draft Regulations

- **What's Good:** New DEP regulations will
  - Restrict new development in the highest-risk coastal floodplain areas
  - Require redeveloped structures to be elevated
  - Prioritize nature-based solutions for improving resilience
- **What's Missing:** New regulations should
  - Account for future storm severity and sea level rise projections
  - Strengthen emphasis on nature-based solutions
  - Provide clarity on retreat/abandonment vs. protection of existing structures
- Comments due Tuesday, April 30, 2024, 5pm
  - To: [dep.wetlands@mass.gov](mailto:dep.wetlands@mass.gov)
  - Re: Wetlands-401 Resilience Comments
- More info: <https://www.mass.gov/regulations/310-CMR-1000-wetlands-protection-act-regulations#proposed-amendments-public-comment>



***Real estate interests are pushing back on the proposed regulations, which represent significant progress—but are only a starting point in building resilience!***