



## Comprehensive Wildlife Plan Web Survey

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department is coordinating a **Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan** that will prioritize the state's wildlife and wildlife habitat conservation to safeguard our wildlife legacy. [For more on this plan, click here.](#) Our partners, including conservation organizations, agencies, researchers and others, are helping to develop this comprehensive plan. To ensure the plan's effectiveness, we need input from across the board -- biologists; local, state and federal agencies; conservation groups; business leaders; private landowners; and many others.



In March 2004 we held a "Wildlife Summit," gathering 100 people from around the state to identify major wildlife issues and goals to work toward achieving through the comprehensive wildlife conservation plan. This forum helped us better define priority wildlife issues and actions for addressing them. Many of the survey questions below are derived from the Wildlife Summit.

Now it's your turn! Tell us what you think about priority issues and actions for wildlife conservation in New Hampshire.

PLEASE ANSWER EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

1) What do you feel are the most important issues affecting wildlife conservation in New Hampshire? (text box will expand as you type)

2) - 13) THESE ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED AT THE WILDLIFE SUMMIT (described above). PLEASE ANSWER EACH **QUESTION 2-13**, BASED ON HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO YOU THAT WE ADDRESS EACH ISSUE IN THE COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE PLAN.

2) Loss of habitat.

- 1 important
- 2 somewhat important
- 3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

3) Interactions between people and wildlife.

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

4) Stewardship of private lands. (Stewardship is the thoughtful care of one's land.)

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

5) Planning for wildlife in the state.

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

6) Ensuring funding for protection, monitoring and education in order to be successful at conserving wildlife.

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

7) Human impact on wildlife due to development.

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

8) Communication/education to the public about the impacts of human-wildlife interactions.

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

9) Education about the importance of private lands stewardship.

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

10) Overcoming financial constraints so that private lands stewardship can benefit wildlife. (for example, by providing small grants or other financial incentives)

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

11) A balance between the rights of landowners and the responsibilities of land ownership.

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

12) Maintaining viable wildlife populations and their habitats.

1 important

2 somewhat important

3 neutral

4 somewhat unimportant

5 unimportant

13) A balance between regulations and incentives to benefit wildlife.

1 important

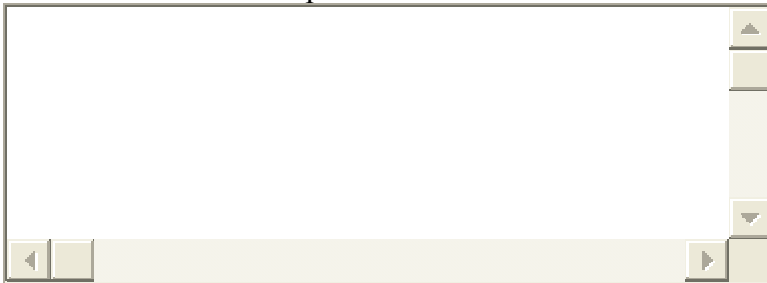
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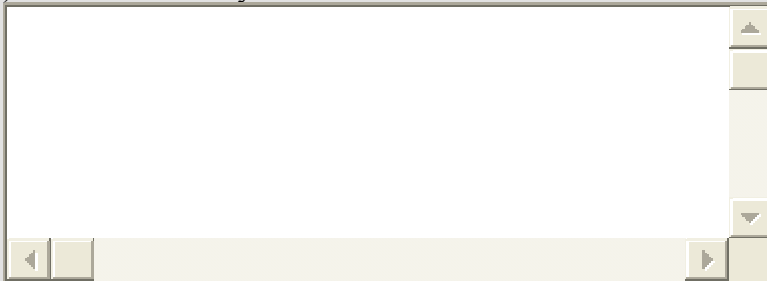
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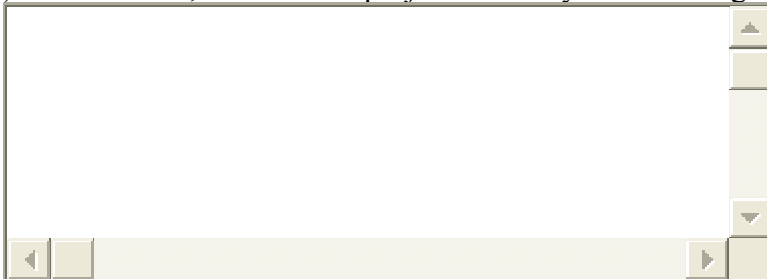
14) One of the goals of this comprehensive plan is to improve the efficiency of our investments in wildlife conservation. Please list existing activities or projects through which we may work to advance wildlife conservation in New Hampshire.



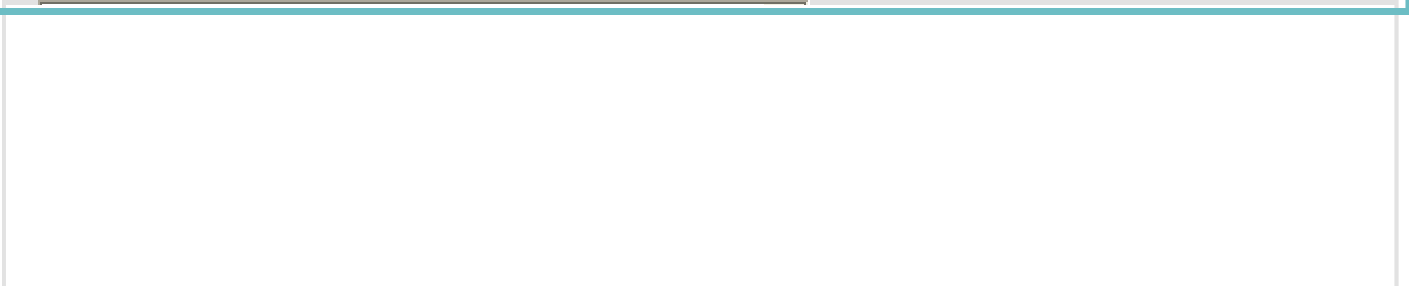
15) What actions do you think we should take to conserve wildlife?

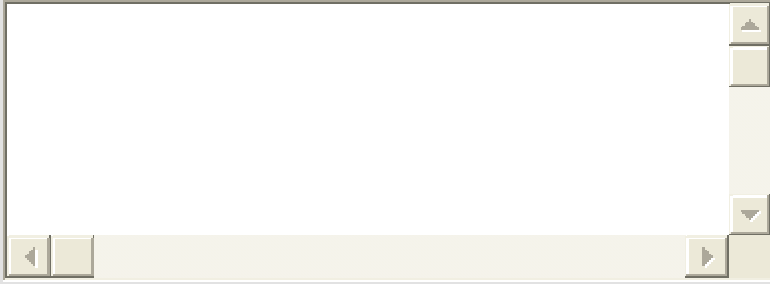


16) What actions, activities or projects would you be willing to take part in to help conserve wildlife?



17) What additional tools would you find useful to help conserve wildlife in New Hampshire?





18) Of the following actions, which do you feel should be the top 3 priorities for wildlife conservation in New Hampshire? **(Please choose 3)**

- prevent loss of wildlife habitat
- manage wildlife habitat
- encourage stewardship of private lands
- improve land use planning for wildlife
- control invasive plants and animals
- manage recreational impacts on wildlife
- educate citizens about wildlife management and conservation issues

19) What town do you live in?

20) In what type of community do you live?

- rural
- suburban
- urban

21) What is your gender?

- female
- male

22) What is your age?

23) How many years have you lived in New Hampshire?

24) What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- some high school
- high school
- some college

- 2-year college
- 4-year college
- some graduate school
- graduate school

25) Where do you get most of your conservation information? (you can choose more than one)

- web sites
- magazines
- newspapers
- newsletters
- TV
- word of mouth
- workshops
- books
- videos
- booklets

26) What is the source of most of your conservation information? (you can choose more than one)

- state agencies
- federal agencies
- local or regional groups
- conservation organizations
- general media sources
- universities
- cooperative extension
- amateur naturalists
- friends/family
- commercial source
- other

27) Of the following activities, in which have you participated in the last 2 years? (choose all that apply)

- wildlife watching
- fishing
- hunting

- trapping
- snowmobiling
- ATV riding
- camping
- hiking
- canoeing/kayaking
- boating
- cross-country skiing
- downhill skiing
- mountain biking
- snowshoeing

28) Comments.

