

Appendix J: New Hampshire Comprehensive Wildlife Plan
Public Participation Record

Note: this does not include regular meetings of the Planning Team, Core Biologists Team and Communications and Outreach Team.

Event/Activity	Date	Location	# People	Presenter(s)/ Facilitator(s)	Description
NH Estuaries Program "State of the Estuaries Conference"	10/21/03	Portsmouth	50	Jim Oehler	Jim was asked to present specifically on the Comprehensive Plan during a 20 minute presentation (e.g., the info that the plan will contain, and how it can be used to support land conservation initiatives). Jim addressed the history of State Wildlife Grant funding, the purpose the Plan, the info will be contained within it, and timeline for completion.
NH Association of Conservation Commissions Annual Meeting	11/1/03	Concord	30	Darrel Covell	This was a 1-hour workshop on "Helping NH's Priority Birds." I presented on the topic and gathered input from conservation commission members on what additional information or resources would help them implement conservation for priority birds. I had 5 slides regarding the Comprehensive Wildlife Plan effort to make the connection between this workshop and that larger effort.
DES Rivers & Watersheds Conference	11/8/03	Concord	39	Jim Oehler	In a 25 minute presentation, Jim presented the habitat mapping process completed for the Piscassic and Lamprey River Watersheds. Preliminary results of this past summer's field verification surveys were also presented. Towards the end of the presentation, Jim transitioned to the state's Comprehensive Plan and presented five slides that addressed plan purpose and content.
NH GIS Advisory Committee Meeting	1/14/04	Concord	26	Katie Callahan	presentation on the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan. Focus on coarse filter wildlife habitat analysis, applied to the entire state, and based on the NH Fish and Game wildlife habitat manual, Kanter et al.
NH Fish & Game Commission Meeting	1/21/04	Concord	35	Darrel Covell	Briefly described the Wildlife Summit in the context of a public participation component of the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan. The overall Plan will be discussed with this group in more detail at a later meeting.
Forest Stewardship Committee Meeting	2/6/04	Manchester	12	Darrel Covell	20-minute oral presentation with handouts describing the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan.
NH Coverts Program Alumni Training	2/7/04	Manchester	16	Darrel Covell, Laura Deming	We decided to focus this training on wintering eagles along the Merrimack River to make the connection between priority habitats and species and relate that to the development of the Comprehensive Wildlife Plan. The overall program focused on eagles, but Darrel described the Comprehensive Wildlife Plan in general.

NH Fish and Game Docent Training	2/12/04	Concord	20	Allison Briggaman	The NH Fish and Game Docents are volunteers for the department who go into schools and give presentations to students about various fish and wildlife species. They have training sessions here at HQ's on a regular basis. I was asked to present to them about the State Comprehensive Wildlife Plan and also about the current status of many nongame, threatened and endangered species and projects the Nongame Program is currently working on.
Regional Blanding's Turtle Meeting	2/13/04	Concord	25	Michael Marchand	The goal of the meeting was to initiate a regional approach to conserving Blanding's turtles in the Northeast. I presented a summary of NH's Comprehensive Wildlife State Plan and how it relates to the conservation of that species.
Meeting with University of New Hampshire Natural Resources Professors	2/17/04	Durham	3	John Kanter, Mike Marchand, Mark Ellingwood and Jim Oehler	We presented on the Comp Plan to Dr. Litvaitis, Dr. Babbitt, and Dr. Taylor, and discussed their research and writing involvement in the plan.
Meeting with St. Anselms College faculty	2/20/04	Manchester	3	Mike Marchand, Jim Oehler, Alina Pyzikiewicz, John Kanter	Presented the Comp Plan and then discussed how faculty could potentially be involved in writing/ research.
NH Fish & Game Fisheries Division Staff Mtg.	3/8/04	Concord	9	Kim Tuttle	Gave a 1/2-hour presentation on the Comprehensive Wildlife Plan to the Fisheries Division.
Aquatics Forum	3/11/04	Concord	25	Michael Marchand and John Kanter	The goal of this meeting was to identify what has been done or is planned with aquatic systems in NH, identify information gaps and research needs, and identify individuals/groups that can assist with the completion of the aquatic portion of the Comprehensive State Plan.
Loon Preservation Committee-Policy Committee meeting	3/19/04	Moultonborough	20	Mike Marchand	Gave a presentation of the Comprehensive Wildlife Plan, State Wildlife Grants, and how loons and the 'loon profile' fits into the bigger picture. Included in the audience was Senator Johnson.
Wildlife Summit	3/25/04	Manchester	110	Darrel Covell, coordinator	Conservation leaders presented on elements of the plan to a broad group of local, state and federal governments/agencies, conservation groups, business leaders, private landowners. A facilitated session enabled participants to provide input on priority wildlife conservation issues.

NH Planning and Zoning Conference	5/8/04	Manchester	30	Darrel Covell and Laura Pfister	This was a 1.5-hour program, titled, "Planning for Wildlife." The Comprehensive Wildlife Plan information was described and an interactive, public participation session took place to address improved planning for wildlife.
NH Coverts Project Alumni Workshop	5/22/04	Exeter and Stratham	15	Darrel Covell	This was an all-day program for NH Coverts Cooperators (UNH Cooperative Extension volunteers working for wildlife). The content of the program focused on several critical habitats identified in the Comprehensive Wildlife Strategy - extensive grasslands, old fields, early successional forest, salt marsh and riparian/shoreland habitat.
Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps Presentation for Communities and Conservation Groups at Exeter River Local Advisory Group	5/25/04	Epping	32	Darrel Covell and Jim Oehler	We gave a 2-hour presentation, provided maps and data cd's to conservation commission and other community decision-makers. The topic was the Fish and Game's GIS-based analysis of significant wildlife habitat in New Hampshire, known as the "Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps." The program discussed this and its connection to the overall Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.
Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps Presentation to Wildlife Division Staff	6/15/04	Concord	25	Darrel Covell and Jim Oehler	We gave a 1.5-hour presentation to Wildlife Division staff. The topic was the Fish and Game's GIS-based analysis of significant wildlife habitat in New Hampshire, known as the "Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps." The program discussed this and its connection to the overall Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.
Squam Lakes natural resource mapping workshop	7/8/04	Holderness	25	Katie Callahan	30 min Presentation of coarse-filter wildlife habitat analysis in context of Squam watershed natural resources mapping project (vol., not as F&G rep.)
Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps Presentation for Communities and Conservation Groups	7/15/04	Concord	25	Darrel Covell and Eric Orff	We gave a 2-hour presentation, provided maps and data cd's to conservation commission and other community decision-makers. The topic was the Fish and Game's GIS-based analysis of significant wildlife habitat in New Hampshire, known as the "Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps." The program discussed this and its connection to the overall Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.
Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps Presentation for Communities and Conservation Groups at Moose Mountains Greenway Meeting	7/20/04	Middleton	15	Darrel Covell	I gave a 2-hour presentation, provided maps and data cd's to conservation commission and other community decision-makers. The topic was the Fish and Game's GIS-based analysis of significant wildlife habitat in New Hampshire, known as the "Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps." The program discussed this and its connection to the overall Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.
UNH Cooperative Extension Land Use and Water Quality Team Meeting	7/21/04	Boscawen	15	Darrel Covell	I solicited the groups input on water quality and agriculture-related strategies. Also worked with this group to include Extension-related Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy ideas into the Team's work plan.

Green Mountain Conservation Group: Watershed Weekend	7/24/04	Ossipee	30	Michael Marchand	Gave a 1 hour presentation of research and threats to turtles in NH and efforts that the Comprehensive State Plan is undertaking to protect turtles in the future. I explained the coarse filter analysis and gave examples of how we plan to map species specific habitat.
Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps at UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry and Wildlife Staff Meeting	7/26/04	Boscawen	15	Darrel Covell	Gave a 30-minute presentation, provided maps and data cd's to Extension Forestry and Wildlife Program staff. The topic was the Fish and Game's GIS-based analysis of significant wildlife habitat in New Hampshire, known as the "Coarse Filter Wildlife Maps." The presentation discussed this and its connection to the overall Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.
Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	8/10/04	Concord	28	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
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Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	10/7/04	Concord	25	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
Northeast Wildlife Diversity Technical Committee Meeting	10/25-26/04	Cape Charles, VA	30	Darrel Covell and John Kanter	Gave a 30-minute presentation to Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy coordinators and others. Described New Hampshire's public participation efforts and plans.
Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	11/4/04	Concord	24	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
Transportation and Wildlife Meeting	12/1/04	Concord	30	Mike Marchand, Darrel Covell	Members of the Core Biologists Team met with NH Department of Transportation staff and others interested in transportation issues as relates to the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. Discussed actions to take to improve
Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	12/2/04	Concord	24	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
Coastal Islands Habitat Conservation Partners Meeting	12/6/04	Concord	10	Steve Fuller, Darrel Covell	Individuals from the conservation community were brought together to review and rank coastal island habitat threats.
Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	1/6/05	Concord	21	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	2/3/05	Concord	28	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
UNH Cooperative Extension Forestry and Wildlife Program Staff Meeting	2/15/05	Boscawen	14	Darrel Covell	Updated Extension staff on the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy, and solicited input into the process and content related to forestry.

VINS Wildlife Habitat Mapping workshop	2/26/05	Lebanon	16	Katie Callahan	30-minute presentation of Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy (vol., not as F&G rep.)
Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	3/3/05	Concord	21	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	3/31/05	Concord	22	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
Big Game Open House Plan Review and Input Session	4/26/05	Concord (2 sessions)	25	Mark Ellingwood	Open house information stations provided the public with the opportunity to view individual draft plans. Public circulated amongst stations and offered input verbally or in writing regarding draft plans for deer, moose, bear and turkey.
Big Game Open House Plan Review and Input Session	4/28/05	Lancaster (2 sessions)	20	Mark Ellingwood	Open house information stations provided the public with the opportunity to view individual draft plans. Public circulated amongst stations and offered input verbally or in writing regarding draft plans for deer, moose, bear and turkey.
Wildlife Conservation Strategy Forum	5/3/05	Concord	24	Darrel Covell, Judy Silverberg, Charlie French, Liza Poinier	Brought together individuals who had participated in the Wildlife Summit in March 2004. We developed some broad strategies and actions to address threats to our wildlife species and their habitats. We asked participants to identify additional strategies and actions and vote on priorities in the areas of habitat fragmentation, air and water quality, growth and development, and transportation.
Big Game Plan Public Working Group Meeting	5/12/05	Concord	20	Mark Ellingwood	Members of the Big Game Plan Public Working Group met to provide public input into the development of the Big Game Plan.
Selecting Biodiversity Indicators for Sustainable Forestry Workshop	5/19-20/05	Lancaster	40	Mark Zankel, John Roe, John Hagan, Andrew Whitman	This workshop brought together many partners interested in sustainable forestry concepts and provided insights into indicators that would be useful in the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. Members of the Core Biologists Team (Darrel Covell, Steve Fuller and Jim Oehler) provided input at the workshop and brought concepts back to use in Strategy development.
NH GIS Conservation Collaborative Meeting	5/24/05	Concord	15	Darrel Covell	Updated members of the GIS conservation community and funders on the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. Also received some input on the GIS approach and distribution possibilities.
Newfound Lake Region Association	7/2/05	Bridgewater	40	Katie Callahan	30 min. presentation Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy in context of Newfound wshed. natural resources mapping project (vol., not as F&G rep.)
NHF&G/UNHCE Watershed Ecology Institute 2005	7/26/05	Bow	10	Katie Callahan	1 day intro to GIS/GPS/wildlife habitat mapping, incl 20+/- min presentation on Comprehensive Wildlife Cons Strategy
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