

Appendix N

Risk Factor Ranking Template

RISK CATEGORY: [Name of category or challenging issue]

AUTHOR: [Name]

1. Definition: [120 word maximum]

[State the problem in general terms, broadly covering underlying causes and typical direct risks to wildlife included under this risk category.]

2. Expert Opinion: [100 word maximum]

[In terms that are consistent with the categorical values of ranked factors, use the provided risk ranking summary table to textually summarize scope, severity, timing, likelihood, information and overall ranks provided by experts for affected species and habitats. *According to expert opinion, [insert name of risk][insert scope descriptor, i.e. extensively, somewhat extensively, somewhat locally, locally] affects species and habitats of conservation concern in NH. Impacts will [insert likelihood descriptor, i.e. certainly, likely, possibly, unlikely] be [insert severity descriptor, i.e. catastrophic, severe, moderate, mild] for [insert names of highest ranking HABITATS] in the [insert timeframe, i.e. immediately, short-term, near-term, long-term]. [insert Names of highest ranking HABITATS] impacts are [insert information field descriptor, i.e. well documented, somewhat documented, weakly documented, undocumented].*

3. Known Wildlife Exposure Pathways: [min=2 pathways, max=5 pathways, not to exceed 600 words total]

- a) [Describe the exposure pathway and supporting evidence for the risk as described in Element 3 of profiles for the best-documented and highest-ranking habitat and related habitats or species. Be sure to synthesize similar pathways, even if they have different target species and habitats.]
- b) [Describe the exposure pathway and supporting evidence for the risk as described in Element 3 of profiles for the best-documented and highest-ranking habitat and related habitats or species. Be sure to synthesize similar pathways, even if they have different target species and habitats.]
- c) [Describe the exposure pathway and supporting evidence for the risk as described in Element 3 of profiles for the best-documented and highest-ranking habitat and related habitats or species. Be sure to synthesize similar pathways, even if they have different target species and habitats.]

4. Strategies: [To be provided by NHFG]

5. Research Needs: [min=2 items, max=5 items, not to exceed 200 words total]

- a) [List the highest priority research item identified in field 3.4 of affected species and habitat profiles.]

- b) [List the NEXT highest priority research item identified in field 3.4 of affected species and habitat profiles.]
 - c) [List the NEXT highest priority research item identified in field 3.4 of affected species and habitat profiles.]
7. Rank Frequency By Class: [To be provided by NHFG]
 8. Summary of Ranks: [To be provided by NHFG]
 9. Literature Cited: [JWM format, not to exceed 20 citations]