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### REVIEW AND REVISION PROCESS

This chapter describes the process that Connecticut will use to review, revise, and update its wildlife action plan and addresses Element 6. Connecticut will use the annual performance report requirement for State Wildlife Grant funded projects as a basis for an annual assessment of progress toward achieving plan objectives.

Internal review and revision will be conducted on a biennial basis to coincide with renewal of the federal grant agreement. This will allow the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to address species or habitat responses relating to management activities that occur within a relatively short time period. Evaluations of survey data and project needs at the beginning of each grant agreement period will allow staff to incorporate new information needs or specific projects as priorities or conditions change.

Reviews of the Wildlife Action Plan (WAP), focusing on the status of Greatest Conservation Need (GCN) species, will be coordinated with DEEP's statutorily mandated five-year updates of species listed under the Connecticut Endangered Species Act. Listed species reviews and updates are conducted using biologists and the Endangered Species Scientific Advisory Committees, the same group of experts used to designate GCN species in this plan. The most recent update was completed in 2015 and will be evaluated and updated again in 2020. In its priority list of actions, Connecticut's original 2005 WAP identified the need for a framework to streamline the simultaneous review of both GCN and state-listed species. As a result, the most recent listings under the Connecticut Endangered Species Act and WAP updates have been coordinated and are conducted at five-year intervals.

A comprehensive review of the entire WAP and creation of a new updated document will be completed in 2025. Input from conservation partners and the public will be sought using methods similar to those used in the development of this plan, which are described in detail in Chapter 8.

Many other existing conservation and management plans in Connecticut are adaptive in nature and have regularly scheduled reviews. The need to revisit conservation plans periodically, updating them to reflect new information, additional programs, and changing conditions, is recognized and practiced in these as well as in the Connecticut Wildlife Action Plan. Appendix 1 includes the relevant plans that DEEP staff will incorporate into the WAP reviews and revision. These same plans will be used in the biennial review and revision process and the comprehensive revision in 2025.