

Agenda Item # 18 Update on the State Wildlife Action Plan (SWAP)

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SWAP update since November 19, 2015

- Communicated with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service regarding the status of the SWAP.
- Identified the concerns of the stakeholders and held internal discussions on how to address those concerns.
- First part of this process was the revision of the Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) list.
 - > Removed the insects from the list
 - Removed the harvestable species from the list
 - > Removed additional species based on the biologists recommendations
 - ➤ Department biologists re-examined the scoring criteria to determine the proper tier for each species
- Engaged stakeholders on the revised list and scoring system and requested comments by April 15.





Future SWAP revision

- Once the SGCN list is finalized, it will be incorporated into the draft SWAP as part of the revision process.
- The Department will then re-engage stakeholders to address specific language concerns in the SWAP.
- The Department will also provide a 30 day public comment period for additional review and input.
- The Department will incorporate these comments in the SWAP and a final draft will be presented to the Commission for approval during the November 2016 meeting.



