



Southeast Region

Endangered and Threatened Species and Critical Habitats under the Jurisdiction of the NOAA Fisheries Service



Georgia

Listed Species	Scientific Name	Status	Date Listed
Marine Mammals			
blue whale	<i>Balaenoptera musculus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
finback whale	<i>Balaenoptera physalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
humpback whale	<i>Megaptera novaeangliae</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
North Atlantic right whale	<i>Eubalaena glacialis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sei whale	<i>Balaenoptera borealis</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
sperm whale	<i>Physeter macrocephalus</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
Turtles			
green sea turtle	<i>Chelonia mydas</i>	Threatened ¹	07/28/78
hawksbill sea turtle	<i>Eretmochelys imbricata</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
Kemp's ridley sea turtle	<i>Lepidochelys kempii</i>	Endangered	12/02/70
leatherback sea turtle	<i>Dermochelys coriacea</i>	Endangered	06/02/70
loggerhead sea turtle	<i>Caretta caretta</i>	Threatened ²	09/22/11
Fish			
Atlantic sturgeon	<i>Acipenser oxyrhynchus oxyrhynchus</i>	Endangered ³	02/06/12
shortnose sturgeon	<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i>	Endangered	03/11/67

Designated Critical Habitat

Final rules, critical habitat maps, and corresponding GIS data can be found at:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/maps_gis_data/protected_resources/critical_habitat/index.html

North Atlantic right whale: Between 31°15'N (approximately the mouth of the Altamaha River, Georgia) and 30°15'N (approximately Jacksonville, Florida) from the coast out to 15 nautical miles offshore; the coastal waters between 30°15'N and 28°00'N (approximately Sebastian Inlet, Florida) from the coast out to 5 nautical miles.

¹ Green turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific Coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered.

² Northwest Atlantic Ocean (NWA) Distinct Population Segment (DPS) was listed as threatened. NMFS and USFWS issued a final rule changing the listing of loggerhead sea turtles from a single, threatened species to nine DPSs listed as either threatened or endangered in 2012 ([76 FR 58868](#)).

³ NMFS listed two Atlantic sturgeon DPSs that spawn in the southeast (the Carolina and the South Atlantic) ([77 FR 5919](#)). There are an additional three Atlantic sturgeon DPSs in the northeast that spawn in the northeast (the Gulf of Maine, New York Bight, and Chesapeake) ([77 FR 5880](#)). Depending on the project area, a combination of DPSs may be present, particularly in marine waters. Please see Federal Register Notices for additional information.



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Candidate Species:

NMFS maintains a list of species that are undergoing an ESA status review that NMFS has announced in a Federal Register Notice. They are called “candidate” species as they are being considered for listing under the ESA, but are not yet subject to a proposed listing rule. To view the candidate species list, please visit: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/esa/other.htm

Species of Concern:

NMFS maintains a list of species for which there are concerns regarding their status and threats. Federal agencies and the public are encouraged to consider these species during project planning. To view the Species of Concern list and receive more information please visit: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/species/concern/
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