

SECTION 3: DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Endangered Species Protection

Instructions (see CGP Parts 1.1.5, 7.2.9.a, Appendix D, and the “Endangered Species Protection” section of the Appendix J – NOI form):

Using the instructions in [Appendix D](#) of the permit, determine under which criterion listed below (A-F) you are eligible for coverage under this permit with respect to the protection of endangered species. To make this determination, you must use information from **BOTH** the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS). Both the NMFS and USFWS maintain lists of Endangered Species Act-listed (ESA-listed) species and designated critical habitat. Operators must consult both when determining their eligibility.

- Check only 1 box, include the required information and provide a sound basis for supporting the criterion selected. Select the most conservative criterion that applies
- Include documentation supporting your determination of eligibility.
- A step-by-step guide and flow-chart on ESA provisions for EPA’s CGP is available at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities#species>

Eligibility Criterion

Under which criterion listed in [Appendix D](#) are you eligible for coverage under this permit?

- ☐ **Criterion A:** No ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in action area.

Using the process outlined in Appendix D of this permit, you certify that ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat(s) under the jurisdiction of the USFWS or NMFS are not likely to occur in your site’s “action area” as defined in Appendix A of this permit.

Basis statement content/Supporting documentation: A basis statement supporting the selection of Criterion A should identify the USFWS and NMFS information sources used. Attaching aerial image(s) of the site to your NOI is helpful to EPA, USFWS, and NMFS in confirming eligibility under this criterion. Please Note: NMFS’ jurisdiction includes ESA-listed marine and estuarine species that spawn in inland rivers. Check the applicable source(s) of information you relied upon:

- ☐ Specific communication with staff of the USFWS and/or NMFS. [INSERT DATE OF COMMUNICATION AND WHO YOU SPOKE WITH](#)
- ☐ Species list from USFWS and/or NMFS. See the [CGP ESA webpage, Step 2](#) for available websites. [INSERT SPECIFIC DOCUMENT AND/OR WEBSITE RELIED UPON see attached documentation based upon natural heritage maps.](#)

- ☐ **Criterion B:** Eligibility requirements met by another operator under the 2017 CGP. The construction site’s discharges and discharge-related activities were already addressed in another operator’s valid certification of eligibility for your “action area” under eligibility Criterion A, C, D, E, or F of the 2017 CGP and you have confirmed that no additional ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of USFWS and/or NMFS not considered in the that certification may be present or located in the “action area.” To certify your eligibility under this criterion, there must be no lapse of NPDES permit coverage in the other CGP operator’s certification. By certifying eligibility under this criterion, you agree to comply with any conditions upon which the other CGP operator’s certification was based. You must include in your NOI the NPDES ID from the other 2017CGP

operator's notification of authorization under this permit. If your certification is based on another 2017 CGP operator's certification under criterion C, you must provide EPA with the relevant supporting information required of existing dischargers in criterion C in your NOI form.

Basis statement content/Supporting documentation: A basis statement supporting the selection of Criterion B should identify the eligibility criterion of the other CGP NOI, the authorization date, and confirmation that the authorization is effective.

- ✓ Provide the 9-digit NPDES ID number from the other operator's NOI under the 2017 CGP: _____
- ✓ Authorization date of the other 2017 CGP operator: [INSERT AUTHORIZATION DATE OF OTHER OPERATOR](#)
- ✓ Eligibility criterion of the other 2017 CGP operator: ☐A ☐C ☐D ☐E ☐F
- ✓ Provide a brief summary of the basis the other operator used for selecting criterion A, C, D, E, or F: [INSERT TEXT HERE](#)

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- ☒ **Criterion C:** Discharges not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat. ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat(s) under the jurisdiction of the USFWS and/or NMFS are likely to occur in or near your site's "action area," and you certify to EPA that your site's discharges and discharge-related activities are not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed threatened or endangered species and/or designated critical habitat. This certification may include consideration of any stormwater controls and/or management practices you will adopt to ensure that your discharges and discharge-related activities are not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat. To certify your eligibility under this criterion, indicate 1) the ESA-listed species and/or designated habitat located in your "action area" using the process outlined in Appendix D of this permit; 2) the distance between the site and the listed species and/or designated critical habitat in the action area (in miles); and 3) a rationale describing specifically how adverse effects to ESA-listed species will be avoided from the discharges and discharge-related activities. You must also include a copy of your site map from your SWPPP showing the upland and in-water extent of your "action area" with this NOI.

Basis statement content/Supporting documentation: A basis statement supporting the selection of Criterion C should identify the information resources and expertise (e.g., state or federal biologists) used to arrive at this conclusion. Any supporting documentation should explicitly state that both ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the USFWS and/or NMFS were considered in the evaluation.

- ✓ Resources used to make determination: [U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Information for Planning and Consultation \(IPaC\)](#) (see IPaC species list in Appendix K), [MassDFW website](#)
- ✓ ESA-listed Species/Critical Habitat in action area: [Northern Long Eared Bat](#)
- ✓ Distance between site and ESA-listed Species/Critical Habitat: [>0.25 miles.](#)
- ✓ How adverse effects will be avoided: [We have consulted the MassDFW website showing known maternity roost trees and hibernacula for northern long-eared bats. The project does not occur within a 0.25 mile radius of a known hibernacula, nor will it destroy any known occupied maternity roost trees, or any trees within a 150-foot radius from a known maternity roost tree.](#)

Appendix K – Endangered Species Documentation

INSERT DOCUMENTATION CONSISTENT WITH SWPPP TEMPLATE SECTION 3.1 AND CGP APPENDIX D



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

ECOS[ECOS](#) / Species Profile for Northern long-eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)

Northern Long-Eared Bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*)

[Range Information](#) | [Federal Register](#) | [Recovery](#) | [Critical Habitat](#) | [Conservation Plans](#) | [Petitions](#) | [Life History](#)

Taxonomy: [View taxonomy in ITIS](#)

Listing Status: Threatened

Where Listed: WHEREVER FOUND

General Information

The northern long-eared bat is a medium-sized bat about 3 to 3.7 inches in length but with a wingspan of 9 to 10 inches. As its name suggests, this bat is distinguished by its long ears, particularly as compared to other bats in its genus, *Myotis*, which are actually bats noted for their small ears (*Myotis* means mouse-eared). The northern long-eared bat is found across much of the eastern and north central United States and all Canadian provinces from the Atlantic coast west to the southern Northwest Territories and eastern British Columbia. The species' range includes 37 states. White-nose syndrome, a fungal disease known to affect bats, is currently the predominant threat to this bat, especially throughout the Northeast where the species has declined by up to 99 percent from pre-white-nose syndrome levels at many hibernation sites. Although the disease has not yet spread throughout the northern long-eared bat's entire range (white-nose syndrome is currently found in at least 25 of 37 states where the northern long-eared bat occurs), it continues to spread. Experts expect that where it spreads, it will have the same impact as seen in the Northeast.

The species historical range included Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming. See below for information about where the species is known or believed to occur.

Current Listing Status Summary

Status	Date Listed	Lead Region	Where Listed
Threatened	05/04/2015	Great Lakes-Big Rivers Region (Region 3)	Wherever found Additional species information

» Range Information

Current Range

☒ Wherever found



Zoom in! Some species' locations may be small and hard to see from a wide perspective. To narrow-in on locations, check the state and county lists (below) and then use the zoom tool.



Want the FWS's current range for all species?
Click [here](#) to download a zip file containing all individual shapefiles and metadata for all species.



• Wherever found

Listing status: Threatened

- **States/US Territories** in which this population is known to or is believed to occur: Alabama , Arkansas , Connecticut , Delaware , District of Columbia , Georgia , Illinois , Indiana , Iowa , Kansas , Kentucky , Louisiana , Maine , Maryland , Massachusetts , Michigan , Minnesota , Mississippi , Missouri , Montana , Nebraska , New Hampshire , New Jersey , New York , North Carolina , North Dakota , Ohio , Oklahoma , Pennsylvania , Rhode Island , South Carolina , South Dakota , Tennessee , Vermont , Virginia , West Virginia , Wisconsin , Wyoming
- **US Counties** in which this population is known to or is believed to occur: [View All](#)
- **USFWS Refuges** in which this population is known to occur: Moosehorn National Wildlife Refuge

» Federal Register Documents

Federal Register Documents

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06/20/2016	81 FR 39947	Draft Environmental Assessment, Draft Habitat Conservation Plan, and Draft Implementing an Application for an Incidental Take Permit, Wildcat Wind Farm, Madison and Tipton Counties, Illinois
04/27/2016	81 FR 24707 24714	Determination That Designation of Critical Habitat Is Not Prudent for the Northern Long-Eared Bat
01/14/2016	81 FR 1900 1922	4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-Eared Bat; Final rule
04/02/2015	80 FR 17973 18033	Threatened Species Status for the Northern Long-Eared Bat With 4(d) Rule
01/30/2015	80 FR 5079	Listing the Northern Long-Eared Bat With a Rule Under Section 4(d) of the Act; Correction
01/16/2015	80 FR 2371 2378	Listing the Northern Long-Eared Bat With a Rule Under Section 4(d) of the Act
11/18/2014	79 FR 68657 68659	Endangered Species Status for the Northern Long-Eared Bat: Reopening of comment period
06/30/2014	79 FR 36698 36699	6-Month Extension of Final Determination on the Proposed Endangered Status for the Northern Long-Eared Bat
12/02/2013	78 FR 72058 72059	Listing the Northern Long-Eared Bat as an Endangered Species
10/02/2013	78 FR 61045 61080	12-Month Finding on a Petition To List the Eastern Small-Footed Bat and the Northern Long-Eared Bat as Endangered or Threatened Species; Listing the Northern Long-Eared Bat as an Endangered Species

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01/14/2016	81 FR 1900 1922	4(d) Rule for the Northern Long-Eared Bat; Final rule

04/02/2015

80 FR 17973 18033

Threatened Species Status for the Northern Long-Eared Bat With 4(d) Rule

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» Recovery

- [Recovery Plan Information Search](#)
- [Information Search FAQs](#)

No recovery information is available for the Northern long-eared Bat.

» Critical Habitat

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Date	Citation Page	Title	Document Type
04/27/2016	81 FR 24707 24714	Determination That Designation of Critical Habitat Is Not Prudent for the Northern Long-Eared Bat: Critical habitat determination.	Notice of rule correct rule withdrawal or rule

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To learn more about critical habitat please see <http://ecos.fws.gov/crithab>

» Conservation Plans

Habitat Conservation Plans (HCP) ([learn more](#))

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HCP Plan Summaries[Wildcat Wind Farm](#)[Pioneer Trail Wind Farm E.ON](#)[Hoopeston HCP](#)

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Habitat Requirements

During summer, northern long-eared bats roost singly or in colonies underneath bark, in cavities, or in crevices of both live and dead trees. Males and non-reproductive females may also roost in cooler places, like caves and mines. This bat seems opportunistic in selecting roosts, using tree species based on suitability to retain bark or provide cavities or crevices. It has also been found, rarely, roosting in structures like barns and sheds. Northern long-eared bats spend winter hibernating in caves and mines, called hibernacula. They typically use large caves or mines with large passages and entrances; constant temperatures; and high humidity with no air currents. Specific areas where they hibernate have very high humidity, so much so that droplets of water are often seen on their fur. Within hibernacula, surveyors find them in small crevices or cracks, often with only the nose and ears visible.

Food Habits

Northern long-eared bats emerge at dusk to fly through the understory of forested hillsides and ridges feeding on moths, flies, leafhoppers, caddisflies, and beetles, which they catch while in flight using echolocation. This bat also feeds by gleaning motionless insects from vegetation and water surfaces.

Reproductive Strategy

Breeding begins in late summer or early fall when males begin swarming near hibernacula. After copulation, females store sperm during hibernation until spring, when they emerge from their hibernacula, ovulate, and the stored sperm fertilizes an egg. This strategy is called delayed fertilization. After fertilization, pregnant females migrate to summer areas where they roost in small colonies and give birth to a single pup. Maternity colonies, with young, generally have 30 to 60 bats, although larger maternity colonies have been observed. Most females within a maternity colony give birth around the same time, which may occur from late May or early June to late July, depending where the colony is located within the species' range. Young bats start flying by 18 to 21 days after birth. Adult northern long-eared bats can live up to 19 years.

» Other Resources

[NatureServe Explorer Species Reports](#) -- NatureServe Explorer is a source for authoritative conservation information on more than 50,000 plants, animals and ecological communities of the U.S and Canada. NatureServe Explorer provides in-depth information on rare and endangered species, but includes common plants and animals too. NatureServe Explorer is a product of NatureServe in collaboration with the Natural Heritage Network.

[ITIS Reports](#) -- ITIS (the Integrated Taxonomic Information System) is a source for authoritative taxonomic information on plants, animals, fungi, and microbes of North America and the world.

[FWS Digital Media Library](#) -- The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's National Digital Library is a searchable collection of selected images, historical artifacts, audio clips, publications, and video.



Northern Long-Eared Bat

Myotis septentrionalis

The northern long-eared bat is federally listed as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. **Endangered** species are animals and plants that are in danger of becoming extinct. **Threatened** species are animals and plants that are likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future. Identifying, protecting and restoring endangered and threatened species is the primary objective of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Endangered Species Program.

What is the northern long-eared bat?

Appearance: The northern long-eared bat is a medium-sized bat with a body length of 3 to 3.7 inches and a wingspan of 9 to 10 inches. Their fur color can be medium to dark brown on the back and tawny to pale-brown on the underside. As its name suggests, this bat is distinguished by its long ears, particularly as compared to other bats in its genus, *Myotis*.

Winter Habitat: Northern long-eared bats spend winter hibernating in caves and mines, called hibernacula. They use areas in various sized caves or mines with constant temperatures, high humidity, and no air currents. Within hibernacula, surveyors find them hibernating most often in small crevices or cracks, often with only the nose and ears visible.

Summer Habitat: During the summer, northern long-eared bats roost singly or in colonies underneath bark, in cavities or in crevices of both live trees and snags (dead trees). Males and non-reproductive females may also roost in cooler places, like caves and mines. Northern long-eared bats seem to be flexible in selecting roosts, choosing roost trees based on suitability to retain bark or provide cavities or crevices. They rarely roost in human structures like barns and sheds.

Reproduction: Breeding begins in late summer or early fall when males begin to swarm near hibernacula. After



Photo by Steve Taylor; University of Illinois

This northern long-eared bat, observed during an Illinois mine survey, shows visible symptoms of white-nose syndrome.

copulation, females store sperm during hibernation until spring. In spring, females emerge from their hibernacula, ovulate and the stored sperm fertilizes an egg. This strategy is called delayed fertilization.

After fertilization, pregnant bats migrate to summer areas where they roost in small colonies and give birth to a single pup. Maternity colonies of females and young generally have 30 to 60 bats at the beginning of the summer, although larger maternity colonies have also been observed. Numbers of bats in roosts typically decrease from the time of pregnancy to post-lactation. Most bats within a maternity colony give birth around the same time, which may occur from late May or early June to late July, depending where the colony is located within the species' range. Young bats start flying by 18 to 21 days after birth. Maximum lifespan for the northern long-eared bat is estimated to be up to 18.5 years.

Feeding Habits: Like most bats, northern long-eared bats emerge at dusk to feed. They primarily fly through the

understory of forested areas feeding on moths, flies, leafhoppers, caddisflies, and beetles, which they catch while in flight using echolocation or by gleaning motionless insects from vegetation.

Range: The northern long-eared bat's range includes much of the eastern and north central United States, and all Canadian provinces from the Atlantic Ocean west to the southern Yukon Territory and eastern British Columbia. The species' range includes 37 States and the District of Columbia: Alabama, Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming.

Why is the northern long-eared bat in trouble?

White-nose Syndrome: No other threat is as severe and immediate as

this. If this disease had not emerged, it is unlikely that northern long-eared bat populations would be experiencing such dramatic declines. Since symptoms were first observed in New York in 2006, white-nose syndrome has spread rapidly from the Northeast to the Midwest and Southeast; an area that includes the core of the northern long-eared bat's range, where it was most common before this disease. Numbers of northern long-eared bats (from hibernacula counts) have declined by up to 99 percent in the Northeast. Although there is uncertainty about the rate that white-nose syndrome will spread throughout the species' range, it is expected to continue to spread throughout the United States in the foreseeable future.

Other Sources of Mortality:

Although no significant population declines have been observed due to the sources of mortality listed below, they may now be important factors affecting this bat's viability until we find ways to address WNS.

Impacts to Hibernacula: Gates or other structures intended to exclude people from caves and mines not only restrict bat flight and movement, but also change airflow and microclimates. A change of even a few degrees can make a cave unsuitable for hibernating bats. Also, cave-dwelling bats are vulnerable to human disturbance while hibernating. Arousal during hibernation causes bats to use up their energy stores, which may lead to bats not surviving through winter.

Loss or Degradation of Summer

Habitat: Highway construction, commercial development, surface mining, and wind facility construction permanently remove habitat and are activities prevalent in many areas of this bat's range. Many forest management activities benefit bats by keeping areas forested rather than converted to other uses. But, depending on type and timing, some forest management activities can cause mortality and temporarily remove or degrade roosting and foraging habitat.

Wind Farm Operation: Wind turbines kill bats, and, depending on the species, in very large numbers. Mortality from windmills has been documented for northern long-eared bats, although a

small number have been found to date. However, there are many wind projects within a large portion of the bat's range and many more are planned.

What Is Being Done to Help the Northern Long-Eared Bat?

Disease Management: Actions have been taken to try to reduce or slow the spread of white-nose syndrome through human transmission of the fungus into caves (e.g. cave and mine closures and advisories; national decontamination protocols). A national plan was prepared by the Service and other state and federal agencies that details actions needed to investigate and manage white-nose syndrome. Many state and federal agencies, universities and non-governmental organizations are researching this disease to try to control its spread and address its affect. See www.whitenosesyndrome.org/ for more.

Addressing Wind Turbine

Mortality: The Service and others are working to minimize bat mortality from wind turbines on several fronts. We fund and conduct research to determine why bats are susceptible to turbines, how to operate turbines to minimize mortality and where important bird and bat migration routes are located. The Service, state natural resource agencies, and the wind energy industry are developing a Midwest Wind Energy Habitat Conservation Plan, which will provide wind farms a mechanism to continue operating legally while minimizing and mitigating listed bat mortality.

Listing: The northern long-eared bat is listed as a threatened species under the federal Endangered Species Act. Listing a species affords it the protections of the Act and also increases the priority of the species for funds, grants, and recovery opportunities.

Hibernacula Protection: Many federal and state natural resource agencies and conservation organizations have protected caves and mines that are important hibernacula for cave-dwelling bats.

What Can I Do?

Do Not Disturb Hibernating Bats:

To protect bats and their habitats, comply with all cave and mine closures, advisories, and regulations. In areas without a cave and mine closure policy, follow approved decontamination protocols (see <http://whitenosesyndrome.org/topics/decontamination>). Under no circumstances should clothing, footwear, or equipment that was used in a white-nose syndrome affected state or region be used in unaffected states or regions.

Leave Dead and Dying Trees

Standing: Like most eastern bats, the northern long-eared bat roosts in trees during summer. Where possible and not a safety hazard, leave dead or dying trees on your property. Northern long-eared bats and many other animals use these trees.

Install a Bat Box: Dead and dying trees are usually not left standing, so trees suitable for roosting may be in short supply and bat boxes may provide additional roost sites. Bat boxes are especially needed from April to August when females look for safe and quiet places to give birth and raise their pups.

Support Sustainability: Support efforts in your community, county and state to ensure that sustainability is a development goal. Only through sustainable living will we provide rare and declining species, like the northern long-eared bat, the habitat and resources they need to survive alongside us.

Spread the Word: Understanding the important ecological role that bats play is a key to conserving the northern long-eared and other bats. Helping people learn more about the northern long-eared bat and other endangered species can lead to more effective recovery efforts. For more information, visit www.fws.gov/midwest/nleb and www.whitenosesyndrome.org

Join and Volunteer: Join a conservation group; many have local chapters. Volunteer at a local nature center, zoo, or national wildlife refuge. Many state natural resource agencies benefit greatly from citizen involvement in monitoring wildlife. Check your state agency websites and get involved in citizen science efforts in your area.