

FWS Mitigation Updates

2 national efforts are underway:

USFWS Mitigation Policy

ESA Compensatory Mitigation Policy

Each has it's own working group and there is an overarching advisory group coordinating both.

Both documents will go to the Federal Register (FR) for public comment.

Anticipate FR notice by the end of 2014.

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USFWS Mitigation Policy

- Revises and updates the 1981 USFWS Mitigation Policy
- The ESA was specifically excluded from the 1981 policy; this revision includes ESA mitigation
- Intended to be an overarching policy that ensures consistency and transparency while basing mitigation decisions in science
- Applies to all FWS authorities and resources identified in statute or regs providing authority to engage
- Revised policy provides logical framework for the Service to consistently make choices leading to the best conversation outcomes

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USFWS Mitigation Policy (continued)

- Reaffirms CEQ mitigation hierarchy (*i.e.*, Recommends sequence of: avoid, minimize, rectify, and reduce or eliminate impacts **before** compensating for impacts)
- Provides for flexibility when circumstances warrant departures from the preferred sequence in order to achieve better conservation outcomes
- Takes a Landscape Scale approach and focuses on durable benefits to impacted resources to achieve best, long-term conservation outcomes
- Goal is no net loss; aiming for sustainable net gain
- Will be an umbrella policy under which more detailed, future mitigation policies may be nested (*e.g.*, Eagles,

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ESA Compensatory Mitigation Policy

- Expands and revises the existing 2003 Conservation Banking Guidelines, and replaces the 2008 Recovery Crediting System Guidelines
- Applies more broadly to compensation under ESA
- Acknowledges all types of compensatory mitigation under ESA (*e.g.*, PROMA, ILF, banks, etc.), whereas the original Conservation Banking Guidelines only addressed banks
- Takes principles from main USFWS mitigation policy and steps them down into compensatory mitigation standards which field staff can then implement on the ground
- Sets equivalent standards intended to achieve sustainable compensatory mitigation using advanced planning and a



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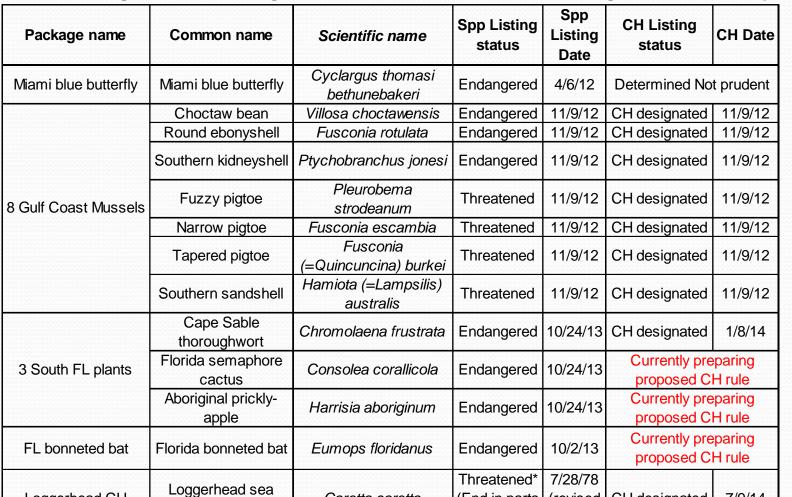
ulti-year Listing work plan which allows the Service review and address the needs of 251 candidate ecies nationally, and determine if they should be ted as endangered or threatened.

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The national work plan for listing:

b://www.fws.gov/endangered/improving esa/listing workplan FY13tml

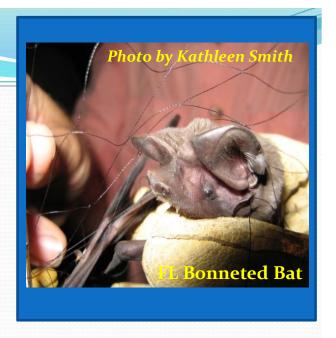
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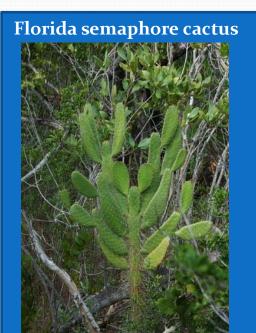


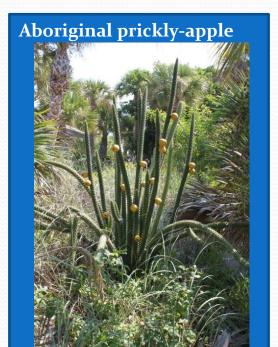














pcoming Listing Actions: Current Proposals

ackage name	Common name	Scientific name	Spp Listing status	Spp Listing Date	CH Listing status	CH Date
FL butterflies	Bartram's scrub- hairstreak	Strymon acis bartrami	Proposed E	8/15/13	Proposed CH designation	8/15/13
	Florida leafwing	Anaea troglodyta floridalis	Proposed E	8/15/13	Proposed CH designation	8/15/13
d knot (R5 lead)	Red knot	Calidris canutus rufa	Proposed T	9/27/13	Evaluating for CH currently	
tern Small-footed t/northern long- ed bat (R3 lead)	Northern long-eared bat	Myotis septentrianalis	Proposed E	10/2/13	Determined not determinable at this time	
e rockland plants	Florida brickell-bush	Brickellia mosieri	Proposed E	10/3/13	Proposed CH designation	10/3/13
	Carter's small- flowered flax	Linum carteri var. carteri	Proposed E	10/3/13	Proposed CH designation	10/3/13



pcoming Listing Actions: Candidates for evaluation

Package name	Common name	Scientific name	Spp Listing status	Spp Listing Date	CH Listing status	CH Date	
Florida bristle fern	Florida bristle fern	Trichomanes punctatum floridanum	Candidate	Evaulating for listing & CH currently			
Tiger beetle	Highlands tiger beetle	Cicindela highlandensis	Candidate	Evaulate for listing & CH in FY2015			
4 FL keys plants	Sand flax	Linum arenicola	Candidate	Evaluate for listing and CH in FY2015			
	Big Pine partridge pea	Chamaecrista lineata var. keyensis	Candidate				
	Blodgett's silverbush	Argythamnia blodgettii	Candidate				
	Wedge spurge	Chamaesyce deltoidea serpyllum	Candidate				
7 AL/GA plants	Georgia aster	Symphyotrichum georgianum	Candidate	Evaluate for listing and CH - target FY2015			
4 Everglades plants	Eveglades bully	Sideroxylon reclinatum austrofloridense	Candidate	Evaluate for listing and CH - target FY2016			
	Florida pineland crabgrass	Digitaria pauciflora	Candidate				
	Florida prairie-clover	Dalea carthagenensis var. floridana	Candidate				
	Pinoland candmat	Chamaesyce deltoidea	Candidate				





