

Public Hearing Notice

The Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board will hold a public hearing on Friday, January 17, 2025, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources building, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, Illinois. A Webex link will be available on the Board's website (<https://dnr.illinois.gov/esp.html>) for those who need to attend remotely. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive comments on changes that the Board is considering making to the Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Species. The Board will take oral and written testimony from the public regarding the proposed changes. The hearing record will remain open for an additional two weeks; all written comments must be received no later than Friday, January 31, 2025. A complete list of the Board's proposed changes, cover sheets of petitions for the proposed changes, and the current list of endangered and threatened species effective in 2020 can be viewed on the Board's website. To request a copy of the proposed changes or to submit written comments contact: Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board via e-mail at DNR.espb@illinois.gov, or by regular mail at One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271.

This hearing will be accessible in compliance with all pertinent state and federal laws, upon notification of anticipated attendance. Persons planning to attend who need special accommodations should contact the Endangered Species Protection Board at DNR/esp@illinois.gov prior to the hearing to inform of their anticipated attendance.

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