

ILLINOIS ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION BOARD
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PUBLIC HEARING

January 17, 2025

Proposed Changes to the Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Species

Opening Statement

Purpose: The subject of this Public Hearing concerns changes that the Illinois Endangered Species Protection Board proposes to make to the Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Species. Our purpose today is to receive oral and written comments from the public regarding additions, deletions, or changes in status from one category to another.

Authority: The Illinois Endangered Species Protection Act requires that the Endangered Species Protection Board review and revise the Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Species as warranted, but in no case less frequently than every 5 years. The Act also requires that the Board make its listing decisions based on the best available scientific evidence. The Board has established Endangered Species Technical Advisory Committees (ESTACs) of experts on various taxonomic groups. The ESTACs have undertaken a comprehensive review of species currently on the Illinois List and have discussed others that may warrant listing as either threatened or endangered in Illinois. Members of the ESTACs or other individuals have submitted petitions to the Board asking it to give preliminary approval to listing, delisting, or changing the listing status of specific plants or animals. The species now proposed for listing, delisting, or a change in status are those for which the Board has determined there is sufficient scientific evidence to support that action.

Proposed Changes: The list of changes that are being proposed by the Endangered Species Protection Board is available today. A copy of that list is located on that table (indicate table). The list can also be accessed on the Board's website (<https://dnr.illinois.gov/espb.html>).

Adoption of Changes: Following this hearing, the Board will review any additional information and written comments from the public that are received on or before January 31, 2025 regarding List additions, deletions, or changes in listing status. At its meeting on February 21, 2025 the Board plans to adopt those changes that are supported by sufficient evidence. Changes do not become law until the Administrative Code is amended to reflect those changes, a process which usually takes a minimum of 100 days. With that, we will go to item 4 on the agenda and begin taking public comments.

REGISTRATION

ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST REVISION PUBLIC HEARING

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Do you wish to present a statement during this hearing?	YES	NO
If so, is that statement to be oral or written?	ORAL	WRITTEN
Would you like a transcript of this hearing?	YES	NO
If so, which format do you request?	MAIL	EMAIL