

# ESPB Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Species Review and Revision Process

**A walk-through of the required five-year review and revision of the Illinois List**  
(in compliance with the ESA (520 ILCS 10/) and the Illinois Administrative Procedures Act (5 ILCS 100/))

1. The Board convenes **Endangered Species Technical Advisory Committees (ESTACs)** for the following taxonomic groups: mammals, birds, amphibians and reptiles, fish, terrestrial invertebrates, aquatic invertebrates, and plants. Committee members meet to review information on the status of listed species and discuss other species for potential listing.
2. ESTAC members and other individuals/organizations submit petitions to the Board to add a species to the Illinois List, change the status of a listed species, or remove a species from the Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Species.
3. At its quarterly meetings the Board reviews submitted petitions and votes whether or not to approve the recommended changes. The Board also considers changes to scientific or common names of species based on information from taxonomic experts.
4. At a time specified by the Board, members give preliminary approval to a complete list of proposed changes to the List.
5. The Board holds a public hearing for comments and evidence on the proposed changes to the List. The hearing record remains open for two weeks.
6. After considering and responding to public comments received, the Board gives final approval to a complete list of changes. The Board produces amendments to the Administrative Rules containing the List of Endangered and Threatened Illinois Fauna and the List of Endangered and Threatened Illinois Flora that include the proposed changes. The Board submits the amendments to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR).
7. The IDNR conducts an internal review and approves the proposed Administrative Rule amendments. The IDNR submits them to the Secretary of State for publication in the Illinois Register and review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). The first notice for the Administrative Rule changes published in the Illinois Register includes a 45-day comment period.
8. If substantive comments are received during the 45-day comment period, the Board and IDNR provide a response to the comments to JCAR.
9. The JCAR considers the proposed Administrative Rules at a regularly scheduled meeting.
10. Upon approval by JCAR, IDNR submits the final Administrative Rule changes to the Secretary of State for publication in the Illinois Register and the revised List becomes official.



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