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## Candidate, Proposed, and Delisted Species Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

**Candidate species** are those petitioned species that are actively being considered for listing as endangered or threatened under the ESA, as well as those species for which NMFS has initiated an ESA status review that it has announced in the *Federal Register*. For **detailed definitions and explanations**, please refer to the April 15, 2004 and October 17, 2006, Federal register notices ([69 FR 19975](#)) [pdf], ([71 FR 61022](#)) [pdf], which revised the Candidate Species definition.

**Proposed species** are those candidate species that were found to warrant listing as either threatened or endangered and were officially proposed as such in a *Federal Register* notice after the completion of a status review and consideration of other protective conservation measures. Public comment is always sought on a proposal to list species under the ESA. NMFS generally has one year after a species is proposed for listing under the ESA to make a final determination whether to list a species as threatened or endangered.

**Delisted species** are those species that were formerly listed as threatened or endangered under the ESA.

### List of Candidate, Proposed, and Delisted Species under NMFS' Jurisdiction

#### Candidates for Listing (8 candidate "species")

Species	Year	<i>Federal Register</i> notice
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">Atlantic sturgeon</a> (<i>Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus</i>)</li> </ul>	2006	<a href="#">71 FR 61022</a> [pdf]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">Atlantic wolffish</a> (<i>Anarhichas lupus</i>)</li> </ul>	2008	<a href="#">74 FR 249</a> [pdf]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">bearded seal</a> (<i>Erignathus barbatus</i>)</li> </ul>	2008	<a href="#">73 FR 16617</a> [pdf]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">cusk</a> (<i>Brosme brosme</i>)</li> </ul>	2007	<a href="#">72 FR 10710</a> [pdf]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">largetooth sawfish</a> (<i>Pristis perotteti</i>)</li> </ul>	2009	<a href="#">74 FR 37671</a> [pdf]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">Pacific herring</a> (<i>Clupea pallasii</i>)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Southeast Alaska</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2008	<a href="#">73 FR 19824</a> [pdf]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">ringed seal</a> (<i>Phoca hispida</i>)</li> </ul>	2008	<a href="#">73 FR 16617</a> [pdf]
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">spotted seal</a> (<i>Phoca largha</i>)</li> </ul>	2008	<a href="#">73 FR 16617</a> [pdf]

#### Proposed for Listing (4 proposed "species")

Species	Year Proposed	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <a href="#">bocaccio</a> (<i>Sebastes paucispinis</i>)</li> </ul>	2009	<a href="#">proposed endangered</a> [pdf]

- o Georgia Basin
- [canary rockfish](#) 2009 [proposed threatened](#) [pdf]  
(*Sebastes pinniger*)
  - o Georgia Basin
- [Pacific eulachon/smelt](#) 2009 [proposed threatened](#) [pdf]  
(*Thaleichthys pacificus*)
  - o Southern DPS
- [yelloweye rockfish](#) 2009 [proposed threatened](#) [pdf]  
(*Sebastes ruberrimus*)
  - o Georgia Basin

**Delisted Species** (2 delisted "species")

Species	Year Delisted	Year Listed	Status
■ <a href="#">Caribbean monk seal</a> ( <i>Monachus tropicalis</i> )	2008	1967	<a href="#">extinct</a> [pdf]
■ <a href="#">gray whale</a> (1 delisted DPS) ( <i>Eschrichtius robustus</i> ) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Eastern North Pacific</li> </ul>	1994	1970	<a href="#">recovered</a> [pdf]; remains protected under MMPA

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