

## **Similarities and differences between the PHS List and other WDFW lists**

The PHS List differs from other lists published by WDFW, such as WDFW's [Species of Concern List](#) and the list of [Species of Greatest Conservation Need](#) that is found in WDFW's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy. Although these and other WDFW lists somewhat differ from the PHS List, they were used into the development of the PHS List.

Given that WDFW maintains several lists of species and habitats, this section was added to clarify the differences and similarities among different species and habitat lists that are maintained by WDFW.

### **SPECIES OF CONCERN LIST:**

The [Species of Concern](#) list includes all State Endangered, Threatened, Sensitive, and Candidate species. Species of Concern also include Federal Endangered, Threatened, and Candidate fish stocks. All Species of Concern are automatically included as priority species in the PHS List.

### **LISTS THAT ARE PART OF WDFW'S COMPREHENSIVE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION STRATEGY:**

WDFW developed the state's [Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy](#) (CWCS). All U.S. states and territories are required to develop a strategy to obtain future State Wildlife Grants from the federal government. Congress required that every strategy meet eight elements, two of which lead to the creation of a Species of Greatest Conservation Needs list as well as a list of Habitats of Conservation Concern. These lists include many species and habitats found in the PHS List. However, a minority of the CWCS species and habitats are not on the PHS List. Those not included primarily consist of species and habitats where knowledge about their status is limited. Without such certainty, it is not possible to know if these particular species and habitats meet the PHS criteria.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

The PHS List contains elements of these other WDFW lists. WDFW recommends that users of our agency's products should primarily refer to the PHS List to inform their conservation planning activities.