

## NC Wildlife Action Plan

# Interim Updates and 10-year Comprehensive Review and Revision

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## State Wildlife Grant (SWG) Program – A Refresher

- Program is managed by USFWS
  - States & Territories program
  - Tribal Nations program (EBCI)
- Funded *annually* by Congressional appropriations
  - Formula: land area (static) + population (variable by Census)
  - Variable: \$1.8M (2002) → \$1.3M (2019)
     = \$25.1M total over 20 years

- Disbursed to WRC Through Matching Grants
  - Federal share 75% = planning, plus SWG-C
     Competitive subprogram
  - Federal share 65% = implementation (research, surveys, monitoring, management, partnerships)
  - State share = cash, in-kind hours, waived overhead costs, other non-federal match
- Excludes use of funds for plant SGCN

New legislation on the horizon

- Requires State Wildlife Action Plan
  - Reviewed/revised every 10-years
  - Next revision due in 2025



## Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)

- US House of Representative (HR.2773) and Senate (S.2372)
  - Federal Legislation to secure dedicated funds to fully implement state WAPs
  - Revises Pittman-Robertson Act to make funds available *annually* without need for budget negotiations
  - Provides significant permanent funding, likely more than \$20 Million each year for NC

- Benefits of RAWA Passage New Opportunities for SWG Program Spending
  - Conservation Education and related Recreation funding in historically underserved areas (15% spending cap over 5 years)
  - Law Enforcement directly related to protection of SGCN and their habitats
  - Invasive species management
  - Adds Plant SGCN funding (extra 5% added)



## 2015 NC Wildlife Action Plan – Interim Updates

# 2020 Minor Revision – Addendum 1

- Chapter updates
  - Add Case Study: CAC aquatic species propagation
  - SGCN re-evaluation
  - Add COA and TRA online Tool
- Appendix updates
  - Appx G SGCN evaluation results
  - Appx H SGCN & habitat associations
  - Appx P List of all SGCN by taxa group

# 2022 Major Revision – Addendum 2

- ➤ In process, add Plants to SGCN list
- Chapter updates
- Adds new natural community description for Piedmont & Coastal Plain Oak Forest
- > Appendix updates
- Adds new Appendix H for plant SGCN & habitat associations



## 2025 NC Wildlife Action Plan: 10-Year Cycle



#### Comprehensive Review & Revision

- Early Planning
  - April 2021 Notification Letter to USFWS
  - December 2021 Technical Team convened
  - Summer 2022 SGCN Evaluation Work
     Group convened

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Fall 2022 Taxa Teams convened

## 2025 NC Wildlife Action Plan: Timeline



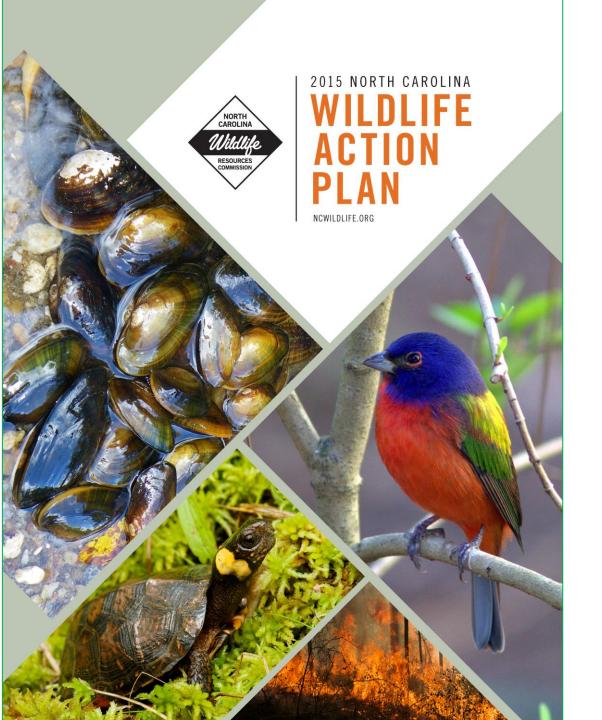
### Comprehensive Review & Revision

- Next Efforts
  - 2022/2023 Taxa Team Evaluations
  - 2022 2025 Partner and stakeholder input

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- 2022–2025 Public review and comments
- Fall 2025 Submit Plan to USFWS Regional Review Team





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