

ESPB Illinois List of Endangered and Threatened Species review and revision process

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

1. The Board is required to base listing decision on scientific evidence. Factors that are considered when evaluating a species include changes in population size, changes in range in the state, whether it occurs at protected sites, any known threats to its existence, as well as features of its life history which might have a bearing on survival.
2. Board staff compile species information and present recommendations for maintaining listing status or changes to the List (additions, deletions, or change in status from one category to another) at one or more Board meetings and the Board preliminarily approves a list of proposed changes.
3. 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.
4. After considering public comments received, the Board makes final approval of changes at a subsequent meeting and submits to the IDNR the List as proposed Administrative Rule amendments.
5. The IDNR conducts an internal review and approval of the proposed Ad Rule amendments and submits them to the Secretary of State for publication in the Illinois Register and review by the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR). This first notice for the Ad Rule changes published in the Illinois Register includes a 45-day comment period..
6. If substantive comments are received during the 45-day comment period, the Board and IDNR provide a response to comments to the JCAR.
7. JCAR approves the List at a regularly scheduled meeting of its committee.
8. Upon approval by JCAR, the IDNR submits the final Administrative Rule changes to the List to the Secretary of State for publication in the Illinois Register and the List becomes official.



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