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DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME TO HOST VIRTUAL PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS ON BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION GOALS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH

The Department of Fish and Game (DFG) has scheduled two virtual public listening sessions on its Biodiversity Conservation Goals for the Commonwealth and to provide the public with an opportunity to share their thoughts, ideas, and priorities. The meetings are scheduled for:

12PM to 2PM Wednesday, July 17, 2024 via Zoom — Register Here 6PM to 8PM Tuesday, July 23, 2024 via Zoom — Register Here

In 2023, Governor Healey signed Executive Order 618 directing DFG to develop nation-leading biodiversity conservation goals for the Commonwealth for 2030, 2040, and 2050. This includes recovering endangered species and preventing extinctions; conserving key habitats to sustain species; restoring free-flowing rivers and wildlife migration; preserving saltmarshes and wetlands for wildlife, carbon storage, and flood resilience; sustaining our nation-leading seafood industry by protecting important marine habitats and reducing pollution; bolstering food security by promoting biodiversity on farms, supporting pollinators, and encouraging sustainable wildlife; and putting nature in every neighborhood and classroom. This will address coastal and marine environments and will be influential DMF's work moving forward. We encourage you to join these listening sessions, engage with DFG, and help shape the implementation of the Commonwealth's Biodiversity and Conservation Goals.

For more information, please visit DFG's Biodiversity Conservation Goals website: www.mass.gov/biodiversity.