

Blue-Spotted Salamander (*Ambystoma laterale*)

Current status: **Special Concern** (statewide)

Proposal: **SC** → **T** (Bristol and Plymouth counties only)

- ***A. laterale*** populations (Bristol and Plymouth counties): genetically distinct from ***A. laterale* Complex** (remainder of MA)
- ***A. laterale*** populations: geographically isolated from ***A. laterale* Complex** populations
- ***A. laterale*** populations: MA represents over half of those in Northeast
- ***A. laterale*** populations: Unique and rare at state and regional levels
- ***A. laterale* Complex** populations (remainder of MA) should remain **Special Concern**



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