



MA Endangered Species Act 30th Anniversary

History of Endangered Species Conservation in MA

1978

MA Natural Heritage Program established through contract between The Nature Conservancy and MA Dept. of Env. Mgmt. (now Dept. of Cons. & Recreation)



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“List of Species for Special Consideration in Massachusetts” created

1987

Nongame and Endangered Species Program and MA Natural Heritage Program combined within the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife to become the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)



1992

MESA regulations promulgated, including first list of state Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species (“the MESA list”)



1995

MESA regulations amended to provide for issuance of Conservation and Management Permits



2008

MESA list reviewed; Changes include Bald Eagle changed from Endangered to Threatened



2017

14th Edition Natural Heritage Atlas published
◆
MESA list reviewed; Changes include Peregrine Falcon changed from Endangered to Threatened



1984

MA nongame statute established creating the Nongame and Endangered Species Program



1990

MA Endangered Species Act (MESA) signed by Governor Michael Dukakis



1993

1st Edition Natural Heritage Atlas of Priority and Estimated Habitats published, designating habitat of Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species



2003

MESA list reviewed; Changes include Cobblestone Tiger Beetle listed as Endangered



2012

MESA list reviewed; Changes include Northern Long-eared Bat listed as Endangered



2020

30th Anniversary of the MESA

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MESA list reviewed; Changes include Yellow-banded Bumble Bee listed as Threatened

