



**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Division of Fisheries & Wildlife  
Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Advisory Committee  
Quarterly Meeting Notice**

The January quarterly meeting of the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 1:30 p.m., virtually via a Zoom webinar.

**AGENDA**

1. Acceptance of the Minutes of the November Meeting
2. Chair's Comments (Mark Mello):
  - a. Receipt of Max Strahan's letter
  - b. Upcoming conferences of interest:
    1. Sandplain Grassland Network Conference
    2. North Atlantic Fire Science Exchange
3. Board Member's Comments (Matt Sisk):
  - a. Recent Fisheries & Wildlife Board activities
  - b. Introduction of new Fisheries and Wildlife Board members (Kyla Hastie & Malcolm Haith)
4. NHESP & Assistant Director's Report (Jesse Leddick):
  - a. Updates on personnel and operations
  - b. Updates on key projects and activities of the NHESP
5. Community Land & Water Coalition Comments (Meg Sheehan/Janet Sinclair):
  - a. Oral comments about forest management on private lands, loss of Priority Habitat, and "Cranberry Agriculture" activities in southeastern Massachusetts
  - b. Follow-up questions from Advisory Committee
6. Member's Comments:
  - a. Kevin Powers: Update on North Atlantic Right Whales
  - b. Wayne Petersen: None
  - c. Bill Brumback: None
  - d. Dave Small: Winter birds and bat monitoring in 2026
8. Associate Member's Comments:
  - a. Andy Finton: None
  - b. Russ Hopping: None
9. Confirm April meeting date, Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom webinar
10. Adjourn

*Posted Tuesday, January 6, 2026, at 11 a.m.*

Interested persons can attend the meeting via a Zoom video webinar. The Advisory Committee Members, Associate Members, and MassWildlife staff will join the meeting remotely via Zoom. Instructions for how to attend the meeting via Zoom are below. Attendees can enter and exit the Zoom webinar at any time.

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