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## **United States Department of the Interior**

#### FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

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June 01, 2016

Consultation Code: 05E2NJ00-2016-SLI-0562

Event Code: 05E2NJ00-2016-E-00439

Project Name: Trenton-Mercer Airport MPU

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project

location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

#### To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species that may occur in your proposed action area and/or may be affected by your proposed project. This species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.* )

If the enclosed list indicates that any listed species may be present in your action area, please visit the New Jersey Field Office consultation web page as the next step in evaluating potential project impacts: <a href="http://www.fws.gov/northeast/njfieldoffice/Endangered/consultation.html">http://www.fws.gov/northeast/njfieldoffice/Endangered/consultation.html</a>

On the New Jersey Field Office consultation web page you will find:

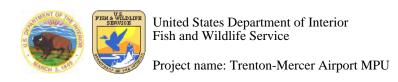
- habitat descriptions, survey protocols, and recommended best management practices for listed species;
- recommended procedures for submitting information to this office; and
- links to other Federal and State agencies, the Section 7 Consultation Handbook, the Service's wind energy guidelines, communication tower recommendations, the National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines, and other resources and recommendations for protecting wildlife resources.

The enclosed list may change as new information about listed species becomes available. As per Federal regulations at 50 CFR 402.12(e), the enclosed list is only valid for 90 days. Please return to the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation to obtain an updated species list. When using ECOS-IPaC, be careful about drawing the boundary of your Project Location. Remember that your action area under the ESA

is not limited to just the footprint of the project. The action area also includes all areas that may be indirectly affected through impacts such as noise, visual disturbance, erosion, sedimentation, hydrologic change, chemical exposure, reduced availability or access to food resources, barriers to movement, increased human intrusions or access, and all areas affected by reasonably forseeable future that would not occur without ("but for") the project that is currently being proposed.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal and non-Federal project proponents to consider listed, proposed, and candidate species early in the planning process. Feel free to contact this office if you would like more information or assistance evaluating potential project impacts to federally listed species or other wildlife resources. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any correspondence about your project.

#### Attachment



#### **Official Species List**

#### Provided by:

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Project Type: Guidance

**Project Name:** Trenton-Mercer Airport MPU

**Project Description:** The Trenton-Mercer Airport Master Plan Update project includes an overview of environmental categories that may be impacted by future development projects at the airport. The document is for planning purposes only and at this time there are not projects planned. IPaC and Section 7 consultation will be revisited for future projects.

**Please Note:** The FWS office may have modified the Project Name and/or Project Description, so it may be different from what was submitted in your previous request. If the Consultation Code matches, the FWS considers this to be the same project. Contact the office in the 'Provided by' section of your previous Official Species list if you have any questions or concerns.

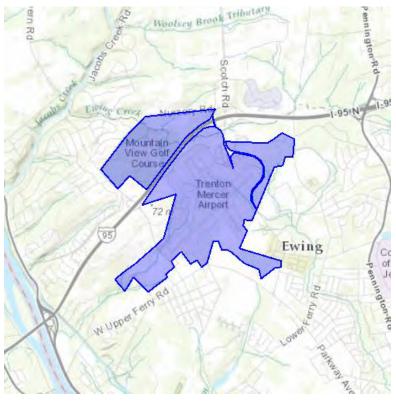




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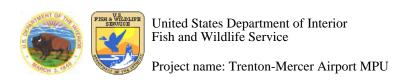
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#### **Project Location Map:**



**Project Coordinates:** The coordinates are too numerous to display here.

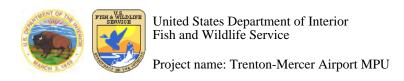
Project Counties: Mercer, NJ



### **Endangered Species Act Species List**

There are a total of 2 threatened or endangered species on your species list. Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. Critical habitats listed under the **Has Critical Habitat** column may or may not lie within your project area. See the **Critical habitats within your project area** section further below for critical habitat that lies within your project. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.

Mammals	Status	Has Critical Habitat	Condition(s)
Indiana bat (Myotis sodalis)  Population: Entire	Endangered		
Northern long-eared Bat (Myotis septentrionalis)	Threatened		



# Critical habitats that lie within your project area

There are no critical habitats within your project area.