



**Agenda Item # 16**  
**Update on the State**  
**Wildlife Action Plan**  
**(SWAP)**

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## SWAP update since June 23, 2016

- Held a follow up meeting with representatives from the gas and oil industry on June 30, 2016
  - Expressed concerns about the number of Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN)
  - Talked about the current federal regulations on gas and oil wells and their willingness to adhere to those on non federal lands
  - Presented the SGCN categories for their input
  - Offered to let the representatives draft a paragraph for the gas/oil section of the SWAP
  - Later received comments from Jerry Fanning and incorporated those comments into the current draft SWAP
- Agriculture representatives submitted draft copy of the agriculture section of the SWAP.
  - Incorporated some of the revised language into the SWAP





## Revisions to the draft SWAP

- Reduced the number of SGCN list down to 235 species (from 455 species)
- Categorized the SGCN using the following criteria:
  - Immediate Priority Species
  - Specialized or Limited-Habitat Species
  - Susceptible Species
  - Species with Conservation Data Gaps
  - Federally-listed Species
- Addressed the tone and language concerns in the draft
- Revised the Climate Change section of the draft





## Public Involvement Process for draft review

- The 30 day public comment period on the draft SWAP started August 2 and ends August 31
- Notification of the public comment period included:
  - Press release
  - Posted on Department Website
  - Letters to 26 tribes/councils
  - E-mails to SWAP Core team members and stakeholders





## SWAP timeline

- Address public comments in draft SWAP by October 7, 2016
- Complete final review and edits of draft SWAP by November 10, 2016
- Present final SWAP draft to the Commission on November 17, 2016





# Questions



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